



## MELBOURNE ACOPA PRIORITIZE VISIT TO CAMPUS OF HOPE

By SVSG Communication Officer

**Photo: President Siliniu Lina Chang, Campus Manager Makerita Fesolai, Board Member Logotaua Palepa Solaese and Members of the Melbourne Avele College Old Pupils' Association.**

In the midst of commemorating their 100TH School Anniversary, the Melbourne Avele College Old Pupils' Association made a heartfelt commitment to visit the children at the Campus of Hope, placing them as a primary focus on their celebrations. The visit not only highlights the significance of the Campus as a beacon of hope but also emphasizes its status as a priority destination for all who set foot on our shores.

Under the guidance of Rev. Kainano, the group delivered an important message to the children at the campus, reminding them of their importance in God's eyes and urging them to hold onto hope. Reflecting on the visit, Rev. Kainano expressed profound sentiments, stating, "In my 30 years of ministry, I have never encountered a place quite like this, let alone in my homeland of Samoa."

The group predominantly consisted of older male which was a good opportunity for the children to recognize them as positive role models as they share their stories and message with them. The visitors, entertained the children with songs and they performed dances, prompting heartwarming smiles from the children.

As the words of the famous Nelson Mandela resonated through the hall, "Count how many times you get up!" through the children's singing, the visitors were touched by the resilience of the children.

The visit was hosted by President Siliniu Lina Chang and Board member Logotaua Palepa Solaese, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Association for their unwavering commitment to the children amidst their celebratory events.

In a touching display of generosity, the Avele College Old Pupils' Association donated a \$3000SAT donation towards the Campus and its children, further bolstered an additional \$300 raised through a traditional tauluga performance.

President Siliniu Lina Chang conveyed her sincere appreciation, stating, "I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Melbourne ACOPA for their dedication in visiting our children and witnessing firsthand the sanctuary we have created for them. Your visit instils hope and reassurance, reminding the children that they are not forgotten and that there are individuals who stand in solidarity with them, offering unwavering support.

"On behalf of the SVSG Board, the extended SVSG aiga and the children of hope, we wish Avele College a successful celebration of your 100th year anniversary."