



# ST. PETER'S COLLEGE

## Parents and Friends Association

### Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017

- Meeting Opened:** 7:30pm
- Present:** Chris Black, Karen Walker, Ellinor Allen, April Hampson, Jeana Thomas, Jodie Redman, Sharon Miller, Naomi Bartlett, Bec St Mart, Mairi-anne Macartney
- Apologies:** None received
- Correspondence in:** SPC Financial Statement
- Correspondence out:** Nil
- Welcome:** From President Ellinor Allen
- Opening Prayer:** Mr Chris Black

#### **Guest Speaker: Marlene Jorgensen Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching**

Marlene presented an introduction to the College program SCHOOLBOX. The students and staff have been using this since end of 2016 for daily messages, roll marking and timetables. It is a very interactive programme, user friendly, easy to navigate and parent friendly too. Marlene demonstrated the features and benefits of School box to those attending. The “live” notifications and news bulletin allow students, and in time their parents, to keep up to date with important information from Teachers and Administration staff. Lesson information, room changes, upcoming events, excursion, class work is all readily available. Parents were encouraged to ask their child to show SchoolBox at home to parents. It is hoped that real-time reporting will be available beginning of 2018. Phone App is another \$7 per student per annum and will need to be considered.

#### **Acting Principal Report:** Mr Chris Black

Presented UBYOD option for on-line shop. Asked those present for feedback about this an option for laptops for students. At present, we have 1,430 students over both campuses, student laptops are very varied in design and features, even though the school provides information and guidelines there are so many different laptops and some just are not suitable. IT Dept. have provided feedback that many school devices are just not compatible. IT dept. have difficulty loading, repairing and troubleshooting issues with many of the current laptops. The solution maybe to offer parents the opportunity to purchase laptops from ONE supplier, who could provide 2-3 different priced laptops, with correct software included and the provider assisting with upkeep, repairs and can provide insurance on laptops. Students would all have the same “type” making it easier for students and teachers regarding features and usage. This is a proposal only at this stage and not compulsory but feedback was welcomed from the group.

**Feedback:** *Good idea to all have the same device, who were the suppliers Trident? Perhaps check feedback from other school who use them, If all the same how are they identified as a certain students laptop, Great if repairs are done on site and laptop is not having to be sent away for repairs, Is it a good deal?, when would be the expected roll out – is it for 2018?.*

Since our last meeting, the following has taken place over both campuses:

Opening Mass, Will Veeman Dux 2016 present an inspiring talk to students.

Family “House” welcome night and East Swim Carnival. Readarama Launch – encourages students to read. Pancake Day – Beginning Lent and launch Project Compassion, Year 7 Camps and Harmony Day

### Upcoming events to finish of Term 1:

Parent Teacher interviews next week 30/31 March

Stations of the Cross Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March

### **Treasurer Report:** Mrs Karen Walker

Bank balance \$11,476.82

### **Uniform Sub-Committee & Fundraising Report:** Mrs April Hampson

Winter uniform update, Girls new shirt in stock, reverting to old style tie. Compulsory for Year 7 girls in 2017 and all girls 2018. Boys monogrammed shirt, compulsory for all boys to have monogrammed shirt in 2018. Waterproof Jacket was discussed, not exactly the style we wanted, but needs of students travelling to school and home in winter is a concern. After lengthy discussion it was decided that the jacket will be ordered "as is" from manufacturer. Burgundy with crest Monogrammed on L breast. This could be updated after 3-4 years. Still under discussion is girl's trousers/shorts.

Sports Uniform was discussed regarding old style of items still be worn by students, making the whole look very untidy

Bunnings BBQ 6/5 (we shall finalise at next meeting on the 2/5. BBQ and Raffle ticket sales will occur so volunteers and students helpers from both campuses, April will organise a roster of times to volunteer to parents. East SRC 2016 still have outstanding monies for soccer goals, 2017 request needed by end of Term 3-4 for 2017. Julie Banda is following this up with SRC members.

### **Other Business:**

The issue of students at East wearing their Sports Uniform 5 or 6 days out of 10, was tabled with feedback from numerous other parents given to one member. Parents say "They spend a lot of money on uniform that now is not being worn". They also feel that their students look untidy in the sports uniform. Chris thanked them for the feedback and stated that it is a trial. Everyone reiterated that they understood the reasons why, it was just disappointing.

**Closing Prayer:** Mr Chris Black

**Meeting Closed:** 9:00 pm

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 2nd May, East Campus Administration Centre,  
Guest Speaker, Ms Fiona McKenna, Pastoral Care Leader

### **Upcoming dates & Guest speakers 2017/2018**

- Saturday 6th May, Bunnings Fundraiser
- Tuesday 6th June, West Campus Staff Room, Mr Chris O'Hara, VET/VCAL Co-ordinator
- Tuesday 27th June, St. Peter's Day
- Tuesday 1st August, East Campus Administration Centre, Ms Gaby Spano, Humanities Teacher
- Tuesday 5th September, West Campus Staff Room, Mr Chris Windley, Humanities Teacher
- Wednesday 18th October, Year 7, 2019 Information Evening, West Campus
- Tuesday 31st October, Year 7, 2019 Information Evening, East Campus
- Tuesday 14th November, East Campus Administration Centre, Miss Marissa Joyce, Assistant RE Co-ordinator, Social Justice "The Way of the Lord"
- Wednesday 29th November, College Presentation Night
- Tuesday 5th December, Year 7, 2018 Orientation Day Parent Morning Tea West Campus
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- Wednesday 31st January, 2018 Year 7 First Day Parents Morning Tea West Campus
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