



# Newman Parents Consultative Committee

**17.04**

Monday 23 October 2017, 7.00pm  
Auditorium, Studio 1

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## *Minutes*

### **Opening & Prayer**

John Finneran opened the meeting at 7.00pm. Daniel Lynch provided the reflection.

### **Attendance**

Guylaine O'Donoghue, Cait Sfakianakis, Melissa Hills, Kylie Martinazzo, Kirstyn Jenkins, Jeff Geoghegan, Michael and Hillary Sitas, Narelle Pyne, Nerreda Hillier, Caterina Do Biase Stella Rapanaro, Jenny Hart, Mike Hollett, Brett Kazmer, Ashley Herbert, Karen Loreck Peter Ryan, Gavan O'Connor, Nicole Barnao, Reagan Manolikos, David Blizzard, Emma Thompson.

Members of the Senior Leadership Team.

### **1. Welcome**

Principal, John Finneran

### **2. Presentation – Annual School Improvement Plan (ASIP) Feedback**

- John Finneran explained process of feedback for the ASIP and outlined the document and its Purpose. He explained the process that had taken place across the school with staff, community and students.
- Each member of the leadership team outlined the School Improvement Plan Strategic Priorities and explained the school's evidence to meet the requirements of the Priorities. The forum then reflected, discussed and rated the evidence that had been published.

Parents provided feedback:

#### **2.1. Mission and Catholic Identity Feedback**

- Hard to reflect as a table, considering the range of ages of students. Clarification of how the group should approach feedback was provided.
- Harder to talk to Point 1 and 2
- Need great Youth Leaders and RE Teachers - very positive experiences when these leaders are of quality.

#### **2.2. Teaching and Learning Feedback**

- Wordy document for non-teachers and understanding documents/objectives.
- Difficult for parents to measure some objectives. John commented on the WACE and NAPLAN data, indicating that improvements have been made.
- How does a school judge engagement of students and parents providing feedback?
- Feedback to parents should be ongoing and consistent and would be available to parents.

#### **2.3. Wellbeing of Staff and Students Feedback**

- Behavior Management Policy – clear expectations and consequences for students are outlined.
- Students are challenged when outcomes are not expected.

#### 2.4. Mentoring Program

- Research shows great outcomes when students mentor and liaise with students as to what they would like when arriving at a new stage of school. School has asked for volunteers to complete some training and attend Transition Day to support students.

#### 2.5. Strategic Leadership and Partnering, Catholic Workplace and Stewardship and Sustainability Feedback

- It is difficult to reflect if we are not aware of Plan.
- Plan introduced a couple of times this year, and it available on website
- Website is dysfunctional and has been reviewed and will be launched for 2018
- Rumors regarding fees will be clearly indicated to parents when Catholic Education Commission feeds back to schools.

### 3. **Report from Executive**

President, Nerreda Hillier

- Newman Parents Social Evening is being held on Monday 27 November – this has been advertised in latest newsletter.
- Feedback from community to provide events where PK-12 can network and socialise with the family community.
- Opportunities for 2018 community members to take on roles in the future. Expressions of interest to be advertised.

### 4. **Feedback Session**

- Psychological Services review has been workshopped with Leaders of Wellbeing School Psychologists and is now completed. Recommendations will be communicated via an upcoming Newsletter.
- Primary Service to continue 0.6 for 2018
- 2018 calendar not published yet? Next fortnight term dates will be released and made available to the community.

### 5. **Next Meetings and Close**

Term 1 Meetings - to be advised.

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