



Newman Parents Consultative Committee

17.02 Monday 8 May 2017
7.00pm Marist Auditorium

Minutes

1. Primary Report – Mitch Bristow

1.1. Reporting

- SCSA standards focus to ensure all teachers have a common understanding
- Looking at assessments and teaching styles to ensure data is being collected to assess students accurately
- Collaboration with teams of teachers, teachers collaborating across year groups up and down of their current teaching year

1.2. Wellbeing Policy

- Establishing a document involving behavioural and parental support to ensure all children can grow in an inclusive environment

1.3. Camp

- Outstanding camp – highlights were engagement of kids and the support from teachers

2. Secondary Report – Lisa Fogliani

2.1. Assessment and Reporting Focus

- Australian Curriculum: Grade is mandated

2.2. Elective rotation Years 7 & 8

- Learner attributes rather than a grade

2.3. Years 11 & Year 12

- Exams coming up

2.4. NAPLAN

- Week 3 Years 3, 5, 7 & 9

2.5. Homework Club

- Open to 6pm and will be open to 8pm for Years 11 & 12, from Week 5

2.6. Communication

- Focus for secondary
- Flow charts available to determine best person to direct issues to
- Flow charts available through the Newman News

2.7. Basketball

- Performed very well

2.8. Data

- Lates have reduced
- Absentees improvement across Secondary

2.9. Uniforms

- Working with all students – expectations in regard to personal presentation
- Assemblies occurring to reinforce these guidelines
- See notes (Lisa)

3. **Code of Conduct** - Paul Rafter

- Series of behaviours that they must and must not do
- Teachers to be held accountable – everything applies to the students and parents
- 6 elements of Conduct – platform from where statements are launched
- All Catholic schools given 12 conduct statements from CEWA to follow

Paul presented a variety of scenarios to the group to discuss

3.1. School Council

- Advisory Council
- Follows Marist Schools Australia Governance
- Has always been an Advisory Council to the Principal
- Function of this Council has not changed
- A number of new members 2017

These questions were raised by parents

3.2. Code of Conduct

- Is mandated by Catholic Education for all staff, parents and students.
- The School has been mandated to present this to the parents
- In time, this document will be presented to the wider community and is sighted and referred to at enrolment

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3.3. Building Program

- The Vision for Learning Program has a significant part in the planning process
- A concept plan will be presented to the community for future buildings to accommodate the learning strategies.
- A date will be confirmed for the presentation this term
- A query was raised regarding parents having access to comment on plans before they are finalised. The school agreed that plans presented would be concept plans and open to comment.

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4. **Counselling**

- Psychology services will be reviewed this year
- Leaders for Wellbeing role has a broader responsibility to support students in times of need
- Query raised as to whether psychology service across the school was sufficiently resourced with the departure of Jackie Cesareo. School response was that the Wellbeing Plan was in development, but that Denise has increased her time to cover the primary school needs, in addition to her existing work in the secondary school. When further questioned if this was sufficient resourcing, the school responded it was and that no appointments would be made to this area until the Wellbeing Plan has been reviewed and completed.

5. **Nature Play**

- Discussion regarding temporary spaces for children
- Representatives would like to work with the relevant people to accommodate their visions into future plans
- Mitch has been meeting with representatives from staff, parents and professionals to get some processes in place
- Parents are concerned about the lack of sports equipment and playground rosters | usage for students
- Parents are concerned about the provisions for students and the bullying that results as a 'knock on affect'
- The College advises that they are investigating the issues

6. **Consent2Go**

- Platform to manage excursions permissions including medical details of students
- Great electronic platform seamless risk management
- The data (medical) is continually updated and planning more thorough

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.
