



# Newman Parents Consultative Committee

17.03

7 August 2017, 7.00pm  
Marist Auditorium

## Attendance

John Finneran, Lisa Fogliani, Daniel Lynch, Nerreda Hillier, Melissa Hills, Tara Adamini, Delic Zeljko, Kerrie White, Jane Keet, Jackie Bucat, Ashley Herbert, Erin Broderick, Kylie Martinazzo, Pippa Hobson, Mimi Nguyen, Tiala Hollett, Emma Thompson, Trevor Spackman, Jason MacLaurin, Gavan O'Connor, David Blizzard, Jenny Hart, Jeff Geoghegan

Minute Taker: NPCC

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## *Minutes*

### 1. Opening Prayer – Daniel Lynch

### 2. Welcome Opening – John Finneran

2.1 John reflected on the Marist Schools Australia conference he had attended which focused on

- How to articulate faith in a changing community
- As a Marist School the need to continually reflect on Marist Ministry Plan to grow experiences and opportunities for the students at Newman College.

### 3. General Business

#### 3.1. Annual Tuition Fees

- John Finneran outlined the funding arrangement, financial forecast 4 years is solid
- Fees may increase 1 – 3% maximum in consultation with Marist Schools Australia and the Newman College Council.
- Enrolments are strong
- Currently 6 streams will increase to 7 streams in Year 7, 2018
- Plans are being devised for Capital Development. When funding arrangements are finalised they will be presented to the community.

#### 3.2. New Website

- Feedback was received from the community about website needing improvement. Development of new website is now underway.
- Leading Lights: New framework for how information is disseminated is being developed by CEWA.

#### 3.3. Pool Update

- Pool area is outdated and will be closed until the end of 2017 for upgrading
- Heating is being installed
- Change rooms - Additional funding has been sought from Marist Schools Australia to redevelop change rooms, weights area, pilates and office spaces to allow for the pool complex to be a multifunctional venue.

#### **4. Daniel Lynch – Deputy Principal Mission and Catholic Identity**

- 4.1. Daniel reflected on programmes being developed and implemented and delivered in a contemporary way that is invitational to the community.
- 4.2. Youth Minister Roger O'Neill will start Youth Group community at Newman College including the wider community to meet weekly on a Friday night. Roger will be available to work with students through the day, at recess and lunch times.
- 4.3. Father Joseph Tran has been contracted to work at Newman College on a part-time basis.
- 4.5 Retreat Programme for Year 12 students has been re-written.

#### **5. Lisa Fogliani – Deputy Principal Learning and Staff Development**

##### 5.1. Professional Learning

- Newman College is engaging at a system level to ensure support at a school level.
- Positions to be advertised in coming weeks to support the learning changes.

##### 5.2. Naplan Data

- Data has been released.
- Working with teachers to reflect on results and areas requiring improvement.

##### 5.3. BYOD

- Current lease arrangements are ceasing. Newman College is looking at future arrangements for Year 7 and Year 10 students in 2018.
- Currently looking at "Surface" devices and working with vendors to provide attractive packages for parents.

##### 5.4. Homework Club

- Very popular across campuses, within excess of 00 students attending some afternoons.
- Literacy Coordinator appointed to coordinate a whole school Literacy Plan

##### 5.5. PK – 12 Psychological Services

- Review Report on the delivery of Psychological Services across the school was recently presented to the Leadership Team. The Team will review the recommendations and determine actions for implementation in 2018.

##### 5.6. 2018 Calendar

- Communication to parents has been confusing. Working with developer to create a more user friendly online calendar.

#### **6. Mitch Bristow – Head of Primary**

##### 6.1. Whole school Behaviour Management Policy

- The Behaviour Management Policy has been developed to ensure a whole school approach. Extensive collaboration across the staff has occurred to ensure a common understanding at all year levels.
- A Family Football Event at Lavalla Hall has been scheduled for this weekend.

#### **7. Simon Kanakis – Head of Secondary**

- Transition Process for Year 12 students is occurring this term.
- Implementation of Year 11 Leadership Programme (What it means to be a leader) has seen large numbers of students participate.
- Year 10 Leadership – Year 10 students to be invited to be mentors for Year 7 students attending at Secondary school courses.
- Incoming year 7 students – SLT working with local Catholic Schools to assist with transition.
- Attendance: Introduced processes and initiatives to encourage student attendance.
- Recent census data indicated a 1-2% increase

## 8. Nerreda Hillier – President

- Reflecting on Association
- Website redevelopment is happening with discussions involving relevant stakeholders.
- Communication is an ongoing issue, school continually working on improving this.
- End of Year Parent Event: Date to be published – whole school event (no students) for the community.

## 9. Parent Questions

- **Capital Works - Are the capital works aligned with consultant Geoff Phillips?**
  - He devised an educational brief after consulting parents, teachers and students. The Plan is currently sitting with Marist Australian and when finances are finalised the concept drawings will be presented to the community. It is a 5 stage process.
- **Are the Capital Works aligned to Vision for Learning?**
  - Combination of learning to reflect the needs of students and ages of students.
- **Decisions for Microsoft 365, all standards and how will they deal with change from “Apple”?**
  - Flexibility of 365
  - Cheaper Microsoft Surface Pro so it is more affordable.
  - Kids are very adaptable.
- **Swimming Lessons will they Happen?**
  - Definitely will occur, seeking external options
  - Year 6 – Pizza Pool Day – the closing of the pool will definitely impact this event.
- **BYOD – Will they have to go through a Portal?**
  - Yes – Vendor will include finance, Insurance etc. Currently working with vendors to present quotes.
  - Vendors have technicians to support, as well as support at the school as needed.
  - Year 7 and Year 10 students will have same device.
- **Marian – Flexible Learning Spaces**
  - Flexible learning spaces are being used across the school NOW.
- **Where is data sitting and what will space look like for Year 1 and the roll on to Year 2 and to Year 3?**
  - Lavalla – Multipurpose space is used as a rotational space for Years 4-6. This will remain in place.
  - Prototype furniture is in place
  - Data taken from Year 2 students and from parents. Plan is to review data and formal communication to parents. All spaces have an opportunity for flexibility. Year 3 will come into classes as they are used to and have opportunity for flexibility, with movement into flexible learning spaces.
- **What is the academic progress with flexible spaces?**
  - Data is tracking at standard and very pleasing
  - Testing to be used to show growth and enable tracking of student development and progress.
- **Do we know what we are doing / How we are teaching? Are we on the right track?**
  - Development of Lifelong learners to be able to compete in the workforce

- Believe the skills and learning will enable them to compete and be engaged in learning
- Feedback from “parent” very encouraging and pleased with child’s progress in flexible spaces
- Some students stress about “personal space” and personal belonging not in their own spot. This needs to be reviewed with teachers.

- **Assessment**

- Assessment in Secondary: Policy for students on holiday and missed assessments will receive a “0” for assessment.
- Primary: Ongoing assessment so this policy does not apply to primary students.