



Newman Parents Consultative Committee

22.11

Monday 7 November 2022 6.00pm
JHN Learning Hub

Minutes

1. Acknowledgment to Country and Welcome – John Finneran

Principal, John Finneran, acknowledged and paid respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation.

2. Opening Prayer – Stuart McClorey

Director of Mission and Catholic Identity Stuart McClorey led us in a prayer revolving around the theme of community.

3. Capital Development – Tom Wagner

Director of Operations and Engagement, Tom Wagner, discussed the upcoming capital work around the college:

Primary Development

- JDAP approval received Tuesday, 1 November; unanimously support
- Forward Works contract awarded to CIVCON. Commencement in late November with a conclusion for February 2023

Land Management

- Management order for Crown Land now nearing completion
- Deposited Plan has been placed in order for dealings
- Agreement is expected within the next month

Secondary Development

- N Block refurbishment to commence before the end of the year, with both levels of classrooms to be refurbished. D Block (demountable) classrooms to be refurbished over the Christmas break

Ground Upgrades

- Major works to upgrade/realign the irrigation mainline around the College to ensure uninterrupted services during the building program have been completed
- Major renovation of the Main Oval completed
- Irrigation upgrade to central oval and newly created land over 'pipe' completed

4. 2022 Annual School Improvement Plan

John provided the committee with an ASIP survey to undertake. This scale benchmarks standard against best practice, the overall effectiveness of the provision of services and outcomes, and the journey towards continual improvement. The Rating Scale assists the College Leadership Team and Advisory Council to use evidence-based processes for assessing the adequacy of the implementation strategy and its impact on improving teaching and learning.

5. Intents and Actions

Senior leadership spoke about their respective departments and what 2022 actions have been implemented for more innovative learning.

1. *Stuart spoke about Catholic education*

- Making connections for the students to their everyday lives
- Reflective practices such as asking students the following 'where did you see the spirit of Jesus today?'
- Assessment Tasks have been developed and improved upon to be of a high standard, aligning with SCSA requirements
- 2023 introduction of a digital resource for all students, 7-12- interactive learning, podcasts

2. *Lucie spoke about culture of innovation and excellence*

- Continuation of the internally developed Early Career Teacher Program and support for teachers applying for full registration.
- Redesign of the pedagogical offerings of Term 4, Week 9 to promote experiential enquiry learning.
- Consolidation of the Growth Planning process for teachers with targeted professional learning time designated to reflection and collaboration.
- Return of learning carousel professional learning opportunities for staff held each semester allowing staff to share their knowledge and best practice.

3. *Lisa and Simon spoke about transformational learning*

- Strategic use of formative assessment, data and analysis software to track student growth and identify gaps in learning. Students have recently completed a NAPLAN writing task to accelerate preparation for the 2023 NAPLAN.
- Targeted OLNA resourcing and workshops for students (particularly with Year 9 students completing the OLNA in 2022).
- Increase in the number of ability grouping and tailored additional support classes

4. *Tom spoke about sustainability and leveraging heritage*

- Yearbooks digitised – 21,500 student entries, 3,100+ images archivally digitised
- Alumni Relations, holding onsite reunions with dedicated tours
- Archives Traineeship
- Our Year 12 student leadership team worked with the Year 6 student leaders to develop a Sustainability plan with a focus on recycling. In Semester 2, a pilot program was launched for recycling on Marcellin Campus

6 Parent Rep Christina Folley gave a presentation on the importance of communication

- The central theme of communicating appropriately doesn't always convert to effectively
- Good engagement starts with what is needed for the parents
- Actioned requirements start from NPC meetings
- The use and explanation of the "RACI" model (Responsible, Accountable, Consulted, Informed)

Resources provided by Christina: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=1U2gngDxFkc>

7. Feedback

- College Calendar is not user-friendly; improvements would like to be made, such as a colour code to distinguish each cohort (Marian, Lavalla & Marcellin)
- Specific Facebook groups are a great source of information.
- Difficulty in communicating is that mode of communication is varied for each individual
- An indicator of the importance of text messages. Traffic light system proposed. RED: Indicates high urgency, ORANGE: of medium concern, GREEN: a very light reminder
- A desire for Term Dates and events to be told much earlier to give preparation time for parents
- Wording of the Newman Parents Consultative Meeting: what is the correct name

8. John Finneran Closed the meeting at 7:45pm
