

BRISBANE BOYS' COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION



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1. Welcome and Apologies

Chairman: Mark Grey

Present: As per attendance register

Apologies: As per attendance register

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Copies of the 14th November 2006 General Meeting Minutes were distributed.

Motion: "The 14th November 2006 minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting."

Moved: Malinga Senanayake Seconded: Andrew Vincent Result: Carried

3. Correspondence Inwards/Outwards

The correspondence file was circulated.

4. Reports

4.1 Headmaster's Report – Graeme McDonald delivered the Headmaster's report (attached).

4.2 Middle School Report – Warren Acton delivered the attached report.

4.3 Junior School Report – Warren Acton delivered the attached report.

4.4 President's Report – Mark Grey delivered the attached report.

4.5 Treasurer's Finance Report

Andrew Donne presented the attached Treasurer's report highlighting:

- Uniform sales are strong and have been assisted by the increased number of boys enrolled.
- The year to date position of the P&F is strong when compared to the same period last year.

Motion: "*The Treasurer's report be accepted*".

Moved: Andrew Donne Seconded: David Russell Result: Carried

4.6 Development Report

- The President's report details the current development proposals for the P&F businesses.

4.7 Parent Connections

Karen MacCauley reported:

- 164 replies have been received so far for the Welcome to Parents function. Karen thanked Bruce Keys for facilitating the use of the Boarding House dining room for the function.
- The Care and Concern Group are in the process of restocking the freezer with meals after the Christmas break and encourage all parents to assist if possible.
- A major sponsor of the Fashion Parade is required.

4.8 General Business

- Graeme McDonald outlined the academic results achieved in 2006 and provided a brief explanation of how OP scores are calculated following a question from the floor. Barry Dean (BBC Head of Teaching and Learning) will be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss the school's academic strategy.
- Graeme McDonald discussed the school's discipline policy, particularly in relation to when the majority boys are punished because of the actions of the minority.
- Completing the air-conditioning program throughout the school is a priority. The Rudd/Hamilton wing is currently a major challenge. Given the significant development on the campus at present it is unlikely the air-conditioning program will advance in 2007 (of course, the new buildings will be air-conditioned).
- Mark Hayward explained the P&F grant process. The P&F's financial position is strong with funds being held in anticipation of the future upgrades of the businesses (Tuckshop, Uniform Shop and Bookshop). The next joint meeting of the treasurers of the support groups will be held before the middle of the year.
- A sub-committee of Council has been formed to consider two possible sites to increase the playing fields available to the school.

Meeting closed @ 9:15 pm

Next Meeting: The next General meeting will be held on 13th March 2007.

BRISBANE BOYS' COLLEGE
HEADMASTER'S REPORT TO P&F MEETING

Tuesday 13 February 2007

1.0 Enrolments

The enrolments of the school currently stand at 1550, with no places available at any level in the secondary school. Our projections for 2008 indicate that there will be limited places available for new students and that with our current waiting lists, the Year levels 7 and 8 will fill very quickly. Appropriate notification will be provided in the first instance to current parents to ensure that disappointment can be avoided in as many cases as possible. Traditionally, the College's approach to enrolment has been one of processing applications in chronological order. As a matter of interest, enrolments stood at approximately 1400 this time last year.

2.0 Staffing

New staff members are

- Kyle Thompson - Director of Sports and Activities
- Russell Hanson - Junior School Activities Co-ordinator
- Susan McKinnon - Prep
- Amy Woodgate - Year 1, Junior School
- Kate Heffernan - Year 2, Junior School
- Belinda King - Year 2, Junior School
- Jenny Gillespie - Year 3, Junior School
- Jenni Byers - Year 3, Junior School
- Julie Case - Part-time Junior School PE
- Hayley Lahood- Prep Teachers' Aide
- Hilary Connolly - Junior School Teachers' Aide
- Jan Clarkson - Junior School Teachers' Aide
- Susannah Glover - Middle School Art
- Neil Quillinan - History/Geography
- Lesley Roy - Learning Support

New staff members on contract are

- Jarrold Turner - Acting Director of Cricket
- Leah Way - Mathematics
- Ngaire Linde - Mathematics
- Yumin Hu - Chinese
- Philip Hoskins - Part-time Science/Mathematics
- Bronwyn Savins - Middle School, Terms 1, 2 and 3
- Marielle Heudes - French, Sem 1
- Ian Underwood - Chemistry/Science, Sem 1
- Miles Doherty - English, until 18 May
- Hugh Gardner - Physics/Science/Mathematics, Term 1
- Sam Bowden - Christian Education, Term 1
- Terry Lung - Part time Chinese, until 2 March

3.0 Students

The performance of the Year 12 cohort in 2006 was solid and we achieved 26% of students with a score of OP 1 to 5, which was slightly up on the performance in 2005. In contrast, the percentage of boys achieving OP 1 to 15 was slightly down on the previous year. The scaling device that is used for OP scores is the Core Skills Test, and despite a lot of work being put in to preparation for boys in this area, the average score on this test was slightly

down on the previous year and at the margin this may have impacted on a number of boys' OP scores. Nevertheless, this is a satisfactory result from a non-selective school, and certainly significantly above state means.

Preparation for this year's Year 12 boys in the Core Skills test has commenced, with the trial for the Core Skills conducted on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Unfortunately the power cut played havoc with this afternoon's preparation and therefore one of the multiple choice tests was unable to be completed on the Monday.

Last year, a number of our boys performed at a very high level in the sports of athletics and tennis.

In tennis the BBC team of Pat Baldock, Jacob Richardson (Year 12 last year) Hugh Clarke (11R), Ethan Wilkinson (11F), Mitchell Thams (11B) finished runners-up in the team event, while Hugh also went on to finish runner-up in the individual competition.

In Track and Field seven boys represented the College – Nick Connolly (9M) in hurdles, Dan Poultney (9K) in hurdles and triple jump, in which he finished 5th. Nathan Newcastle (9R) finished 8th, 10th, and 4th in discus, shot and javelin respectively and broke his own school record for discus in the process. Nick and Brandon Dewar (10W) finished 6th and 7th respectively in the 3,000m walk event and Tom Baldwin finished 10th in the 1500m.

The most successful BBC athlete was Lucas Hughes (9W). Lucas set a new school record for 100m when he finished 2nd in the final in a time of 11.53, which beat one of the oldest school records of 11.6 which has stood since 1975. Lucas won the 90m hurdles event, setting a new National Schools Record of 12.26. He also picked up a silver medal for his part in the Queensland Sprint relay team. Congratulations to all the boys who competed so well at the Championships, in particular to Nathan for his school record in the discus and to Lucas for his outstanding performance in the sprints and hurdles.

Sporting seasons are well under way and I am pleased to report that we are achieving at a high level in a whole range of summer sports. There are six teams in Year 8 for cricket, which is an indication of the huge participation rate in that sport, and similar high participation rates exist in the sports of rowing and volleyball. The most recent success of the First VIII at the regatta held at Lake Kawana on the weekend indicates that our senior boys will be very competitive this year. Their win, and an overall win in the regatta, as well as our outstanding performance in the Junior regatta where we won all but three races, indicates that the strength of rowing appears to be moving back to a level that we had enjoyed four years ago.

4.0 Special Events

Most recently we have had a number of major school events. The whole school (Years 1 to 12) attended the Leadership Induction Service for Prefects, House Captains and, indeed, Year 12 Seniors. On the second Friday of term was the special Scholars Assembly to honour the 20 boys who achieved OP 1s and 2s, and then on Monday of this week were the special assemblies at Junior, Middle and Senior School level to celebrate Founders Day and the vision of Mr Arthur Rudd.

The round of welcomes for parents, both in the Junior School and indeed for Year 7 have been conducted in the last week, with the Year 7 evening being conducted this evening starting at 5pm.

5.0 Capital Works

Quite simply, the transformation of the campus during the holiday has been incredible. The new staff room has essentially been completed, and staff have transferred from their previous home in the Resource Centre building to the area in the basement section of the

Administration building Previously this was the manual arts area of the school and this area was released with the development of the Integrated learning Centre in 2004.

In addition, the Year 7 centre has been completed. It was always going to be a huge challenge to have this complex operational from day 1. Despite some last minute hiccoughs with furniture with a truck breaking down on the way from NSW, the furniture is now in the centre and we are down to the last minute cosmetics things that need to be done to complete this area. This is a beautifully air conditioned facility, right in the heart of the Resource Centre. In addition, a beautiful new recreation area for Year 7 students has been created between the Senior School tennis courts and the main oval.

In addition, work is well underway on the construction of new tennis courts to replace the Junior School tennis courts, which were on the site to now house the new Prep facility. The new tennis courts on the other side of the creek will be accessed from the school side via the bridge and no entry via Union Street will be permitted.

A number of other more minor changes have occurred, with the new Middle School Art room in the McKenzie building and some further upgrading of the facility in the Drama and Film and TV Centre.

On the major projects, we are now advised that the new Prep building should be in place for the start of Term 3 2007 and the new larger two storied building for Years 1 to 5 will be operational from the commencement of Term 1, 2008. We had obviously hoped that these buildings would be in place much earlier, but with the delays in approval from Brisbane City Council, this has not been possible.

6.0 Traffic

As predicted we have been experiencing significant problems with access to the campus and with all our best efforts to deal with the restrictions imposed by the building site, some inconvenience has been experienced by both parents and staff. The situation currently is that we simply do not have enough car parking spaces on site to even house the number of staff who work at the College, and therefore access for parents on a long term basis throughout the day has proved to be too difficult. What we are pleased with is that the arrangements that we have put in place for traffic flow appear to be working quite well. The movement through the campus for Junior School parents is proceeding quite well and on a typical day last week the whole of the Junior School student population that is collected by car was completed by 3:28pm. Traffic flow on Kensington Terrace varies from day to day, but on Friday the traffic flow had cleared by 3:20pm.

G E McDonald
Headmaster

P&F Report

Tuesday, 13 February 2007

Perhaps the highlight of the Middle School at the beginning of the 2007 academic year was the commissioning of five new Year 7 classrooms in what was the Staff Room and IT Help Desk. Whilst the staff continues to settle into their new surroundings, I believe that we have the opportunity of showcasing our first year of Middle School.

Results of Year 7 Tests

Our 2006 Year 7 cohort acquitted themselves well in the Year 7 State-wide Literacy and Numeracy Tests. They scored between forty and sixty scale points above the State average in components of Literacy and Numeracy. Reading and viewing seemed to have been our weakest area but language and literacy programs at the College should address this shortcoming.

Congratulations

Mrs Mowat drew attention to a letter from Australia Zoo praising student work on Endangered Species of the World sent to them by our Year 7s in 2006 (Term 2 SOSE, English & Wide Reading). Special mention was made of the work of two boys, Lachlan Grey and Ihab Mikhail who were presented with Certificates of Commendation at Friday's Assembly.

Induction Day – Years 7, 8 & new Year 9 boys

Induction Day was an opportunity for our new boys to be acquainted with aspects of BBC's culture. House Captains and student mentors assisted Housemasters and Tutors with the formal Induction program. After lunch Year 8 boys began their timetabled classes while the Year 7 boys met their Principal Teachers. The new Year 9 boys were allowed to go home at lunchtime.

Welcome to Year 7 Parents Information Evening & BBQ

Year 7 Parents and their families will be formally welcomed with a BBQ, followed by addresses by key College personnel. The Head of Middle School and the Dean of Studies will present details of the pastoral and academic curricula to Year 7 parents. This will be followed by Year 7 Principal Teachers explaining their expectations of the boys and also their teaching methods, homework and communication with boys and parents.

Co-curricular Activities

As always, there has been great enthusiasm by boys, especially the Year 7 Cricketers and swimmers. Five Year 7 Cricket Teams have been organised by Mr Wayne Banks, the Junior School Cricket MIC in consultation with the Junior School's Director of Sport and Activities, Mr Russel Hansen, with Mr Brett Jennings coaching the A team. Debating and rowing are also beginning in earnest. We have had difficulty in organising coaches and staff to look after Cricket teams on Saturday mornings. Any help from parents of boys in teams would be appreciated. Thank you to those parents who have already offered assistance with the Cricket teams. Please contact Mr Wayne Banks in the Junior School if you have any further enquiries.

Mr Grant Christesen from the Junior School coaches the Swimming in consultation with Georgie Parkes, the Director of Swimming.

Congratulations to Lucas Hughes (9W) and his success at the 2006 National Schoolboys' Championships where he won the 90metres hurdles and came second in the 100metres.

Middle School Staffing

This year we welcomed Mrs Bronwyn Savins to the ranks of Year 7 Principal Teachers replacing Mrs Tamara Sullivan who is on Maternity leave and Ms Lesley Roy in our newly located MAP Centre.

Induction Year 9 House Representatives

Thirty-five Middle School Leaders were inducted at last week's Assembly where parents and grandparents were in attendance. These boys hold office for a semester and negotiate their leadership roles with Housemasters and Tutors. Already boys in some Houses have read the lesson at Assemblies and been involved in House Chapel Services.

Spiritual Life of the Middle School

House services have begun and have been well attended by boys and their parents. I would commend those services to you.

Year 8 Swap Day

As published in College News, Year 8 SWAP Day will be held on one day only, Monday, March 5. Parents are reminded of the parking difficulties on the day and to return their acceptances as soon as possible.

If parents wish to raise any issues with the Head of Middle School, he would be pleased to hear from them.

Dr Tony Chittenden
Head of Middle School

JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT TO P&F MEETING

13 February 2007

We commenced the year with an enrolment of 284 from Prep to Year 6.

The boys have settled in very well with the Preps and Year 1 boys in the OCA Pavilion and the Year 2 and 3 boys in the demountables. The staff have done a tremendous job in setting up the rooms and with the small numbers I am confident that the boys and staff will all have a great year.

The 12 new staff members have quickly become an integral part of the J/S team and all have reported to me that they are enjoying the challenges of their new school.

The academic programmes have begun in earnest and the specialist teaching programmes are in full swing. It is great to see the Preps and Year 1 boys in the pool with their swimming teachers.

We have had two successful Parent Information Evenings which were well attended. The parents appreciated the opportunity to meet with their sons' teachers and many spoke to me regarding the value of the information provided. The information evening for the Prep families was postponed from last night to next Monday as we were unsure of how long the power was going to be off.

Yesterday we had a wonderful Founder's Day Service in the Chapel with Mr Ken Gold (1946-1949) as the occasional speaker. He related some very interesting anecdotes of his time as a boarder. He also provided the boys with some information about A W Rudd.

We have to rearrange our Chapel services as we now are not able to accommodate all of the boys from 2-6. The Chaplain and I are in the process of finding a solution.

The sporting programme for the year has commenced with three Year 5 and three Year 6 Cricket teams competing each Saturday and the swimmers training hard for their trials and upcoming competitions, the first of which is at TSS on 23rd February.

Our visiting activities commence soon with the Year 4 boys having Deadly Australians and the Year 5's our Aboriginal art and cultural activities.

The Year 5 boys last year performed well in the Statewide Numeracy and Literacy tests. Our means were up to 60 points above the state norms of both boys and girls on every aspect of the tests.

As you are all no doubt aware the building projects for the Prep and Year 1-5 building have commenced. Would you believe that the site supervisor is an old Collegian whom I taught in 1971 in year 5. (I am beginning to think that I have been here too long.). We are thrilled to see just what is happening.

Warren Acton
Head of Junior School

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PARENTS & FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

Tuesday 13 February 2007

Welcome to the first General Meeting of the BBC P&F Association for the 2007 academic year.

This is an exceptionally exiting year as it is the first year we are educating young boys from Prep to Grade 3. Over the past 2 weeks I have had the opportunity of addressing many of the parents and meeting some of the boys and it is certainly a great achievement of the school to bring this vision of a school from Prep to 12 to fruition. We are please to welcome all Prep to Grade 3 parents to the school community along with all the other new parents and new boys to BBC.

On the back of the treasurer's report it should be noted that there has been a very successful back to school trading that has continued over the November to January period. On behalf of all the parents and the wider school community I would like to acknowledge the enormous effort and unflagging enthusiasm by all the volunteers over this period. It has been a magnificent job, and as always we a greatly indebted to the contribution made by parents to support our business units.

Previously the Association has looked at the options for improving the premises that house the tuckshop, uniform shop and book shop. Of course the uniform is currently in a demountable and the interior design of the uniform and tuck shop need upgrading. Plans were reviewed to incorporate the uniform shop back into the body of the book shop and redesign the whole block to make it more efficient.

The P&F has deferred these renovations until after other educational building works are complete. We will re visit them later this year. Whilst there are building works currently in progress I ask the patience of all parents with regards to travelling through the campus and dropping off and picking up and encourage them to follow the school's plan for transport.

We also wish to canvas if there is sufficient interest in a special bus from particular suburbs to help alleviate the temporary congestion. As we go forward this year the committee's key goal is the maximum involvement of parents in the development of their sons in conjunction with the school.

As the P&F provides many grants to support groups we will be encouraging representatives form support groups to both report on how their funding has been used and what positive outcome have occurred. In this way we intend to get more parents via the support groups to become involved with P&F.

The Committee also intends to at least once a month invite a speaker from within or outside the school to speak on a topical issue. It could be regarding any worthwhile issue, perhaps including the curriculum, development strategy for the school, transitions from junior to middle and middle to senior school, and any other topics that parents may feel need further information.

The Headmaster has suggested that a presentation on 'Cyber Bullying' may be appropriate, similar to the one done at Stuartholme, which we believe would be of great interest to parents.

The Committee will seek parent views to ensure we are representing your interests.

Mark Grey

**President
BBC P&F Association**