

Sydney Secondary College, Blackwattle Bay

Campus Parents and Citizens Association

Minutes Monday July 24th 2017: @ 7 - 8:30 pm

School Administration Block, Blackwattle Bay Campus of Sydney Secondary College

Attending: Parents: Vanessa Palfreeman, Robyn Steele, Alice Wish, Belinda Fraser, Lyndell Webster **School Staff:** Jan Cuke, Sharon Roberts

Apologies: Carmel Tebbut, Ian Balcomb, Cath Sefton, Sarah Foster

1. Welcome and Apologies	Apologies noted
2. May 2017 Minutes	Approved Vanessa Palfreeman, seconded Belinda Fraser
3. Business arising from previous Minutes	Status of microwaves for students revisited: Are all 3 working? Are there long queues at lunch time? Do they need three microwaves and are there enough power points? Ms Roberts to investigate.
4. Principal's Report	Exhibition of Year 12 Visual Arts Major Works to be held at Boomali Gallery in Leichhardt on Tuesday 25th July. Whole college exhibition held on alternate years. P&C to fund hire of gallery up to \$1000. Moved Robyn Steele Seconded Belinda Fraser Students returned last week from a very successful trip to East Timor and will give presentation at next meeting. Staff planning day on first day of school focused on "Learning from Each Other". Included well-being in the workplace and mindfulness. Cross-campus workshops were held including college principal and principals from the 3 campuses. Staff

	reviewed the next 3 year plan. Each campus has it's own plan and the college has an overall plan. These plans encompass students, staff and community. Ms Roberts keen for P&C to be more involved in planning process, especially in respect to communication methods between staff and parents. Ms Roberts to choose a date for parents to attend an evening to provide their input. Date tbc at next P&C meeting in August. The junior and senior campuses are currently reviewing their maths and science faculties. Written report to be provided to parents. A parent raised the point that senior students have very little understanding of what is involved in physics and chemistry subjects at a senior level. Parent suggestion that perhaps students could be made more aware before choosing these subjects for HSC. For example, when studying science in year 9/10 could be made aware of which topics are physics based and which are chemistry based.
5. Diary Dates for 2017	22/09/2017: Year 12 graduation at Town Hall. School waiting to hear result of 'Venue Support Grant (Major Venues) Application' from the Lord Mayor. Hoping for a discount in the \$12K fee to hire the Town Hall. 15/09/2017: Annual morning tea for students who have completed HSC major works.
6. Treasurer's Report	Report attached. Vanessa P to meet with Ms Roberts about more furniture for breakout areas.
7. New Business	Presentation by school leader Isobel Barry requesting the setting up of a second hand

	uniform shop at the school. Uniforms are only worn for 2 years so would be good to have an option to get rid of them and for new parents to be able to buy them cheaply.. Discussions took place around the most appropriate time for uniforms to be sold. ? year 11 welcome night. Suggestion made for SRC or students doing VET-Retail course to manage. Robyn Steele offered to help set up. Isobel would post on facebook and school could send message out via Skoolbag. Practical considerations include storage and sorting of uniforms and request for uniforms to be washed. Needs further discussion. Uniform survey conducted by school in 2016 showed that 80% of parents want students to wear uniform but only 5% of students do! Teachers try to enforce uniform, especially during exam time when it is a security issue in terms of identifying students.
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Meeting ended at 8.15pm. Next meeting Mon 21st August.