

## Truganina College – School Council Report – June 2017

The June School Council meeting was completed successfully. The role of School Council as outlined in the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 is one of helping to set the long term future for the school and maintaining an overview of the school's operation whilst creating positive interest in the school within the community. The Principal is responsible for the management of the school and acts as the Executive Officer of Council.

The main items covered at the June meeting were:

- **Financial update.**

The financial position of the college is tracking as it should for this time of the year. Many thanks to the office staff for their work in this area.

Revenue: Fundraising monies are coming in, thanks to the community, and these funds will be used to pay for the student playground. The facilities hire on the weekend is also bringing in some useful revenue. It is great to see the community groups using the college. We also received revenue from a number of wonderful excursions planned to extend student learning. Examples include but are not limited to; The Shrine of Remembrance, the Ballarat School Farm and the Year 8 Soccer playoffs.

Expenditure: The main spending in June was planned for and included; staffing costs associated with the mathematics and literacy enrichment programs, curriculum resources, library books, professional learning for staff and building expenses.

- **Facilities update.**

- The two additional classrooms at the west end of the school are nearing completion. Furniture has been placed and final defects are being rectified.
- The grassing of the college is progressing as per the agreed terms. The grass near the relocatable is established and we expect the fencing to be removed in coming weeks. The maintenance period for grass on the south side of the college and in Clearwood Drive will be completed on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July. All being well we are looking forward to the fences being removed and the yard space available from the beginning of term three.
- Quotes are being sourced for air conditioning in the college music rooms, stage area and canteen. Fred Salmond, Facilities Manager is working on a three year plan.
- Occupational Health and safety continues to be a priority at the college with the planned cycles of maintenance and reporting completed.

- **Principal's Report.**

- It is wonderful to see student learning at the centre of all we do at the college. Staff are closely tracking all aspects of student learning with a real focus on mathematics and reading. Meetings with families for those students who are above or below the expected levels and are on a Learning Action Plan are currently being completed. This will allow the college and home to work together to bring about improvements.
- The two curriculum days were successfully completed. The staff worked on the guaranteed and viable curriculum in both mathematics and reading. They also completed a First Aid update. Many thanks to Steven Trotter and the maths team, Nicole O'Brien and Helen Salmond for organising the days.

- Staffing update. Interviews for additional staff have been completed. Two Education Support and one classroom teacher have been appointed. We also have a speech pathologist and an additional English/Humanities teacher providing additional assistance.
  - Student numbers continue to increase with the current enrolment being 883 students. It is pleasing to see our college being well regarded in the community.
  - The principal class team along with teaching and learning leaders and class teachers are closely monitoring the attendance of students. For a child to learn at their best and to feel socially connected to their friends they need to be at school every day and on time. As of term two, week four the average days absent per student for the primary years was 3.84 days and for the secondary years 2.99 days. As a college community we need to work together and have the students at school.
- **General Business.**
    - Carla Evans the leader of the School Wide Positive Behaviour Team came to Council and presented the process to move from college rights to college values. Council were given the opportunity to ask questions and also to vote on their preferred values. The opportunity to vote will also be presented to the community, staff and students.
    - Gareth McLean presented a proposal for an Athletics Day for Years 4-8. Council carefully considered the risk assessment for this event and associated paperwork. The Council endorsed the event.

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