

Truganina College - School Council Report - February 2018

The first School Council meeting for this year was held on Monday 19th February.

The Council welcomed our new Assistant Principal Sarah Dalton and Angela Field, Leading Teacher for Student Well being, Voice and Agency.

In the final term of 2017, an evening to introduce the Spanish trip was held, coordinated by Helene Refuerzo from Truganina P -9 College, and Alex De-Leon from Wyndham Central College. Helene spoke to the Council regarding the progress and future plans for this trip. They have received student applications and will coordinate a panel to interview those students. Alex De-Leon has coordinated this program in his own school, and his experience will be a great addition to the planning and structuring of this visit to Spain. A motion was passed to progress with the panel selection.

The Principal's report included students with disabilities entering school this year. The applications for support are due 28th February.

Attendance guidelines have been reviewed. From later in the year, the new requirement for schools under the Guidelines is to contact the parents/guardians as soon as practicable on the day of the student's absence. The Department of Education's previous expectations was formerly to make contact with families after three days of absence. Staff at Truganina College contact families as soon as practicable when a student is absent.

School Council endorsed the 2018 Annual Implementation Plan. Nicole O'Brien presented the Annual Implementation Plan. This is based on the Strategic Plan Goals:

- To grow each student's learning outcomes across all curriculum areas, with a focus on Literacy and Numeracy
- To strengthen a positive culture for learning that empowers both students and staff
- To increase community connectedness in supporting outstanding student achievement and is directed by the focus on student learning and staff teaching throughout the school.

Terri Campbell and Frank Schoonderbreek continue to work alongside staff to improve student outcomes in Literacy and Mathematics. Thank you for your inspirational teaching and encouragement of staff and students at our College.

Steven Trotter gained a well deserved place in the prestigious Bastow Unlocking Potential (UP) Principal Preparation Program. Nicole O'Brien was successful in her application to be a facilitator in the INSPIRE program, as part of Bastow's Professional Leadership. These achievements and many other appointments to our school organisation and decision making structure bring excellence and experience to our future planning and implementation.

Recess clubs continue to be well supported and with additions as noted in the newsletter. School Council Elections will be held in the near future, and I am delighted to add that student representatives will be elected to join the Council. This is to follow new guidelines where all Government school with students enrolled in Year 7 are required to have a student member category on council.

Thank you to all who attended the meeting and for your endeavours in continuing to make Truganina College a very special learning environment.

Marilyn Jefferies

School Council President