

Parents and Helpers Meeting

Wednesday 20 May – 4pm

Attendees:

- Raechel McCarthy
- Sarah Daniels
- Fiona Colvin
- Jenny Burrell
- Christine Okoniowski
- Roxanne Dean
- David Trewartha

Agenda Items:

- Principals Report
- Update on the School Plan
- Refurbished Toilets
- School Uniform Review/Suggestions from parents
- CLO Report
- General Business

Principals report:

- Jenny Burrell will be the parent rep on the HT HSIE position that is currently being advertised.
- **School Plan:** 2015-17 School plan is being used as an example of best practice by the Executive Director of Education.
- **Refurbished Toilets:** Students are not happy with the current toilets and they wait to use the toilets in the Deputies offices. Parents say that are waiting all day to avoid going to the toilets. Male on duty in particular to allow the boys to feel comfortable with going to the toilet. Self-esteem and confidence issues to build the students up amongst their peers. New toilet plan changing the orientation of the toilets and brightening up the toilets as its quite dark. Modernising the toilets.
- **Uniform:** Reviewing the uniform, black/leather/vinyl shoes to be reinforced more as it doesn't look good. RM proposed that a consistent colour for school shirts for the school as opposed to the senior and junior having so many colours. Parents advised that it is an expense as the colours keep changing through the years. White shirts are preferred. Involve all parents in the decisions. Girls don't like the skirt due to their figures of some of our students and our stairs. Parents advised that at Berkeley Public school they praise students for wearing good uniform. We should be rewarding students for wearing the correct uniform. Students need to take pride as these skills are valuable for employability skills. Our students don't really care about mufti days they still just wear uniforms as they don't want to be singled out. A uniform review committee has been established and will work through 2015 for changes in 2016.
- **CLO Report**
- **Secretary for the Day:** ISHS will be nominating a student to be Secretary for the day. I have been working Kasey Fraser on her application. Secretary for the Day – this provides opportunities for secondary students to learn about the challenges and satisfactions of working in senior management within the Department of Education and Communities. Students learn about key portfolio areas in the department as well as shadow senior officers, attend meetings and participate in operations in state office. Portfolio areas include: Office of Deputy Secretary, Learning and Engagement, Learning and leadership, Learning and Business Systems and

Local School Local Decisions. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of term two, 2015. We wish her luck.

- **Berkeley Arts Project:** I have nominated ISHS to be a part of a wonderful community arts project. 40 students will be participating in creating public art within the community. The Berkeley Prawn in the Pedestrian Mall is being replaced due to its age and being replaced by 3 community boat shaped seats. The boats signify the boats used by locals for fishing and boating on the lake. The boat is also a symbol of a life journey. The top of the boats will be tile and mosaic in patterns depicting local history, animals, people and environment. Designs will be gathered from workshops in the various community groups and schools. Our students will have 3 workshops that local artist Anita Larkin and Co-ordinator, Amanda Buckland will come into our school and work with our students inclusive of our Aboriginal students, two autism classes Elouera and selected students in Year 8-10. The official opening will held in the last week of term in the Berkeley Pedestrian Mall.
- **In the Media:** WIN NEWS have been invited in ISHS to cover the 1st workshop of the Berkeley Arts Project 25 May, Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution Day and our CafeISH Y12 Hospitality students and WRAP students on Friday 29 May this will also be in conjunction with our biggest Morning Tea. Watch this Space!
- **What's On:** Every week we send a new highlights from ISHS to our local primary schools Berkeley Public, Berkeley West and Farmborough Rd's to put be into their newsletters or media communications.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 June, 2015

Meeting close – 5pm