

2015 School Council Membership

	Parent Members		DEECD Employee Members		Co-opted members
1	Robin Adams	9	Angela Pollard	13	Jim Crawshaw
2	Simon Rickard	10	Kevin Hunter	14	Kevin McKenzie
3	Harriet Fennell	11	Marcia Claringbold	15	
4	Mandee Strickland	12	Danielle Vaughan		
5	Andrew Riddle				
6	Lisa Massey				
7	Jill Young				
8	Jason Coppard				

Council Support – the following people will also attend Council meetings

Gavan McCabe - Assistant Principal	Brenda Barker – Business Manager	Heather Hiam – Minute Secretary
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Guests: Student Leaders

Present: Robin Adams, Simon Rickard, Harriet Fennell, Lisa Massey, Jill Young, Angela Pollard, Marcia Claringbold, Danielle Vaughan, Jim Crawshaw, Will Featherstone

Apologies: Brenda Barker, Andrew Riddle, Kevin Hunter, Mandee Strickland, Gavan McCabe

Minutes Previous Meeting:

Motion 387.1

“That the minutes of the 386th College Council Meeting held on Thursday 28 May 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record”.

Moved: Marcia Claringbold

Seconded: Jim Crawshaw

Carried

Business Arising:

CORRESPONDENCE INWARD

DEECD

1.	Monique Dawson, Deputy Secretary, People and Executive Services Group	2014-2015 – Declaration of Private Interests Collection
2.	The Hon. James Merlino MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Education	Public Sector Week – Q & A Session – “The Education State”
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General

1.	Graeme Lane, School Governance Australia	School Governance Training
2.	Year 9 Student	Request for sporting grant
3.	Harriet Fennell	Letter for Mornington Shire re traffic concerns outside the College
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CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS

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Business Arising

- Separate meeting will be held for Finance – waiting on the 2014 SRP reconciliation to be finalised.
- Response from Mornington Shire regarding traffic concerns outside the College. The Mornington Shire will place a meter outside the College to monitor traffic. Further information to be provided once the data has been analysed; thank you to Harriet for following up these concerns.
- Sports funding request received as this does not meet the school grant guidelines we cannot offer financial support. Suggestion to apply for a sporting grant from Mornington Shire.
- MESAC 40 Year Anniversary - Afternoon tea to be organised for mid -November.
- HPV request for funds approximately (\$200) to purchase a HPV trike, the team has fundraised \$2,000 towards the purchase and request assistance to pay the balance. Council approved the balance owing can be paid from College funds.

Motion 387.2

“That the Outwards Correspondence be approved and the Inwards Correspondence be received”.

Moved: Marcia Claringbold

Seconded: Jim Crawshaw

Carried

1. STUDENT LEADERSHIP REPORT – As Presented

- Welcome to Will Featherstone.
- Term 1 – Easter appeal has raised \$500
- Charity – Joey Jumpstart –collecting new books to donate to aboriginal communities. All funds raised on free dress day will be donated to this cause.
- Student leaders attended a School Leadership conference at Haileybury to further develop skills and discuss roles of student leadership in schools.
- MUNA Camp attended by Mirra Kimpton & Ikeylia Cowan very successful - thanks given to Rotary for their support and sponsorship
- Year 11 students donated their time and catered for a community spirit afternoon tea for seniors; attended by over 90 guests.
- Magic Moments Camp Sydney- Attended by Talia Jess & Tia sponsored by The Lions Club and Bendigo Bank.
- Students volunteered to assist with parking at the Food and Wine Festival - all proceeds to Rotary
- Display is currently in the library that lists all of the student leadership activities- suggested that this is displayed in the foyer to recognise the achievements to date and post updates on our Facebook page.
- Feedback from all camps – without fail made a whole new family and friends acknowledgement to the Bendigo Bank and Rotary for making this all possible.

Motion 387.3

“That the Student Leadership Report be accepted by College Council”.

Moved: Angela Pollard

Secoded: Lisa Massey

Carried

2. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT– As Presented

- Information on the **Education State launch** attended by principals was brought to the attention of council members. Parents and community are encouraged to provide feedback online about the direction this government is taking. Principal’s came away from this meeting feeling positive about the future and their vision to build state education. The commitment is to provide Gonsky funds of 1.3 billion dollars to schools.
- Additional strategies mentioned were ensuring continuous funding for students with disabilities when transitioning from primary to secondary and allocating secondary schools funding to support students identified in year 5 NAPLAN testing as being significantly behind in Literacy and Numeracy.
- SRP present model of funding is allocated as credit and cash to pay cleaning and maintenance facilities. Currently all schools are funded for teaching staff based on students numbers x average salary. As we have a high number of top of the range teachers the average funded salary does not cover the cost of our staffing profile. Those schools that are in high growth areas are largely staffed by graduates and funded on the average salary so are not disadvantaged by this arrangement. This current model does not hit the mark, schools highest cost is teacher salary and there is a monetary shortfall as the funds are not based on the staff they have in place. James Merilo (Education Minister and Deputy Leader of the ALP Victoria) has promised to investigate these issues.
- **Course counselling** – Year 8 & 9 were well informed and clear about what was required, great reflection on the mentors that took on this role.
- Suggestion that we need to focus on careers and humanities in Year 7 & 8. Some parents provided feedback that it was overkill but still went away with something.
- Our current guide is massive, suggested that we move to a digital version that is more interactive and appealing to students and parents and includes important information eg; VCAA website.
- Some parents would prefer to meet with teachers that know their son or daughter as they felt this would be more effective in getting the subjects right and more specific to their child.
- Feedback from parents that some of the information sessions for course counselling went for too long and parents then missed the Expo.
- Ideas put forward for the future-course counselling having a representative from each domain available for questions, provide an email address for questions for parents to ask questions and run an ongoing blog for all parents to view and add comments too.
- **Soccer Club Update** – now a licence agreement that will be sent to legal ready for action. We have paid the \$26,000 for the environmental offsets that will now allow us to apply for a permit to clear the land. They do not notify us of where the offsets go, this can be anywhere in Victoria. We will arrange for a large board to be made that informs the community of every step of this project.
- **EFM fitness update** – A full fitness facility will be funded entirely by EFM a mutually beneficial arrangement that they use this before and after school and we have use during the day. The contract is currently with legal branch, builders and contractors have been discussing our requirements and we are hoping that work can commence in the next few weeks.
- **School Production-** approximate cost would be \$20,000; as we have been concentrating on re-building our performing arts program it would be the right time to showcase our dance, drama and music students, teachers involved feel it’s time to move forward. Primary school students could be invited to be involved as well. The cost would be \$25 adult \$15 student, participating students would be required to pay a fee of around \$100 to break even. Tentative dates are Wednesday/Thursday in July/August (2016) at the George Jenkins Theatre. School council gave full support for planning to continue.

- **Review Feedback** – School Council was asked to respond to 2 questions discussed at the last staff meeting :-
“How do you know your children are learning”
 Main response: - Students talking about school both in positive and negative terms gives an in indicator of where they are.
“What could the school do better to assist your knowledge of this “
- Positive feedback on Compass - allows parents to monitor progress progressively rather than waiting for parent/teacher interviews. Awareness needs to be raised that learning tasks assessment are available on Compass for parents and are certainly a great tool for students. Compass learning tasks should contain at least one feedback comment.
- Parent/teacher interviews are still highly valued and some parents expressed views that they preferred the old marking system to ascertain where there child stands and what they need to do to achieve their goals.
- Angela spoke about the value of holding regular meetings with student focus groups, senior leaders for insightful feedback.

Motion 387.4

“That the Principal’s Reports be accepted by College Council”.

Moved: Jill Young

Seconded: Harriet Fennell

Carried

3. FINANCE REPORT- No Report

Motion 387.5

“That the minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted by College Council”.

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion 387.6

“That College Council approves the Financial Report journals and approves transfers and receipt and payment adjustments as listed”

Moved:

Seconded:

4. BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE- No Report

Motion 387.7

That the Building and Grounds Report be accepted by College Council”.

Moved:

Seconded:

5a. COUNCIL APPROVED EXCURSIONS /CAMPS /EVENTS – None listed

Motion 387.8

“That College Council approve the excursions/camps/events etc as listed”.

Moved:

Seconded:

5b. SOCIAL FUNCTIONS REQUIRING APPROVAL BY SCHOOL COUNCIL

6. INTERNATIONAL REPORT – As Presented

Motion 387.9

“That the minutes of the International Report be accepted by College Council”.

Moved: Simon Rickard

Seconded: Danni Vaughan

Carried

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS:
Business Arising**

Policies & Proformas	Date approved

MEETING CLOSED: 9pm

NEXT MEETING OF COLLEGE COUNCIL: Thursday 20 August 7pm