



McKinnon Secondary College

SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday 21st July, 2026
in the Staff Common Room (McKinnon Road Campus) at 7.00pm

Chair	M Kan
Attendees	Present: C Griffen, M Kan, J Dixon, B Guidera, H Karro (Year 12), D Nicolaides, G Woolnough, D Cohen, K Jobson, P Etccl, V Fernandes, I Volnerman (Year 10) In attendance: R Long, L Noble, K Felmingham, J Ritchie
Minute taker	K Felmingham
Apologies	J Kim-Ross, A Ledger, C Green, A Rampalli, P Quinn, B Reid, T Ragg
Visitor/s	NA
Conflict of Interest	NA

1.0 WELCOME

Carly welcomed all council members to the 2026 school council and thanked all members for their ongoing contribution to the school community.

2.0 Declaration of conflict of interest
NIL

3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: That School Council adopts and accepts the Minutes of the 16th June, 2026 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: K Jobson

Seconded: P Etccl
Carried unanimously

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
NIL

5.0 ESSENTIAL BUSINESS

- Child Safety Standards
- Critical Incidents

No business to report

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE - INWARDS
NIL

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE - OUTWARDS

NIL

8.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

9.0 REPORTS

9.1 President's Report

Acknowledge the recent news that our Principal Michael Kan will be retiring from the Department of Education after 37 years of which 17 were serving the McKinnon Secondary community. Michael, on behalf of the School Council, we would like to thank you for all the work you have done as a teacher, AP and Principal in those 17 years. You have conducted yourself with kindness, dignity and the utmost professionalism, garnering respect from students, staff and parents alike. You will be greatly missed and whilst we will have further opportunities during the course of the rest of the year to say thank you and goodbye, I wanted to ensure it was acknowledged at this council meeting as well.

We will be provided with further information from the Department regarding the next steps for filling the Principal role. Big shoes to fill!

Motion: That School Council accepts the President's Report

Moved: I Volnerman

Seconded: B Guidera

Carried unanimously

9.1 Principal's Report

I'd like to begin by thanking Richard Long for undertaking the Acting Principal role in my absence and Peter Quinn, Lochlan Noble and Kellie Felmingham, and the extended Principal team for pulling together to ensure the school ran smoothly.

The school celebrated a number of events and activities during the last few weeks of Term 2 which included: the Wisdom and Service Expo, Tertiary and Pathways Expo, Year 12 Trivia Night, Tomorrow Man/Woman Workshops, and the Wisdom and Service Job Skills Program. We also wrapped up our performing arts celebrations with the Junior concert.

NAPLAN

The 2026 NAPLAN results will be posted out to parents/carers in the coming weeks. I am very pleased to announce that once again, the cohort results were exceptionally strong and I will have more to say once these results are published. I thank Sam Florence and of course Peter Quinn again for their incredible work coordinating these assessments, which is no easy feat.

MND

Yesterday McKinnon was abuzz with community spirit during our lunchtime MND fundraiser. Our school grounds were transformed into a vibrant sea of blue as students proudly dressed up to raise vital funds and awareness for Motor Neurone Disease, with giant, blow-up MND beanies bringing the ultimate high-energy vibes to the schoolyard.

Special thanks to all of our school leaders for organising this event, along with Kate Jobson and David Machin.

PREMIER VCE AWARDS

The Premier's VCE Awards were held today, where 3 McKinnon students were recognised for achieving exceptional academic results in their final year of schooling last year.

Congratulations to **Siena Nott** for Top All-Round VCE High Achiever and Chemistry, **Daniela Tapia Leal** for Spanish undertaken at Victorian School of Languages Distance Education, and

Lamija Buturovic for Bosnian undertaken at Victorian School of Languages.

Thank you to Kellie Felmingham and Kate Jobson for attending the ceremony which was held at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Last Tuesday, 14 July, Mr David Nutting, Ms Carole Hooper and I attended a special event, hosted by the Department of Education, where we received a certificate in recognition of our 35 years of service to the Dept.

It was an honour to receive this recognition, and we reflected on our very rewarding careers.

I was very proud that McKinnon's Senior Clarinet Quintet provided the music at this special Presentation Ceremony. Well done to these students and to their teacher, Ms Laura Main, who also accompanied them.

RETIREMENT

As you know, I will be retiring from McKinnon Secondary College and the Department of Education after 37 years of service.

It has been an absolute privilege to be Principal of this incredible school.

I will continue to serve as Principal until the end of the year, and, soon a process will begin, managed by the Education Department, to select the new Principal.

I sincerely thank you for your support of me as I continue the important work of supporting our staff and students to achieve their very best.

Motion: That School Council accepts the Principal's report.

Moved: V Fernandes

Seconded: D Nicolaides

Carried unanimously

9.2 Finance

Finance discussed reports including the Annual Sub Program Budget Report. The 2026 Parent Payment Collection was reviewed. Julie and her team have done a wonderful job contacting parents. There is still a proportion of parents who are not paying for the music program for various reasons. Sundry Debtors were also discussed and considered.

The School Council move \$1,250,290.12 payments be endorsed for June 2026, and all presented reports be accepted as a true and correct depiction of the McKinnon Secondary College's finances for June 2026.

Moved: D Nicolaides

Seconded: V Fernandes

Carried unanimously

The School Council notes the 2026 Term 2 Parent Payments and Receivables Review, including Sundry Debtors review as tabled.

Moved: K Jobson

Seconded: V Fernandes

Carried unanimously

The School Council notes the discussion and review of the Combined Annual Sub Program Budget vs Actual Expenses Analysis Report for Term 2 and endorses the \$77K carried forward figure for subprogram 4083.

Moved: K Jobson

Seconded: V Fernandes

Carried unanimously

The School Council adopts the minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee.

Moved: K Jobson

Seconded: V Fernandes

Carried unanimously

9.3 Buildings & Grounds

NIL

9.4 Education

NIL

9.5 Thistleonians

Committee meeting upcoming to discuss upcoming reunion plans and the Thislenonian magazine.

Moved: D Nicolaides

Seconded: J Dixon

Carried unanimously

9.6 Other

Lachlan tabled the following school camps

- Year 11 Outdoor Ed Camp
- Year 9 Duke of Ed Camp (September and December)
- Year 12 Outdoor Ed Camp
- Year 9 Red Earth

These are all annual camps that have run previously.

The school council accept the proposed camp

Moved: I Volnerman

Seconded: K Jobson

Carried unanimously

Patty mentioned the upcoming MCK RESPECT event which will be run on September 11th. This is the third year that this event will be undertaken. This year the entire event will be hosted at Packer Park. Again a football game will be held with a community walk at halftime.

10.0 Next Meetings

11.1 Next meeting Tuesday 8th September

11.2 Sub-Committee meetings

- Education Tuesday 4 August
- Finance (Budget 2027) Tuesday 25 August (5.30pm)
- Buildings & Grounds Tuesday 1 September
- School Council Tuesday 8 September (Finance at 6.30pm)

Meeting Closed - 7.38pm