

# Parents and Friends Committee Meeting 28 August 2019

Meeting Opened: Present:	7:30pm Chris Black, Justin Dee, April Hampson, Naomi Bartlett, Sharron Clover and Mandy Jewell		
Apologies:	Elinor Allen, Sharon Miller, Marzena Mansilla, Vanessa Collins, and Lorraine Bendall		
Correspondence In:	NIL		
Correspondence Out:	NIL		
Welcome:	Naomi Bartlett		
Opening Prayer:	Chris Black – Annual Theme: Be Not Afraid		
Previous Meeting Minutes:	Naomi Bartlett, April Hampson		
Treasurer Report:	\$10,574.05 - Bunnings-\$708.32, St Peter's Day-\$1,773.74, St Peter's		
	Glasses -\$750		

### Guest Speaker: Justin Dee, Teacher & Learning Coach English, Clyde North Campus

Justin spoke about how he got to where he is today. He said he had learnt through work, becoming a Dad, Teacher and his life and travel experiences. He became a teacher later in life and has adapted to teaching through having different children in his classes. Justin was a Dairy Farmer for 10 years, Police Officer for 10 years and now Teacher for 10 years. In 2016 Justin travelled all over Australia with his wife and young family for a year and this had a big impact on his life and who he is today.

Justin explained that he is preparing the students for jobs that don't currently exist. He does this through skills and knowledge he has gained from his own experience. He helps the students discover who they are and believes that they need to learn not only from the Curriculum but to empathise, be resilient and creative. Justin explained that students these days are not taught resilience. They need to understand that life is tough and is not always rewarding in the way they want it to be. After working at the dairy farm, he decided he needed a change and joined the police force. He knew this was not going to be long term. After 2 years in the police force he realised he was naïve. He grew, benefited, and realised that life means different things to different people. Justin stated that attitudes lead to actions which lead to consequences. The police force made him look into why people behave a certain way. Justin then went into teaching and his main focus is getting students to prioritise. He tries to teach them to plan ahead and prepare to adapt to change. He wants them to learn how to utilise the teachers to get the most help. Justin loves teaching English and Humanities. Teaching has taught him about relationships within the College and with the students. He feels that he has empathy, shows forgiveness and is both a model and father figure to the students. During his time teaching, Justin took a year off and completed a 11 month trip around Australia with just the basics. He had only his car and tent. This helped him, and his family to learn how to distinguish between things we need and things we want. During this time, his kids had no devices so they could truly enjoy and see Australia.

Justin's overall message is one of inspiration and achievement. With confidence children and young adults can achieve, they may not need the required ATAR, there are now always ways to reach your end goal.

### Principal Report: Chris Black

It has been a busy term. The school has held the Future's Expo and separated the two campuses. This was a huge success. There were workshops and the day was not student free. The students felt they were better informed. The day format is still a work in progress.

The College also had Science Week which was a success.

There was the Solomon Island's Trivia Night and considering that only 4 students are participating in the Immersion program this year, it was very successful.

The House Chess Competition took place. A big well done to Cranbourne Campus student Anthony for his success again this year.

The Cranbourne Campus competed in the SIS Teen Chef. That was a great success.

SIS Athletics took place and they came 4<sup>th</sup> with the Junior Team coming 1<sup>st</sup>.

Speeches for College Captain were held. All applicants did a great job with their speeches. At Clyde North they did a live stream and got a positive result from all participants and students. On Friday the interviews were shortlisted all prior to the announcement on Tuesday.

We are well into the processing of staffing for 2020.

#### **General Business:**

Parent Teacher Interviews was discussed in regard to the length of time spent with teachers, and that all teachers needed to be in the Hall and Coffey Building throughout the afternoon and evening, with the exception of the scheduled meal break. It was also suggested that House Leaders should be available for meetings with Parents and Students. It was requested that for parents with more than one student at the College, that they could see via the Portal all of their students teachers on the one screen to allow them to book more effectively and easily.

Could Schoolbox be updated in order to allow change of password and login and not the ones automatically provided at signup.

At the Grade 6 Orientation Evening a representative from the Parent and Friends Committee needs to attend. Sharron Clover will be attending Cranbourne Campus and Naomi Bartlett Clyde North Campus.

## Closing Prayer: Chris Black

Meeting Closed: 8.51 pm

Next meeting: 6 November 2019 Last Formal Meeting

#### 2019 dates:

Wed 16 Oct	7.00 pm	Gr 6 Family Orientation Evening Cranbourne Campus
Tue 29 Oct	7.00 pm	Gr 6 Family Orientation Evening Clyde North Campus
Wed 6 Nov	7.15 pm	P&F Meeting
Wed 11 Dec	7.15 pm	P&F Christmas Meeting
Tue 3 Dec	6.30 pm	SPC Presentation Night
Tue 3 Dec	8.50 am to 9.30 am	Yr 7 2020 Orientation Day