



McKinnon Secondary College

SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday 16th June, 2026
McKinnon Road Campus Conference Room at 7:00pm

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

1.0 WELCOME

David welcomed council members to the meeting.

2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: That School Council adopts and accepts the Minutes of the 12th May, 2026 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: B Reid

Seconded: C Green

Carried unanimously

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

NIL

4.0 ESSENTIAL BUSINESS

Child Safety Standards: NIL

Critical Incident overview: NIL

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE - INWARDS

NIL

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE - OUTWARDS
NIL

7.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE
NIL

8.0 REPORTS

8.1 President's Report
NIL

8.2 Acting Principal's Report

I would like to begin by acknowledging that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation who are the traditional custodians of this land. I would like to pay my respects to their Elders both past and present. As a school and community, we are committed to a greater understanding and appreciation of the Indigenous culture.

Term 2 is always extremely busy and I am so proud of all that we have achieved so far. Some of the many events that have taken place include:

Year 8 camp to King Lake Forest Adventure Camp. Thank you to Liam Adlington, the Year 8 Student Management team and all the staff who attended.

Education Perfect Global Languages Championship - McKinnon came 2nd in the world. Thank you to Jenny Lynd for coordinating and overseeing this competition and engaging so many students and staff.

McKinnon hosted another successful annual Model UN conference, with this year's theme being, "*Rewrite the Future: Quality Education for All*". We welcomed guest students from Avila College, OLSH, South Oakleigh College and St Bede's College. Thank you to Lee Laskaridis, Nethmi Ranasinghe and Tania Burnell for ensuring all students and guests were well-catered for, and to the AV and facilities teams for their invaluable assistance.

Drug & Alcohol Awareness Incursions part of the Year 9 Mind, Body & Soul Curriculum. Thank you to Paul King for organising.

We have held numerous Music performances, including Senior Concert, Vocal Night, Year 11 & 12 Music Performance Nights, as well as the East Campus Concert (which also involved students from Willoughby Girls High School in Sydney!). I acknowledge and thank our entire music department for guiding our students and to Dmitry Serebrianik and Clare Bugeja for overseeing these events.

We recently acknowledged and celebrated IDAHOBIT Day and National Reconciliation Week, and collectively raised almost \$4000 for charity. National Reconciliation Week involved many events/activities, including:

- Wear It Yellow Day (raising money for 'Children's Ground')

- General Assembly guest speaker Uncle Shane Clarke from the Bunurong Land Council
- CUST training for staff (Cultural Understanding and Safety Training)
- Lots of activities in classes and during lunchtimes

The Year 10 & 11 exam period concluded yesterday. We also had the VCAA GAT today. These are very important assessments for our students, providing guidance for their learning and vital practice in an exam setting. Thank you to all the staff members who helped implement this enormous program, including Kellie Felmingham, Kate Jobson, Charlotte Douglas, the Year 7, 10, 11 and 12 Student Management Teams, our exam supervisors, and the Facilities team.

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In the final part of the term, we are looking forward to:

- Year 9 Duke of Ed hike
- Year 9 Wisdom and Service Expo and Job Skills program
- Year 10 (2027) Subject Expos
- Tertiary & Pathways Expo

Thank you to all staff and students for their ongoing support and hard work during what has been an incredibly successful semester.

Richard Long
Acting Principal

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

Moved: K Jobson

Seconded: J Ritchie

Carried unanimously

8.3 Finance

The School Council move \$901,881.59 payments be endorsed for May 2026, and all presented reports be accepted as a true and correct depiction of the McKinnon Secondary College's finances for May 2026.

Moved: P Etccl

Seconded: G Woolnough

Carried unanimously

The School Council approves the Profit and Loss Statements for the following: Year 10 Informal, Year 11 Central Australia Camp, Year 7 Phillip Island Camp, and Year 8 Camp to King Lake.

Moved: P Etccl

Seconded: G Woolnough

Carried unanimously

The School Council moves all statements and payments for May 2026, as tabled for the School Purchase Cards, to be accepted.

Moved: P Etccl

Seconded: G Woolnough

Carried unanimously

School Council approves the extension of the Nourish and Go License for a further 12 months starting 19/9/2026. The finance team suggest seeking other canteen providers at the end of this extension.

Moved: P Etccl

Seconded: G Woolnough

Carried unanimously

The School Council approves and endorses the adjustment to the Finance Policy F2 (removing C Griffen as a signature) and also approves an additional signature (Lachlan Noble) to the High Yield account. The School Council also notes the Finance Audit findings.

Moved: P Etccl

Seconded: G Woolnough

Carried unanimously

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

Moved: P Etccl

Seconded: G Woolnough

Carried unanimously

8.4 Buildings & Grounds

Lachlan Noble held a tour of the McKinnon Road Campus with Sub Committee members during the previous meeting.

The next meeting will be held at East Campus for a tour of the school grounds.

Motion: The School Council accepts the Buildings and Grounds sub committee report.

Moved: B Guidera

Seconded: A Ledger

Carried unanimously

8.5 Education

At our most recent meeting on June 2nd, the Education Sub-Committee discussed McKinnon's Chromebook program, with a particular focus on introducing the new MacBook Neo for our senior students (Year 10-12) from 2027 onwards. We sought parent feedback on the price of the device (which is very competitive) and the benefits this change might have on student learning. The committee was very supportive of the proposal. We also discussed some of the challenges around implementation and communication with families.

Following consultation with the School Council, the updated Uniform Policy has been tabled.

Motion: The School Council endorses the Education sub committee report.

Moved: J Ritchie

Seconded: J Dixon

Carried unanimously

8.6 Thistlelonians

Invitations to the 2026 Grand Reunion and Principal's afternoon tea (class of 1961 and 1976) for **Saturday 25th October.**

Geoff and Jenny Cook will be attending the Wisdom and Service Expo to adjudicate the winners of the annual Thistlonian awards.

Motion: The School Council accepts the Thistlelonians Report.
Moved: P Etccl
Seconded: C Green
Carried unanimously

8.7 Other

Camps

- Year 9 Camp - Campaspe Downs
- Australian Volleyball Schools Cup
- New Caledonia
- Music Tour to South Korea and Hong Kong

Motion: The School Council endorses these camps.
Moved: K Jobson
Seconded: B Reid
Carried unanimously

10.0 Next Meetings

10.1 Next meeting Tuesday 21st July (Term 3) (Finance at 6:30pm)

10.2 Sub-Committee meetings (Term 3)

- o Education Tuesday 4th August
- o Finance (Budget 2027) - Tuesday 25th August
- o Buildings & Grounds - Tuesday 1st September (5.30pm) - McKinnon Road

Meeting closed at 8:27pm