



**Randwick Boys' High School**  
**P&C Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

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**Chair: Birgit Schickinger- President**

**Minutes: Michelle Bradley VPres**

**1. Attendance:**

Lyn Swinbourne VP	Emma Digan	Rebecca Saad	Suzy Forrester
Leanne Bergan Treas.	Janine Beck	Karen Van Keulen	Kelly Kershaw
Alison Bell	Roger Whalebone	Nick Benson	Heike Pashley
Laura Tamir	Helena Whalebone	Tanya Holm	Nicola French
Natalie Keledjian	Jane Knowles	Phillip Booth	Sean Loughman
Rachel Daly	Mary Jo Rigotti	Dacre England	Leigh Marshall
Kathleen Gray	Sam Decosta	Birgit Schickinger	Michelle Bradley

**2. Welcome** to new financial members, observers and guests. Round the room introductions by all present. Note - please ring school if you have a particular concern with your child.

**3. Apologies:** Sarah Brill (Sec), Adriana Skleparis, Elizabeth Royston

**4. Guest Speakers:** Mark Barraket, Director Educational Leadership Bondi Principals Network  
Patrick Mahoney, Director Randwick Consultation

Speakers have been invited to discuss the community consultation in relation to Randwick Boys' High School (RBHS) becoming Co-Educational. The consultation commenced December 2017 and closes Friday, 15 February 2019. The consultation has been survey based via:

1. Online survey
2. Handouts with survey access information via schools and 4 community booths in shopping centres
3. All High Schools in East approached and offered meetings
4. 3 P&C's invited speakers to attend meetings
5. Teachers Federation, CLOSE East and Waverley Council also requested meetings

There have been about 2,200 responses to the survey – there are detailed comments on the department of education and training site (DET).

On completion Mr Mahoney will write a covering brief to go with the full results to the Minister for Education NSW Mr Rob Stokes. Mr Stokes approached DET to carry out the survey as several approaches had been made in relation to creating a Co-Ed High School in this area – Mr Stokes wanted a wider reflection of community feedback rather than just those groups that had approached him. The Minister will outline future steps, however this may not happen until post-election on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. From March 1<sup>st</sup> the NSW government is in caretaker mode. The Public will have an opportunity to comment on the outcome of the survey, however not the brief.

Data in survey will be able to isolate / drill down to local groups such as responses by RBHS community.

Discussion on whether commitment to refurbishments will be honoured if a Co-Ed school goes ahead. Opposition has indicated it will push ahead with upgrades but no firm commitment. Labor has promised \$5000 to P&C to assist with upgrades.

The FAQ information on DET site has information on how a transition would be staged. There is no precedent on how this type of transition would take place. Any outcome will have to have an in-depth plan drawn up. More staff at the school would be required, with professional development to be incorporated.

One of consequences of RBHS transitioning to Co-Ed is that there will then be no Public Boys' HS in this area.

Discussion on whether Randwick Girls' HS has been involved in discussions. Assurance was given that RGHS community have been approached and consulted before and throughout survey time frame.

Enrolment processes for next year have commenced – nothing will happen re Co-Ed decision before next year. If Co-Ed transition is commenced there will be robust consultation between both schools to keep communication open with the view of having cross over subjects that would benefit both school communities.

RBHS P&C have sent a statement to Mr Stokes supporting the discussion on transitioning to Co-Ed.

The RBHS P&C support moving ahead with refurbishments irrespective of the Co-Ed debate outcome.

Also discussion on whether there will be another Co-Ed High School (HS) in the Eastern Suburbs. A project Reference Group would be formed to decide if another Co-Ed HS is required.

**5. Determination of quorum:** Quorum reached (quorum is 5 if under 50 members and 11 if over 50 members).

**6. Confirmation of the Minutes for November 2018:** Confirmed: Emma Digan. Seconded: Rachel Daly

**7. Business arising from November 2018 Minutes:**

Since the last meeting the RBHS P&C has become Incorporated.

The P&C were not successful with the application from 'Solar my School' due to impending upgrades i.e. solar panels would need to be removed if major works occur. There may be some solar panelling carried out depending on what refurbishments occur.

## 8. Correspondence:

State P&C newsletters tabled.

Harlequin school bags information tabled. Website provided for member and observers to view: [hi@harlequingroup.com.au](mailto:hi@harlequingroup.com.au) Parents asked to feedback at next meeting. Some parents provided positive feedback. Would our students be interested in a bag with a school logo?

## 9. Reports

### *President's Report*

P&C donated \$2000 for 5 end of year school presentation awards – generally 'all rounder' achievements.

Successful morning tea for parents of incoming Year 7 boys.

Leanne (Treasurer) has updated P&C email distribution to mailchimp – good feedback received.

Confirmed to parents to contact school to add email for distribution of weekly newsletter. Leanne is happy to take names to add parents to P&C communication avenues – there is also a 'sign up' button on the P&C Facebook site.

There are 3 water bubblers on the way from a grant last year. The grant funds must be used by end of March. Thanks to Alison for her work on this project.

The P&C met with the Guest Speakers prior to tonight.

Discussion on contacting local politicians to request commitment to upgrades if elected – Mr Daley, Marjorie O'Neill, open letter to Southern Courier

Motion raised re above

Supported by members – President to action

The AGM will be held at the next Meeting 19th March. All members who are financial tonight are able to vote at the AGM.

Meet the teachers is on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> February – the P&C host a BBQ as a fundraising activity.

Open Night is on the 5<sup>th</sup> March - also a fundraising BBQ by P&C.

Election Day 23<sup>rd</sup> March is another fundraising opportunity BBQ for P&C. Volunteers for all three are welcome – please see Birgit (President).

### *Principal's Report*

Meet the Teacher is very informal – just an opportunity to touch base.

Parent teacher meetings are either end of Term 2 or beginning of Term 3

See attached for full report

### *Treasurer's Report*

Leanne – balance \$32,736.27

### *Funding Committee*

See Agenda items.

#### **10. Agenda Items:**

A fundraising committee hopefully to be formed – please find a folder with all processes and procedures on the table. All are very welcome to assist or participate in any way. It has been difficult to utilise funds with the unknown entity of the upgrades that the school has been waiting for, for so long. Fundraising activities have been:

- Trivia night – a major adults only fundraising event. A silent auction is held and lots of prizes. No date set as yet
- Book packs
- Grants usually with P&C contribution / school contribution
- BBQ's

A major project would be to assist with the purchasing of a 20 seater bus – P&C aim of \$15,000 contribution.

The Colour Run is being held on the 7<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **11. General Business:**

Number of positions at school is with DET however there are some interviews coming up which Mr Raskall has requested parents participate in. The positions are for Personal Development Health and Physical Education (PDHPE), Technology and Applied Science (TAS), Teaching School Administrative Officer (TSIO) and a Second Deputy Principal focusing on teaching and learning.

The school bus would be about \$150,000 and requires a specially licenced driver. Could be loan or lease paid by school, however property of DET. There are only 2 types of models that DET allows.

Parents asked for key dates for assessments etc and were advised that all dates are in the assessment booklets distributed at the beginning of the year – or contact school.

A discussion was requested in relation to phone use in classrooms – this will be held over till next meeting.

There is a Study Skills for parents being held prior to P&C on 19<sup>th</sup> March in library from 6.

#### **12. Next Ordinary Meeting**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 7.00pm following Annual AGM.

#### **13. Meeting closed: 8.40pm**

## **P & C Meeting**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

1. Welcome to all, especially new parents, particularly parents of Year 7 students. Welcome back to our more experienced parents, with boys in other year groups.

2. Upgrade update. No communication from Schools Infrastructure.

Wrap up of 2018 events that have not been noted as yet, as last meeting was 20<sup>th</sup> November:

3. Year 10 Work Experience (Mr Dimopoulos, Careers Advisor) – November 2018. Well attended by most students. Feedback was varied. Some very informative and some not positive.
4. QLD HSIE Trip (Year 9 HSIE, HT HSIE – Marie Harris) was held in November. Great trip. Students were outstanding and many compliments from public and guides etc. Batoul Al-Anbagi coordinated and did a great job.
5. Year 6 into 7 Transition program was well received by parents. Therese Betros, HT Science, did a great job coordinating this process.
6. White Ribbon Walk with SRC was great. David Warner walked with us and chatted with the students, who were a little ‘star struck’. School Captain, Veron Singh, was one of 5 students who hosted the event.
7. 27<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4 visits from local Primary Schools. Close to 350 students. Melissa Olsen, HT CAPA PD/H/PE coordinated the event.
8. Orientation Day 4<sup>th</sup> December. Well attended and students seemed to thoroughly enjoy the experience.
9. 13<sup>th</sup> December – Sports Presentation day. Excellent event. NSW Waratahs (2 + coach) attended – Curtis Rona and Jed Halloway – they presented our students with awards and spoke of the Waratahs ethos.
10. 14<sup>th</sup> December – Presentation Day – Superb event. Many students recognised. I would like to thank the P & C for assisting with a donation for prizes. Much appreciated. 2018 – English faculty were in charge. Emma Payne, HT English coordinated and the faculty did an amazing job.

11. December 17 – Year 12 ATAR BBQ. Year 12 students return and inform us of their ATAR. It is a nice way to end their schooling and enjoy a BBQ with them in an informal setting.

12. Ganellen proposal for site where P & C/garden club compost is located.

13. 2019 Enrolments are very strong:

Yr 7 – 120

Yr 8 – 117

Yr 9 – 116

Yr 10 – 91

Yr 11 – 89

Yr 12 – 81

Total = 614

14. Year 7 have settled extremely well. On the whole, are in class, engaged and happy. We are very happy with how mature they seem and the way they have adapted to High School. Year 7 Camp to Wyee will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March (week 7)

15. Other years have also started very well and have impressed all with their engagement and commitment. Yes, it is early days; however, we are confident, with the quality of student in these year groups, that this will continue.

16. Year 7 Clap In – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Amazing tradition of welcoming our newest ‘Randwick Boys’ to the school. We also clap Year 12 ‘out’ of the school on the morning of their graduation.

17. Year 7 swim school – has been working well during sport. Phil Noreika, sports coordinator and PD/H/PE teacher, does a great job coordinating all things sport.

18. Swimming Carnival – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Well attended and participation was pleasing. I can assure everyone that students were reminded to wear a hat, sunscreen etc during assembly before they left, on the permission note and over the loud speaker at the pool. Some parents reported their son was sunburnt following the carnival

19. Incursion – Study Skills – Year 8, 9, 11 and 12 was held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February. From the assessments at the end, they were mostly well received. Year 7 and 10 will participate later in the term.

Upcoming events –

- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> March – Year 11 have the chance to change one subject of study for Year 11 and 12 (2020)
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Meet the Teacher and welcome BBQ. 5pm in hall. INFORMAL evening for parents in all year groups, particularly Year 7 parents to meet the teachers and other parents.
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Summer Sport Finals. Various venues
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Sydney Symphony Orchestra performance for students and parents. M Olsen i/c
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Year 9 have the chance to change one of their electives for Year 9 and 10 (2020)
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Open Night 5.30pm – 7.30pm – School Hall
- 7<sup>th</sup> March (proposed date) - Fundraiser event 'Colour Run'. L Pappin i/c on oval. Last Year money was raised for the 'Kelly Foundation' and presented to Mrs Kelly for the foundation
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Vaccination Program for students. Details to follow. Tess cassar i/c
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Study Skills Parent Information evening in Library 6pm (before P & C AGM).

General Business:

Possible parent participation on four panels (if we are able to proceed to advertisement)

1. Second Deputy Principal (from Term 2)
2. TSO Technical Support Officer (computer network etc)
3. TAS – replacing Paul Bunn who has retired
4. PD/H/PE – replacing Paul Brown who was promoted to HT PDHPE at another school.