



PLC Boarders Parent Group - Meeting Minutes Thursday 19th October 2023

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Online: Microsoft Teams

Minutes: Carolyn Farr

Attendees: Lamia Rockwell, Carolyn Burgess, Katie White, Edwina Beveridge, Carolyn Farr, Sally Martin, Kylie Levy, Edwina Payne, Kim & Bertie Stanley, Justen Schofield, Sarah Kirkby, Candice Woo, Prue Ritchie, Dave Armstrong, Andrew & Elsbeth Craig, Tom Toynton, Alina Azar, Anne and Julian McDermott, Kate Lisle, Jodie Batman, Leah Graham, Adam Mitchell, Alana Kerin, Monique Pointon

Apologies

Kerry Roberts, Gicinta Browning, Laurance Barlow, Cole Levy, Ben Suttor, Ashley Hawkins, Lauren Robertson, Jessica Williams, Andrew Hillsdon, Jane Hillsdon, Frida Pilkington, Matt Tallentire, Anna Whyte, Tam & Dave Warren,

Minutes

Welcome: Edwina Beveridge: BPG President.

Welcome to attendees, Special thanks to all Year 12 Parents who have been involved and volunteered with BPG over the years. Overview of Meeting/Agenda.

Boarding Update

Lamia Rockwell: Deputy Principal

- Thank you to Parents.
- Great start to Term 4 – busy term with HSC and yearly exams. The girls in Lang House are very calm and ready for exams.

Carolyn Burgess: Director of Boarding

- Goodlet & Marden girls are also busy with yearly exam blocks and “Love It” activities. e.g., Year 7 girls watching the Pymble Drama performance, Balmoral Beach outings. Proud of the way the girls respect each other's quiet times/spaces for study.
- 2024 Year 7's sleepovers coming up on 27th October and 10th November.
- Professional Development tour of the USA from 3rd November, in conjunction with the American Boarding Association. Visiting boarding schools in the US. Looking forward to making connections for exchange opportunities and ideas.
- Avonmoore update: Awaiting fire safety compliance on 27/10/23. Confident it will be open for 2024 cohort start in late January. Hannah Thornton is the Avonmoore Prefect.
- Vertical Boarding Survey: Katie shared PowerPoint of results and spoke about:
- Flexibility of rooming: Year 11's & 12's have their own room, Year 10 with 1-2 per room and Year 8 & 9 with 2-3-4 per room, family connections to house.
- Houses will allow age groups to be grouped together, staggered bedtimes, manage noise & girls able to make connections with different ages/years. Girls will still see other House girls during dining, evening study, love-it program, day school. Leadership opportunities.

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- House allocations will be sent to girls and parents next week. Room allocations will be provided in January 2024.
- Encouraged parent communication and asked parents to be encouraging to daughters during the settling in period. Changes may be made depending on dynamics.
- Staffing: 2024 staffing remains the same. House titles will change to:
 - Head of House
 - Deputy Head of House
 - Assistant Head of House
- Big Sister Program: Applications open
- Parking: Unfortunately, no increase.
- Technology: Educating girls to be responsible and safe online. More access is given as girls get older.
- Dining room: Food improvement but encouraging girls to document issues. Spirit House Circles on Tuesday nights.
- Please email any questions to Carolyn.

Garden Party Wrap Up: Edwina Beveridge: BPG President

- Thank you to all the parents who helped with donations, setting up/packing up, volunteering time on stalls.
- Special thanks to the Garden Party Committee led by Kylie Levy and to Shane & Tessa McLaughlin for Hillbilly Cider.
- Profit \$17,396
- Garden Party raffle made \$4,500 which is included in the profit.
- Location: May have affected profit (less than 2022 profit \$22,000), but the atmosphere and socialising for boarding families was positive. It was great to see.

BPG Social Committee: Edwina Beveridge: BPG President

- Welcome new members to the committee at any time.
- This group will suggest and organise events. Including parent only weekends, mother/daughter & father/daughter events, end of year, start of year events etc.

Finance: Edwina Beveridge: Edwina Beveridge: BPG President

- Currently there is \$186,000 in BPG account.
- This amount is from BPG predecessors who fundraised over previous years and Garden Party profits. The suggestion is for the money to be used towards a BPG scholarship.

Boarding Parent Group Scholarship: Edwina Beveridge: BPG President

- Carolyn spoke of the scholarships already available through the school. These scholarships are application based.
- Edwina: spoke of the BPG scholarship being for \$30,000. The school would administer the application process and the criteria would be the same but would be awarded to the "next in line" in the enrolment process stage eg: 1 x Year 7 student who missed a school scholarship, would receive the BPG scholarship at \$5,000 per year totaling \$30,000 over the course of study (yr 7-12) or 1 x Year 10 student would receive \$10,000 over the course of study (yr 10-12).

General Business:

Nothing arising

Meeting finished: 8:11pm