

## P&C Project Funding Shortlist – 2013

Comments below each item in RED are the decisions from the AGM.

The following shortlist of projects seeks to enhance Manly Selective Campus. The shortlist was compiled after a tour of the grounds with Ms Meg Tulk on Sunday, November 18 2012. The list represents what the executive thought were the projects most in need of addressing, drawing on input from parents, students and staff. It also draws on the Grounds Masterplan which was developed in 2009/10.

The following executive members were present:

Meg Tulk, Bill Hawkins, Meron Clark, Alison Auld, Nicola Elliott, Peter Jeremy, Michelle de Vries Robbe and David Nord.

### **Item 1: Band Shelving**

Students involved in the band program at MSC have traditionally left their instruments in the “instrument room” in the office area after their rehearsals. These are generally picked up at the end of the day. Currently, due to lack of space in the current store room, instruments are left on the floor in the corridor creating an OH&S risk. Custom made shelving has been suggested to alleviate the problem. It was proposed that shelving be re-replaced in the current store room and also provided in the corridor which runs parallel to the hall. This second space will be shared with students involved in the musical and will be custom built so that the shared arrangement will work. Discussions on how best to use the space allowed and funds available is on going.

BUDGET: \$8000 **Approved at AGM**

### **Item 2: High Resolves Program**

The High Resolves program is a Global Citizen program delivered to all Year 8 students aimed at developing citizenship and leadership skills. The program continues into Year 9 where the focus shifts slightly to include project management skills with students forming small groups and developing a hands on project with findings being delivered at a school level. In Year 10, students have to apply and be selected to continue with the program; approximately 40 students have made application for 2013. The hands on projects now broadens to become community action projects, 2013 will see our first group participate at this level.

High Resolves [www.highresolves.org](http://www.highresolves.org) is a not-for profit, non religious organisation. MSC teachers who act as facilitators for this program are trained by the organisation before each phase is implemented. Feedback from students and teachers is extremely positive and Ms Tulk highly recommends this initiative as an integral part of the values education program at MSC.

The P&C funded this program in 2012.

BUDGET: \$12000 **Approved at AGM**

### **Item 3: Seating Along Basketball Court**

Install a long seat/wall below the grass slope between the basketball courts and the canteen with planting of suitable shade trees. These items have been on the Masterplan for the school which was created some years ago but never actioned.

BUDGET: \$15000 **Approved at AGM**

#### **Item 4: Quad Seating**

The current (unfixed, shaded) seating (x 8) in the quad is on the list for replacement. Ms Tulk has looked at refurbishing the seating but has been advised that it “too far gone” for this. Part of the aim is also to enhance the look and feel of the quad as a central focus for the school. The executive committee believe that the seating should be replaced with a quality product and are investigating types/styles/construction materials further.

BUDGET: \$12000 **Approved at AGM**

#### **Item 5: New Basketball Towers**

Two of the three basketball courts on campus have towers (pole, backboard) that require replacement. The budget covers removal of the four current poles (digging up concrete, etc) and installation of new quality product. These courts are very popular with the students and in constant use at recess, lunch and during Wednesday sport.

BUDGET: \$10000 **Amended to \$12,000 and approved at AGM**

#### **Item 6: Purchase and installation of four table tennis tables**

Following the success of the Year 12 2012 gift to the school of an outdoor table tennis table installed at “the slab” (Year 12 only area), Ms Tulk has suggested the purchase of four similar tables to be placed in a suitable location near the TAS building. Bats and balls will be available for borrowing from the library. The tables may be used by students at recess and lunch and during sport on Wednesday. The school is keen to promote and provide opportunities for physical activity.

BUDGET: \$6000 **This and other potential sporting facilities such as fencing or cricket nets to be further investigated and views canvassed before proceeding when funds allow.**

#### **Item 7: Bushlink (Supported Open Employment Project)**

Bush Regeneration work to Sandstone Heath Bushland that exists on MSC grounds has been carried out for the past year by Bushlink (part of Northside Enterprises). This organisation trains, supports and pays adults with a disability to work on this site. The workers are supervised and are assisted by volunteer parents. This not only helps to maintain an important bushland reserve on the school grounds but also reflects the “giving back to the community” as part of MSC’s ethos. The P&C have been proud to be associated with the Bushlink team thus far. It is also run by a current school parent and supported by a group of parents who work alongside the Bushlink crew. More can be learnt of Bushlink on their website <http://www.northside-enterprise.org.au> .

BUDGET: \$10000 **Amended to \$7,500 on basis of quote from Northside and approved at AGM**

#### **Item 8: Improvements to school’s entrance**

Improvements to signage and aesthetics of the entrance to school (Abbott Road) have been suggested. Improvements include the widening of the entrance, hedging and more signs at the entrance and at other entry points to better direct visitors to the school whether they be parents, guests of the school, deliverers of supplies, new students, etc.

BUDGET: \$5000 **To be pursued if funds available as other projects are completed.**

**Item 9: Courtyard off foyer**

There is a small courtyard outside of the main foyer area. It would be a useful “spillover” area during high use times including Orientation Day, Musicals, Parent Information evenings, Musical Performance Evenings. An upgrade of the area is thought necessary to make this space more useable and pleasant/appealing. Improvements include: laserlite cover, cleaning up of the concrete surface/stencilling and some potted plants.

BUDGET: \$10000 **Not approved at AGM**