

New P&C Projects for 2015

The following are further details of the more significant projects proposed for 2015. 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.

Item 1: Curriculum support

The P&C wishes to continue to support the High Resolves program - a Global Citizen program which is delivered to all Year 8, 9 and 10 students aimed at developing citizenship and leadership skills. MSC teachers acted as facilitators for this program and were trained by the external organisation which ran it.

This has been part of the curriculum enrichment activities for several years and is highly valued by staff and students.

BUDGET: \$10,000

Item 2: Bushlink (Supported Open Employment Project)

Bush Regeneration work to Sandstone Heath Bushland that exists on MSC grounds has been carried out for the past 4 years 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>.

It is recommended we continue to support this program, in conjunction with the school.

BUDGET: \$5,000

Item 3: Teaching & Learning Innovation Fund

This idea is still in draft form and some key areas of detail, such as the specific criteria, are still to be finalised. However, it has received very strong in principle support from both those at the P&C meetings and the school executive. An outline follows:

Purpose

- To encourage and support project, initiatives, innovations to enhance the teaching and learning capability with in MSC

Applications

- Applications for funds to support a specific initiative are welcomed from any member of the teaching staff at MSC
- Applications can be made at any time, there is no set timetable
- A staff member can make as many applications as they wish, provided they meet the criteria
- There is no specific amount that must be applied for
- Application process
 - Develop idea in consultation with faculty, school executive and HT Learning & development and gain sponsorship from the School Exec
 - Submit application

- Preliminary evaluation review group (P&C Exec plus School Principal)(this **after** the school exec has agreed to support the proposal)
- Address any questions raised
- Submit final application to review group for recommendation
- Present at P&C meeting for endorsement and decision

Criteria

There could be a set of essential criteria and a more flexible set any one or combination of would be favourably considered, eg:

- Adding to T&L capacity in MSC
- Application across faculties
- Relevant to all years
- Tangible results in the classroom
- Longevity – how long the impact will continue
- Alignment with MSC strategic plan priorities

It may also be good not to have too many criteria which might overly constrain the thinking about what is possible. I see this as a bit of a learning exercise where we want to encourage lots of ideas in the beginning (albeit with some guidance) to see what is possible. As suitable projects then emerge this will help both staff to focus their thinking and all of us to expand our boundaries.

BUDGET: \$10,000