



MANLY SELECTIVE CAMPUS- PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

President's Report - Annual General Meeting – 26th November 2014

As I reflect on the year just past and read my report from last year, it is hard not to be very succinct and restrict this year's report to "ditto". However, I will do more than that, since although it is true that once again we have had a great year at the school and many people have once again contributed so much to making it so, there are some specific things that deserve special mention.

So first to the generalities.

Another busy year for students, staff and parents. Lots of work on a number of projects in the grounds, the canteen continues its superb service, the uniform store, the range of regular functions we organise and support throughout the year and countless hours of volunteering by a huge range of people have all been evident again.

This is an opportunity to pay tribute to all the efforts of the many and to thank everyone for their continued support. Every day time and experience and funding are generously contributed to the school by so many. It is this support for our students, their teachers and the school which makes such a difference to the whole community here at MSC and it is enormously valued and appreciated.

Again this year the P&C has continued its regular support of many school activities:

- Numerous improvement projects in the grounds, including ongoing engagement of Northside Enterprises to maintain the bushland.
- Financial support for High Resolves.
- Grants through the P&C Excellence Fund which supports students representing the school at State and National levels in any area
- Maintaining contact with past students through the alumni committee.
- Providing input and support on Library, Technology and Finance Committees.
- Running a second hand uniform store.
- Our superb Canteen.
- Key student/parent events like the Yr 7 welcome, Yr 12 farewell, Orientation day morning tea and School Open Day. The school does a great job in welcoming and celebrating our students through their school experience, but it is important that we also connect with the parents and bring them into the community.
- Over and above all this parents give their time to represent the school on college advisory groups, regional P&C forums, staff selection panels and the student entry selection process.



Some particular items worthy of special notice are:

- One of the largest and certainly best working bees I have ever seen organised. Not only did we have a huge turn out, but David Nord had planned and prepared everything so well in advance that everyone had precise tasks, and all the tools and materials necessary. Together with several parents with professional experience and equipment, the “Nord Army” achieved a huge amount and the grounds have never looked better.
- A robotics club has been started this year, led by Carlo Manfredini which has proved very popular and I am sure will go from strength to strength.
- BYOD (bring your own device) became a reality this year as the DEC laptop scheme for year 9 came to end. A lot of work was done in behind the scenes by staff and parents, considering the best option going forward and ensuring the technology in the school was going to support our needs.
- A superb social and fund raising event in Term 2 at the Manly Golf Club which was a terrific evening. Driven by the Band Committee this event proved to be a showcase for some of our talented young players, a chance to socialise and get to know other parents and staff and a lot of fun. Great venue, great food, great music.
- As we go to press, work has commenced on the improving the entrances to the school, providing a better “street presence” and better signage.

Once again it is important to acknowledge the contribution of those who have moved on this year as Yr12 has come and gone for them:

- Meron Clark has contributed so much time and expertise to the school over the 6 years she has been a parent here – first with the band and then for more than 4 years as Vice President of the P&C. She has been a great supporter of the school and me personally.
- Dorothy Kennedy had been active with the P&C for many years too and has looked after website in later times.
- Cathy Hockey has always been a great help with the grounds and whilst no longer a parent at the school will continue her involvement through the Northside Enterprises work looking after the bushland.
- Tim Gleeson has made a major contribution auditing the canteen and P&C accounts. Beyond simply “checking the books” Tim has invested an enormous amount of time and expertise in improving how we manage and account for our funds so that we are better set up than ever for future years.

A huge thank you to all of you from all of us!

Finally, as always, it is important to make two further acknowledgments.

First to all the staff in the school who support the P&C activities in many ways and do such a fantastic job teaching, leading and inspiring our students. The school executive are always available to help out and guide and the admin team led by Judy Boylan do a priceless job too.



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Second, the members of the P&C Exec who fulfil vital roles in making sure this all happens without too much mishap and that the responsibilities of the P&C are met. Thank you to them all.

All the best,

Bill Hawkins
P&C President