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## **P&C Minutes 30th May 2022**

**Meeting Opens:** 5.30 pm with Welcome to Country by Kris.

**Attendance:** Kris Hill, Luke Woodward, Belinda Marr, Dimity McKinlay, Ayumi Hayashi, Kerrie Pimm, Sonya Gibbons, Andrew Logan, Megan Bennett, Lidas Lucken, Heike Gottschlich, Zoe Schlatter, Luke Asha, Joye Spinks, Jen Parke, Nicole Pratt, Cass Duckett.

**Apologies** - Philip Courtney, Laila Page, Kathrin P.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Motion by to accept the minutes by Lisa and seconded by Cass.

### **Business arising from minutes of last meeting:**

#### Hemp t-shirts

The hemp T-shirts were damaged in the Lismore flood. Two community members (Simon and Andreas) washed the shirts so they could be distributed to flood affected students.

The white shirts had been sent back for replacement. 180 will be replaced. There are an extra 53 shirts available for purchase in all, including some grey. The motion was put forward by Joye to order the 233 shirts in addition to 200 grey and 200 red shirts. Sonya seconded the motion. The feedback from students has been very positive. Joye put forward the motion to sell the shirts at a reduced price of \$35. Sonya seconded the motion.

#### Yondr pouches

The school has offered to meet the cost of the Yonder pouches/ system that was damaged as a result of the flood.

### **Correspondence:**

Cass confirmed that there had been correspondence from the ACNC (Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission) regarding outstanding financial reports for 2019 and 2020. Cass and Kris confirmed that the ACNC and ATO had been approached to verify whether the P&C should retain its charity status as it no longer operates the canteen. The ATO confirmed that annual Tax Returns would need to be submitted by an Accountant should the P&C not be a charity. For that reason, it was agreed to get the financial reports completed in order to retain charity status. Cass will liaise with Luke and Kris to get the reports submitted.

### **General Business:**

N/A this meeting as it was addressed by the President and Principals reports.

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### **President's report:**

Kris confirmed that she and Cass attended the Incoming yr 7 2023 Information Night on Thursday 12th May. There were 4-5 parents that were quite keen to join the P&C next year which is promising.

Luke ,Cass,Joye and Kris met up on 10th May and audited the financial years records which were found to be balanced and correct.

Kris acknowledged the amazing amount of time and effort that Luke,Belinda ,Dimity ,teachers and all school staff have given to our community and students in the aftermath of Lismore's devastating floods.

### **Principal's Report:**

#### Lismore floods

Luke acknowledged the devastating experience of the floods and its significant impact on the school community. Richmond River High School was hugely affected. The school has been an icon in the area for over 100 years. The losses at the school site are significant for everyone.

The installation of the demountable classrooms is progressing. It is hoped that some buildings will start to be used this term. The Engineering space in SCU is also being utilised with positive feedback from students.

The animals will be returning to the Lake Street site very soon. As yet, no decision has been made with regards to the rest of the site. A community meeting will be held by the Asset Management Unit (Department of Education) within the next few weeks. Luke will distribute their contact number to the P&C. Questions can also be directed to Luke via e-mail.

Luke confirmed that it was a godsend that flood affected kids could be supplied with the hemp t-shirts after the flood. Belinda and Dimity distributed uniforms to students. They have also been travelling up to the Gold Coast to source uniforms, lunchboxes, diaries etc for students.

There have been donations to the school from numerous sources; youth groups, schools, Share the Dignity, Schools Plus, Given vouchers, church and community groups and Vouch for Lismore. The Teacher's bank has also donated \$10,000 to flood affected teachers.

The school made the decision to feed students at school for the weeks following the flood. Many flood-affected students were unable to provide lunches at this time and it was extended to the whole school.

River Rat shirts have been distributed to teachers. The River Rats were a team that would clean up the school after a flood.

#### Year 7 Advisor for 2023

Christy Sulek will be the Year 7 Advisor next year.

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### Welfare and Discipline Policy

Luke confirmed that The new policy has been implemented and included feedback/ recommendations from the P&C. There has been a reduced number of entries on Central since its implementation. Positive reinforcement of the policy is having good results with students. The policy will be reviewed at the end of Term 2.

### Merit Selection Panels

Parent representatives will be needed for the upcoming Merit Selection Panels for General Assistant and Head Teacher roles.

### Q&A: Post-flood questions from parents

(see also Principal's Report for additional information)

### Short term

Home learning day: How long is it expected to continue for years 7 to 10? What is the expectation of students on this day?

*Luke outlined that the circumstances for each family post-flood are very different. The "Learning from home" hub can be accessed by students on their day at home. This is linked from the Department of Education website.*

*Special note was made of Paula Moverley's amazing work at putting together a new timetable for the new location so that all kids could attend the same site 4 days per week.*

What consideration will be given to current Year 12 and Year 11 students with regards to their HSC, given the impacts on the flood on learning. Could there be additional "make up" classes?

*Luke confirmed that students will be given extra time in their timetable to ensure they cover what they need to. The Year 12 assessments have been re-scheduled and the Year 11 assessments are due to be re-scheduled in the next week. NESAs has extended the dates significantly for assessments. Teachers for both these year groups will be running extra activities to assist students with their studies and the school is working with NESAs to put together information for all students.*

How can we ensure ongoing support for the wellbeing of our teaching staff and support staff as they transition to a temporary school? Is the P&C able to provide any support i.e. writing letters to local MPs etc?

*The P&C offered to assist staff to pick up supplies for students and teachers. It was suggested that the P&C be provided with a list of items they could assist with i.e. the purchase of a microwave for the staff room.*

### Medium term

Can the classroom environment in the demountables be made welcoming for students? Could the P&C be involved to support this, either financially or by donating time/ help?

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*P&C would like to be notified if it can do anything to help make the environment fun and engaging for students. It was confirmed that many resources have been ordered for classrooms and are currently in storage containers.*

### Long term

Is there a long term view that the school may need to be moved to an alternative location? If so, how can the school community become involved in this discussion?

*The AMU community forum will provide parents with the opportunity to ask these questions.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Nil report this meeting. The report will form part of the AGM.

Meeting close: 6.20 pm

**Next meeting: TBC. Luke and Cass to arrange a suitable date in Term 3 on a Tuesday. Cass will notify via e-mail.**