



RECTOR'S REPORT TO P & F Meeting No.3 June 2017

Prayer

Loving God
of Mercy and Compassion,
as the Padua College community
celebrates its life
may we continue to live
in the spirit of St Francis,
bestowing generosity
and kindness to all,
especially the poor and vulnerable,
and treasuring our fragile earth
in all its beauty and wonder.

This prayer we make through Christ our Brother and our Lord.

Amen

REPORT

- **Greccio Landscaping Project**

- Project to begin these coming holidays but not expected to be completed until September
- Including containment of any exposed areas of soil and mulch
- Climbing and/or outdoor gym equipment included in proposed works
- Seating areas and artificial grass under the trees
- Area will remain fenced until project is completed
- Any earth works will happen outside of school hours

- **AIC Review of Sport**

- Heads of AIC Sport have voted to review the AIC sporting program
- Review is a comprehensive review of participation rates, costs, sports played and the sporting calendar
- Parents will have an opportunity to contribute to the review
- A review was called for 2 years ago by Heads of Colleges and Sports Coordinators.
- Review will look to the future with the new Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and tertiary entrance systems.

- **College Calendar 2018**

- We are currently looking at the calendar for 2018 with the view of including more programmed Professional Learning Days for staff.

- Current Calendar has 5 Days in Total – 3 in January before school resumes, 1 on the first day of Semester 2 and the QCAA Day (State wide) on October 16.
 - As part of this calendar review there has been discussion around the Exhibition Holidays in August – the extra two days (Thursday and Friday), the use of day one of Semester 2 (July Day).
 - A comparison of other AIC Colleges – A week of staff professional learning in July (making it a three week break)
- **Report on the Learning Nest**
 - A positive response by students
 - Monday and Wednesdays (non-training days) around 80 students each afternoon.
 - Other afternoons around the mid 40s.
 - Positive feedback from students, parents and staff
 - The publication of the 'The Eagle' – The learning Bulletin has also been well received.
- **Confraternity 2018**
 - Everything is on track with 48 Colleges coming to our College for a Rugby League carnival in the first week of the coming holiday
 - Begins with an Opening Ceremony and Mass on Sunday June 25
 - Volunteers are still required to assist with food stalls and car parking
- **Coming changes under the new Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and tertiary entrance systems.**
 - Current Year 9 students will be the first cohort to graduate under the new system in 2020.
 - New Syllabuses in every Senior Subject including the introduction of new subject offerings.
 - Mix of school based and external assessment. Greater rigour around school assessment procedures and the introduction of External Exams (Worth 25 % in most subjects – 50 % in Math and Science Subjects)
 - Significant Investment by the State in teacher professional learning – 780 workshops across the State with 27 000 participants – all fully funded.
 - College is making good progress in preparing for this change – Teachers have been involved in QCAA trials, professional learning days.
 - College will introduce a new Learning Framework this year. Designed around 'expected and effective' practices in all classrooms. This framework supports the syllabus construct of the new QCAA subject syllabuses.
 - Currently undertaking a review of College timetable structure in line with the Colleges Learning Framework.
- **Strategic Plan Update**
 - Work has continued on the Strategic Plan. The College SLT has met with Damien. All stakeholders including the Definitory, P&F, Board, Local Friars, Student Leaders and staff have been engaged in Phase 1 of Consultation.

- We are still on track for a draft strategic plan to go out for further consultation in Term 3. The Plan will be launched in Term 4.
- **Staffing Update.**
 - Maria- Nella Di Mauro has resigned – As at the end of Term 2.
 - Mark Taylor is on Long Service Leave for all of Term 3.
 - Chris Webb is on Long Service Leave from July 24 until August 25.
 - New swim coach to be appointed for Term 3. Interviews completed.

Peace and all good,

Peter Elmore