

Parent Advisory Minutes



Date and Time

4/06/2025, 5:00 PM

Venue

OLSS Library

MEETING ATTENDEES

- Maria Kennedy
- Laura Wales
- Father Vince Casey
- Heidi Bridger
- Bronwyn Maley
- Emily Goodworth
- Heidi Gibbs
- Jessica Piper
- Rebecca Walters
- Meabh Dalton

Apologies

- Tracey Meares
- Nicole Royston
- Kristy Small
- Catherine Kruze
- Lee Wallis
- Chris Ohlback
- Paula Schmidt
- David Dworjanyn

Principal Report - Maria Kennedy

- **Building Update**
 - Stage 1 of the new building is complete with only a few minor finishing touches remaining
 - Stage 2 is expected to be completed by Term 2.
 - The official opening will be coordinated by CSBB to ensure availability of all invited dignitaries.
- **Temporary Toilets and Site Safety**
 - Temporary toilet areas are receiving **additional supervision**.
 - **Fencing** has been installed behind the toilets, and **safety mirrors** have been strategically placed to enhance supervision and safety.
 - All **tradespeople** on site operate under **strict safety guidelines** and are managed by the **site supervisor**.

Principal Report - Maria Kennedy cont.

- **Playground Supervision and Student Safety**

- Playground supervision is **constantly reviewed and adjusted** as needed.
- The **Project Star Team** is currently developing updated expectations for behaviour and use of all areas once the full site is reopened.
- In the meantime, **expectations are consistently communicated** to all staff, including casual teachers.

- **2026 Enrolments**

- **First round offers** will be emailed on **19 June 2025**.
- Once again, we are **oversubscribed**, which unfortunately means some families will miss out.

- **Compass Communication Platform**

- Compass is for information only.
- Comments are disabled on the platform as per CSBB policy, to avoid misinformation and the need for ongoing moderation.
- Queries should be directed to the school via email or phone.

- **Drainage and Oval Use Concerns**

- Ongoing issues with **oval drainage** were discussed. Recent construction may be contributing to water retention.
- Concerns include:
 - Excess water after rain, even after sunny periods.
 - Inadequate pipework or blockage.
 - Retention systems possibly overloaded or ineffective.
- School leadership is investigating and has raised this with CSBB and building contractors.
- Oval remains largely unusable during wet periods, impacting outdoor activities.
- Senior Undercroft and Basketball court are utilised in these times

- **Parent-Teacher Interview Feedback**

- Request for **longer interviews** and **pre-meeting summaries** was discussed.
- School position:
 - Due to teacher workload, summaries will not be sent home prior to interviews.
 - 10-minute slots are generally adequate, and parents are always welcome to request additional meetings.
 - Teachers are proactive and available to meet beyond formal interview nights.

- **Uniform Update**

- **New school jackets** (sizes 8–10) are now available, though not yet listed on the supplier website. Larger sizes are coming.
- Communication gap acknowledged; information will now be disseminated via Compass.
- Suggestion for unisex uniform shirt was raised but deferred for future consideration due to complexity of uniform changes.
- School encourages use of second hand uniforms and offers support for families in need.

- **Student Awards**

- **Bronze Awards** (10 green cards): Celebrated in-class and at assembly, but no individual parent notification due to volume.
- **Silver and higher awards**: Parents will be notified and invited to assembly.
- The behaviour system, including green/yellow/red cards, has been effective in promoting positive behaviours.

Parish News - Father Vince

- **Camp Australia Holiday Program**

- At this stage it is not viable for the Parish to have Camp Australia run a holiday program.

School Marketing Officer - Rachel Way

- **New Website Preview**

- A preview of the **new school website** was presented.
- Features: cleaner design, improved navigation, user-friendly access to enrolment, events, policies, and calendar.
- Launch pending final approval.
- Feedback will be welcomed once it goes live.

- **Proposed Community Event/Fundraiser: "Movie under the Stars"**

- Twilight movie night planned for October (post-school holidays).
- Will replace the larger scale "Fair by the Sea".
- Family-friendly event with food, performances, and an outdoor movie.
- Potential for fundraising and community-building.
- Volunteers needed for security, parking, and general assistance.
- Committee to be formed – expressions of interest welcome

Parent Engagement Coordinator - Heidi Bridger

- **Expectations from Parents in Church**

- It was raised regarding incorporating what students are learning in Project Star regarding Church behaviours to be modelled by parents when attending Mass and liturgies. Heidi advised that we are currently working on a document with Father Vince and will be shared to parents on Church etiquette

OTHER

- School Photos
 - Feedback received on:
 - Rising **photo costs**.
 - Discontinuation of **traditional class group photos**.
 - Decision:
 - **Group photos** may be reconsidered for next year.
 - School open to exploring new photography vendors for cost-effectiveness

NEXT MEETING

- Term 3 - Week 6 | 27 August