

St Bede's Principal's Newsletter 4: 27.3.16

Thank you to all those parents who attended one of the two Information Sessions last Tuesday evening at the East Maitland Bowling Club. It was a great opportunity to share with you some of the plans and progress that will see St Bede's College ready for business for incoming Year 7 students from Day 1 next year.

As per my email last week, I thank all those parents, students and parishioners who contributed to the consultation process which led to the development of a Foundation Plan which was launched at these meetings. Additional copies of this Foundation Plan can be collected at the Office at 39 Heritage Drive Chisholm or alternatively can be emailed to you upon request. The responses to the evaluation survey that was sent last week will assist us in our future planning. If you haven't completed this short survey as yet, please click on the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/St_Bedes_Parent_Information_Survey

In addition to the launch of the Foundation Plan, there was the outline of the rationale behind the visual identity of the College which included the research behind the recommendations given to Bishop Bill on the school colours, motto and crest. The colour palette will be black/grey as the base colour and violet and then to a lesser extent gold/yellow as the support colours.



As a follow-up to the presentation on the building design and a progress report on Stage One of the building works, I will attempt to keep you up-dated on its progress. Whereas it may appear that progress is slow due to such a wet March, a lot of work is being done that would normally be completed at the back-end of the project. This will mean that progress once the preparation work is completed will be much quicker than most normal building projects. For those who have not yet viewed the fly through video on the design of the campus site, please click on the following link: <https://youtu.be/VM5sdWkZljQ>

I will keep you posted on progress and up-coming events it is anticipated next term that we launch a St Bede's web-site and the confirmed visual Identity of the College. Consultation with the parents and students in regards to the uniform design will be on-going in coming weeks. Preparation has also begun for our first full meeting of all enrolled students early next term at a venue to be announced.

As outlined at the meetings, enrolment applications are now being processed. With the submission of a fully completed enrolment application by the specified date from the two feeder schools, St Aloysius Chisholm and Our Lady of Lourdes Tarro, guaranteeing their enrolment, interview priority has been given to students within the assigned geographical boundaries from non-feeder schools. One-on-one meeting with the feeder school families will occur before the end of the year but can be arranged beforehand if there are particular issues you would like to discuss.

After sharing the news story of our first non-feeder school student being enrolled, I have gained the permission of the other non-feeder school students who have been offered and accepted a place for next year. Below is a short profile of each of these students who will bring their own gifts and unique personalities to our community.



Elissa Trlifaj is currently at Thornton Public School. She loves playing netball and singing and is excited about the leadership and public speaking opportunities that will come in being the first year group at St Bede's.



Billy Bowen is currently at St Joseph's East Maitland. He is a House Sport Captain and enjoys cricket, soccer and music.



Eaden Dawson is currently at Iona Public School. She is the School Captain and is a good public speaker. Eaden loves netball and swimming.



Jett Lee is currently at St Joseph's East Maitland. Jett enjoys soccer and skiing and is also a House Captain.



Marcus Legaspi is currently at St Michael's Nelson's Bay. Marcus is very interested in Astronomy and is looking forward to doing Science classes. Marcus likes digital media, sketching and tennis.



Tamia Perrett is currently at Thornton Public School. Tamia is the Vice-Captain of her house. She loves dance, netball and is looking forward to leadership opportunities at St Bede's.



Molly Wilson is currently enrolled at St Joseph's Primary School Dungog. Molly enjoys reading, writing, art and running and is looking forward to exploring the range of learning opportunities that will be offered at the College.

The sharing of the stories of our future confirmed enrolments from the non-feeder schools will continue to be shared over coming weeks, before then sharing the stories of each of our feeder school students later on in the year after their enrolment interviews.

John Murphy
Principal

