

Dear Fitzroy High School Community,

School Councillors have been busy this term organising and being involved in focus groups, compass feedback and upcoming events.

School Council sincerely thanks all parents who participated in our **Parent Focus Groups** during the 3 way conferences. The information gathered is being assessed for the school review stage of our strategic plan and has provided valuable feedback.

We also gratefully thank all parents, students and staff who completed the **Compass Reports Feedback**. This information has been collated and will be assessed by the teaching staff and Education subcommittee during Term 4. Meanwhile, the reporting and assessment process will remain relatively the same with the aim to use these valuable insights to fine tune Compass reporting for 2017.

At the August meetings of school council and our subcommittees we approved and reported on the following:

- An allocation of \$3,000 from the Building Fund to the VCE Product Design class to design and build replacement seating for the deteriorating pallet seating beside the Morton Bay fig tree. This class is required to design a community project as part of their Unit 2 assessment. This was seen as an opportunity to good to miss and we look forward to seeing their designs. We are considering options for what can be done beneath the tree after receiving advice in a recent tree audit.
- A change to the Year 9 camp for 2017 to 2019 to the Bogong Outdoor School. Consensus was that it was a great move in the direction of supporting education for sustainability.
- The Senior Programs joint leadership structure was finalised with Collingwood College. This collaboration represents a great milestone for both schools and was described by the DET Area Director as “A fine example of communities in practice”. School Council congratulates everyone involved in bringing this together, particularly Pauline Rice, Linda Mitchell, Chris Millard, Sandra Dickins, John Hinman, as well as Dale Perichon, Craig Bradley and Euan Morton from Collingwood College, who have worked tirelessly on this project. This achievement reflects the commitment of both Fitzroy High and Collingwood College in striving to improve the Senior Program.
- A number of events have been planned for this semester and they are:
 - **The Cabaret** September 13th, 14th & 15th at the Melba Spiegeltent. The cabaret showcases the diverse talents of FHS students. Please have a look at our fabulous line up <http://lax0001.wixsite.com/fhscabaret2016> **Hurry and book your tickets before this sells out. This is a not to be missed bi-annual event.**
 - **e-smart schools family forum “Educating - Protecting – Empowering”** Monday October 10th at Collingwood Town Hall 6.00 to 7.30pm with light refreshments served before and after the event. This is a free FHS sponsored event.

Please log into Try Booking and book your places trybooking.com/MUUP

We encourage as many families as possible to come so that we can work together to reduce some of the issues we are all facing around cybersafety and online behaviours.

- **Most Likely to Succeed edu-documentary screening.**

Date and venue will be announced soon

- **Teen Sex Talks Parent run forum**

This popular forum will be run again this year. Date to be announced soon

Thank you to all the volunteers who have risen to the call and offered to assist with these events. We greatly appreciate your involvement.

Finally, whilst we no longer produce a regular newsletter, a decision made by school council given the regular Compass news updates and regular team leader updates, we do regularly post general news items to the FHS website www.fitzroyhs.vic.edu.au We encourage you to visit our website to stay updated. *A tip: if you drill down to look at Community News or the archive and want to get back to the news page click the picture of the Pegasus which moves you back a page per click.*

Please feel free to direct any comments or queries regarding school council matters to me or the subcommittee convenors.

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