

# FHS SCHOOL COUNCIL 2017 HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS



## School Review

- Our school review was conducted during March after much preparation and a self review process. First day of the School Review – Challenge partners and our SEIL spoke to each team and obtained feedback from teachers regarding the school's Vision and Values. A parent focus group was run to provide information around how parents perceive learning and needs in the current climate and into the future.
- Review findings were presented to SC - overall very pleasing and positive results and SC sponsored a morning tea to thank FHS staff.
- **Annual Report 2017**- endorsed by school council June 2017.
- **Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) 2017** prepared and endorsed (comments received it was the best plan presented in the Network!)
- **FHS Strategic Plan 2017 to 2020** prepared and endorsed.

## Finance

- 75% of **parent payments** received - thanks to Ross and the admin staff Gretchen & Kaaren
- **2018 Indicative Cash Budget** approved based on a snapshot of 620 students for 2018
- Ralph Saubern appointed to the position of **Treasurer**
- Process to apply for **Voluntary Contributions Funding** agreed and launched to staff

## Education

- **Camps, camps and more camps!**
  - Year 10 Experience International Vietnam and Cambodia, Year 10 Experience National Perth to Broome, Yr 11 O&ES Unit 2 Yarra River Camp, Yr 11 O&ES Unit 2 Wollangarra Camp and Hike, VCE Outdoor Ed Mountain bike, GVBR training rides & camp/event, Year 8-10 Outdoor Education Ski Camp Mt Buller, Year 9 Camp to Valley Homestead, Femco Camp to Hepburn Springs, Year 7 Camp for 2018, Year 8-10 Outdoor Education Surf camp Eumeralla Scout Camp Anglesea, Outdoor Education camp to French Island, Year 8 camp to Roses Gap
- The success of the Dyslexia Support Group meetings organised by David and Linda
- Endorsed the introduction of Maths Pathway into years 7-10 in 2018
- Approved a Digital License Fee of \$10 per year 7 student
- Approved preparation of a Strategic vision for the provision of LOTE at FHS and the formation of a Languages Education Vision for the FHS Working Group
- Endorsed Edrolo for the Senior Program

## Community

- Friends of FHS community group terms of reference approved. Hope to launch this in 2018.
- Canteen Service Provider change decided after a survey to staff and students. A process for Expressions of Interest was implemented and a new provider Wild Mushrooms Catering selected and engaged for 2018.
- Fundraising and volunteer involvement in the whole school performance Dr Faustus- raised approximately \$2500 for the performed fund.

## Environment

- \$10,000 allocated for **automatic sliding doors** on the west side of the school from the building fund
- New **air conditioners** installed in year 9 area
- **Bike Hoops** - provided free from City of Yarra thanks to Erin (to be installed holidays 2018)
- **Community composting** bins request approved.
- Jenny Harrington is engaged to prepare a **FHS Planting Plan**.
- \$5,000 allocated from the Building Fund towards the **painting of window frames** proposed for the 2017/18 vacation break
- \$11,861.30 allocated from the Performing Arts Fund for the installation of a **sprung floor in the Drama** space (installation planned for holiday break 2017/ 2018)
- Performance funds allocated in principle to install a **stage in the music performance** space.

- Positive developments in the school's **kitchen garden** precinct which are assisting the school in meeting its EfS objectives. Massive amount of work involving the construction of new retaining walls and wicking beds and planting has been done by the HoL and some VCAL students and their teachers.
- **Outdoor classroom** classroom site on the Merri Creek has been proposed.
- **Walking Bus** to the Edinburgh Gardens has started every Wednesday lunchtime and Erin is looking to extend this to more days. The 'bus' requires 2 teachers.

### Things to Boast about

- **Entrepreneurial Learning Program** work in 'student voice' and 'student choice' continued with the development of new excel programs and an interview published in The Age 22/11/17 'The Share Factor'
- **Deakin conference London**  
As a result of her work with the Fitzroy High School Feminist Collective, Briony O'Keefe was asked to present at The 11th International Biennial Gender & Education Association Conference, hosted by Middlesex University in London, June 2017. The work with Femco has recently resulted in Pauline being invited to take part in a peer group looking at gender equality in education.
- **Respectful Relationships**  
FHS has become a Respectful Relationships lead school and received a \$20,000 grant to assist with implementation
- **Inspired Citizens** Excel produce and launch the website **SAVE**
- **VCAL - oral histories project** at Rushall Park a great success
- **Premier's Award** given to the FHS student who in 2016 achieved a score of 50 for Extended Investigations
- Lots of fabulous **Exhibition Nights** for years 7 to 10.
- **Artistic Talents**  
**Whole School Theatre Performance** Dr Faustus at Collingwood College 4 performances over 3 days.  
**Music Performances** Wednesday Night Fever at The Night Cat and Spotted Mallard performance earlier in the year. Comments from Tom Hoyle on Wednesday Night Fever: *"The kids performed really well, and with the great sound tech we were able to hear every voice and instrument. In my 15 years as a music teacher this was the best music night I have been involved in. I hope we can do this again next year!"*

### General

- Membership - 3 new SC members and 2 renominated parent positions elected this year and recently 2 new parent members filling casual parent vacancies. An additional DET position created and filled.
- All subcommittees reviewed their Terms of Reference and have all been endorsed by SC.

**Huge thank you to all school council members for their time, commitment and valuable contribution to school council and the FHS school community.**