



Start Time | 19:00

Meeting theme: PATHWAYS

In person attendance | Mr Joel van Bentum, Irene Wardle, Diane Cannone, Jennifer Rangiawha, Kelly Gillen, Phil Thuaux, Sarah EM, Shaun Gibb, Simon Thomas, Ben Ricardo.

Apology | Kirsty Young, Andy Macken, Marie-Jean.

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Discussion

PAG Email

- Joel has initiated the process for a central email address for family communication. It must use the GPCC email handle and follow the necessary setup process.
- Ben will oversee the setup, manage logistics, and update the PAG via WhatsApp.
- An automatic reply will be established for incoming inquiries.
- Once operational, information about the PAG email will be included in the Messenger to inform parents.

Secondary Uniform Proposal

- Awaiting a price list from Alinta.
- Students have tried on items for decision-making and input.
- Sport uniform: the skort option was deemed too short by students; Jane will address this issue.
- Pants and shorts: black was preferred over taupe by all students, for both male and female options.
- Blazer: let-out style will not proceed; the black pinstripe blazer will move forward.
- Boys' shirts: designed so can be untucked during summer but must be tucked in during winter.
- Girls' blouses: proceeding with the heavier fabric with a double panel at the front.
- Blazer introduction: possible introduction in year 10, with consideration for years 7-9.
- Summer softshell jackets: will be introduced for winter; the parachute style will be phased out.
- Uniform implementation: rollout of summer uniform potentially by term 4, winter uniform in 2025.
- Transition period: 12-month transition from old to new uniforms.
- Female pants option: being considered.

Mobile Phones in Secondary

- Discussed monitoring, banning, and/or confiscation of mobile phones at school.
- Current policy: no phones allowed at school; if seen, they are confiscated and handed to the office.
- School's plan: engage all school parents proactively on mobile phone education and usage.
- Staff education: considering models from South Australia and recommended readings, including *"The Anxious Generation"* by Jonathan Haidt and *"Raising Tech-Healthy Humans"* by Daniel Sih.
- Moving forward: engage all school parents for feedback on a potential complete ban. Suggestion to livestream parent discussions to allow for wider participation and input.
- Current rule to be reiterated: zero tolerance, no warnings, full school hours ban.

Academic Pathways

- ATAR pathways remain a strong preference among the wider parent community.
- The school is working to support and encourage students that prefer alternate pathways.
- Non-ATAR English and Maths options are available but lack wider school parental support.
- Strategy: promote TAFE and alternate career pathways positively to all parents.
- Joel: the Academic Committee is committed to exploring and promoting alternative pathways, including discussions to introduce construction subjects/courses alongside other VET offerings.
- Future agenda: keep topic open for further whole of school community feedback and discussion.



Separate Pedestrian/Cyclist Access to School + Bike Parking

- Some parents within the wider school network have voiced concern over lack of safe access and parking for cyclists.
- Joel: interested in creating a dedicated bike rack area and a cycle pathway on school grounds. Will explore interim measures.
- Master plan: Joel is revisiting the college master plan and has asked if the PAG committee would participate as a parent representative group. All agreed.

Action Items

- Ben to assist with the PAG email setup. Jen and Di to also get access to the PAG emails.
- Keep academic pathways as a standing agenda item.

Next meeting | Monday 26 August 2024, 19:00.

Meeting closed | 20:50.

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