



Principal Report

P&C Meeting

30 August 2023

1. Stage II Update

We achieved Practical Completion for Stage II on the evening of 17 August, received our Certificate of Occupancy the following week, and achieved Handover on Friday 25 August.

The staff, students and the College community have been patient following the construction delays and should be commended on their support of each other through this difficult process.

The facility is spectacular, and will enable our College to deliver outstanding Arts, Mathematics, Humanities and Languages programs. The College will identify a suitable date for parents to visit the facility after we have moved in.

2. Reconciliation Action

As part of the 2021-23 Business Plan, the College committed to the creation of a Reconciliation Action Statement. Unlike a Reconciliation Action Plan, a Reconciliation Action Statement is an outline of the intent of the commitment of our College to contribute to reconciliation. We aim to do this through building on relationships, demonstrating respect, and developing opportunities.

We have started this process by engaging with our Aboriginal and Indigenous students and their parents to seek to understand how our community might contribute towards Reconciliation with Aboriginal Australians. We will take the provisional statement to the Board at the next meeting.

With the public conversation about the Referendum for the Voice getting closer, I think that this is an important marker in the history of the College to be clear about our commitment to Reconciliation.

3. NSI Parent and Caregiver Survey

Our annual survey for parents and carers is now online. The survey is an important opportunity for parents to tell us how things are going for you and your children. We value your feedback and will try to respond to the information that they provide. The feedback does not include the data of individuals; rather, feedback involves a graph based on feedback from all parents. To ensure anonymity, aggregated scores are not provided for groups of less than four parents. It is your impressions that we are seeking. And there are no right or wrong answers.

This is the fourth year of this survey and the data provided has helped us identify trends for improvement and areas of strength.

The survey can be accessed from the following link: go to www.NSIPartnerships.com.au and enter the code BHCPACS

4. Planning for the Future of Bob Hawke College

We have had exceptional commitment from our community to our Business Planning process. Staff, students, parents, and the Board have been involved in sessions facilitated by Andrew Watt from Creating Communities. In terms

of shaping our direction, these meetings have given us valuable insight and advice on how we might strategically position the College for the next three years.

5. NAPLAN

Comparative NAPLAN data is now available. The College performance in all domains (Numeracy, Writing, Reading, Spelling and Grammar & Punctuation) are all within one standard deviation of expected performance when compared to schools like ours. Staff will be examining the data at a whole College level to determine areas of strength and opportunities for improvement.

6. Italy/Canberra Tour

When we envisioned the College, being “*part of the fabric of Subiaco, connected to the world*” was always a priority. After three years of COVID-19 impact, we are seeing this vision become reality with the first interstate travel to Canberra and our first international trip to Italy going ahead at the end of this term.

I would like to acknowledge the Languages and Humanities teams for organising these experiences for our students.

7. Upcoming Events

4-8 September	Year 9 Camp
6 September	Board Meeting
15 September	Athletics Carnival
8-10 September	WA Schools Junior Concert Band Festival
15 September	Italy Tour commences
22 September	End of Term
24 September	Canberra Tour commences
9 October	Term 4 day one for students