

Integration Update #5 – 31 May 2018

Scots Parent Forum last night

I would like to thank all Scots parents who attended the Forum last night. Two sessions were facilitated: the first focused on the Junior School; and the second focused more on Middle and Senior School.

Please download a copy of the slides that were presented from the following weblink: ???

It became clear in both sessions that, while parents appreciated these Integration Updates, they are looking for far greater detail about a number of matters, including bus transport to and from school; bus transport between campuses, including before and after school; and a number of concerns were expressed about the safety of so many cars picking up young children at All Saints' College. As a result, we will immediately move to identify and engage a road traffic consultant to provide us advice on this important subject.

As it is not possible in the timeframe this morning to expand on the questions and answers, David Gates and I will be preparing written answers over the next week for wider circulation.

I affirmed last night that the Trustees have resolved that all elements of the school will be created new through a true merger of the two schools, built on the foundations of the history and values of both, weaved together into a new tapestry. A new school with a regionally unique Junior Middle Senior School structure; new sporting and welfare houses and expanded co-curricular activities; new and expanded educational programs; new school uniform; and a new school name and crest.

After consideration of many appeals from parents, staff and other stakeholders, the Trustees have resolved to change the name of the new school that was announced in March. However, no announcement of the new name will be made until after it is considered and approved by the General Assembly in mid-July, at which time the Assembly will also be asked to approve the new Constitution and members of the new School Board.

The new Board comprises an excellent and balanced mix of skills and experience; parents and former parents and students from both schools; and gender. All live in Bathurst or regionally, and all are actively involved in their current school.

Uniforms and Committees

In association with the Presidents of both P&F Associations, I am progressing discussions with a prospective uniform designer over the next few days, and hope to make a formal announcement about the uniforms next week.

I am also progressing discussions with local IT experts (who are also parents) to develop an Information Technology Strategic Plan for the new school, and hope to say more on this next week.

We continue discussion with the Executive teams of the two P&F Associations on the merger of the two associations, and with the proposed folding under the new P&F Association of some of the Integration Working Group Committees.

Kind regards,

Jeof Falls