

## **Integration Update - 30 August 2018**

### **Can the new School Crest be changed?**

Thank you to those parents who have emailed me excited to see the new crest for the College.

However, since announcing it last week, David Gates and I have also received a number of emails and communications objecting to it.

Unfortunately, whilst understanding that parents, students or Old Boys or Old Girls may not be happy with it, or parts of it, it is unable to be changed. The crest was presented and discussed at the General Assembly in July as part of the approval of the merger of the two schools to form Scots All Saints College. Now that it has been launched to the school community and externally, it is being included in all branding and promotion materials for the new school, such as a soon to be released Facebook page, marketing campaign and website. We will keep you updated as these important communication channels are developed.

### **What is happening about the new uniform?**

As was the case with the new name for the school, some colour elements of the design of the new uniform are causing great anxiety and anguish in one or other of the two school communities. On behalf of the School Board, they understand and deeply appreciate that some of the decisions are difficult to reconcile between the two. Having said this, I am very pleased to advise that most elements have now been agreed to and that the Board is close to resolving the final combinations of colours and elements. The Board has also signed the contract for the manufacture and supply of the new uniform. Unlike previous practices in both schools, the supplier will also manage the Uniform Shop, thereby reducing the need for the new school to hold stock, which will provide substantial benefits to the school, and to parents. Subject to resolution of the final uniform design by the Board, the new uniforms will be announced and we will be able to advise planned timelines for supply and availability.

### **What is the vision for the new school?**

I have been asked again about the vision for Scots All Saints College. While the General Assembly has a clear mission and purpose for the new school, the College's Vision and Strategic Plan will be developed by the School Board ahead of the start of the school in 2019. However, core guiding principles of the vision have been consistently communicated at a number of different parent, student and staff forums over the past twelve months and presented to the General Assembly.

The guiding principles for the vision remain as follows:

1. The vision will begin with a child focus
2. The vision will focus on educational excellence
3. The vision will be Christ-centred
4. The vision will be a new future for both schools

The vision will reinforce the new school as a leading co-educational boarding and day school for all students. Our aspiration as a Church for all our schools is that all students, irrespective of where their careers or employment lead them in the future, will grow in grace and knowledge and be open to the possibilities of global knowledge and best practice. Our prayer is that they also grow in their faith in Christ.

### **What is happening about promoting the new school?**

An immense amount of work is being undertaken by various groups in the school, whereby communications will be increasingly broader than simply through this Integration Update. Indeed, all communications and promotions for the new school have become the responsibility of the new Communication, Marketing and Enrolment Committee of the School Board. This Committee is being very capably supported by Lynda Ireland from Scots and Lisa Ellery from All Saints working with external suppliers and consultants. I would like to acknowledge the huge amount of work, love and care being provided over recent weeks and months by these extremely gifted individuals and thank them for their preparation of the launch of the new school at the Special Ceremony as part of Spring Fair on Sunday week. I thank God that Scots All Saints College has been blessed with parents and staff who are passionate to help to bring these two schools together as one new school from 2019.

Kind regards,

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