

Integration Update - 9 August 2018

Inaugural Chairman and Deputy Chair of School Board

Following the Board meeting held on Saturday 4 August, I am very pleased to confirm that Mr Hamish Thompson has been appointed the first Chairman of the Board of Scots All Saints College. Hamish is well known to many parents in All Saints' College as a current parent with a son in Year 11 and another son who left last year. He is also well known to many Scots Old Boys as a former student and boarder of The Scots School. Hamish's appointment continues an outstanding legacy left by his father, who served on The Scots School Board for many years and in whose honour Thompson House was named. Hamish was a member of the interim All Saints' College Board for the six months prior to the General Assembly's decision to merge the two schools and constitute the new School Board on 12 July.

I am also very pleased to confirm that Mrs Rosemary McKay has been appointed the first Deputy Chair of the new School Board. Rosemary is well known in The Scots School community as a former parent of three children, but she also has connections with the All Saints' community as a former All Saints' College student. Rosemary is experienced in school governance, being a former Board and Finance Committee member of The Scots School since 2014.

Both Hamish and Rosemary bring strong business and finance backgrounds, cross-school experiences, and a deep understanding of the heritage and culture of both schools. They are supported by a Board with wide expertise in education, business management and finance. I commend Hamish and Rosemary in their new roles and ask you to support and uphold them in your prayers.

A special invitation to the Spring Fair – 9 September 2018

All Saints' College is holding its annual Spring Fair on Sunday 9 September. With the support of the Parents and Friends Association and Spring Fair Committee, all parents and friends from both school communities are warmly invited to a Special Ceremony at 11:30am as part of the Spring Fair Program. In the spirit of this community event, the ceremony will be relaxed - celebrating the heritage and culture of the two schools uniting to be stronger in 2019. Everyone is invited to come along to share in the celebration of the Spring Fair as one united community.

School Crest, Colours and Uniforms

It is no secret these are some of the hottest topics at the moment. We understand this and are moving swiftly to finalise the new crest and colours this week. I look forward to introducing them to you in next week's Integration Update, together with the story behind the development of the design. The crest design and colours have been approved by the new School Board, and will be reflected in the key elements of the Special Ceremony at the Spring Fair.

They will also play an integral part in the design of the uniforms, which are being developed with the support of a number of parents who had previously nominated for the Integration Working Group Uniform Committee earlier last term. Due to the number of variations in sports uniforms, these are being developed in close association with the Sports Masters of both schools. I hope to say a lot more about the uniforms in coming weeks.

Local Media Coverage

Many parents and friends would have seen the news stories and press from Tuesday this week – a wonderful story of the coming together of the two schools, from the viewpoint of the students. The

story featured as a lead story for all three news channels, WIN, Prime and Channel 9 and also featured on the promos. Radio news stories featured on 2BS radio and B-Rock local radio throughout Tuesday with an interview from Headmaster, David Gates. There may be other local print stories published in the coming week.

Positive messages were replayed with good positioning as a regional school of choice and focused on students already enjoying the benefits of integration activities.

Everyone involved, including our Senior Executive Team and Year 11 students Bradley Gardiner and Gabrielle Boshier who were interviewed, did a fantastic job and are heartily congratulated. The Year 5 and Kindy kids were AMAZING and this is a testament to the fabulous school community spirit which is thriving here. We hope this endorsement from local media will help educate the wider community on our new school and will have a far reaching impact on parents who may be considering enrolling their children.

This week's news stories will be shared on both school Facebook pages and our Communications team is currently working on a strategy to launch our new @ScotsAllSaints Facebook page later in the year.

We strongly believe we will be offering a unique co-educational boarding and day student experience for all students regardless of age. Momentum is building across several integration teams, including staffing, upgrading buildings and infrastructure, integrating information systems and technology across campuses, finalising uniform designs and manufacture, and branding, communications and marketing. I deeply appreciate the skills, experience and passion that many parents and friends are enthusiastically bringing to bear as we continue the process of uniting our two great schools. Thank you to all those involved.

Kind regards,

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Integration Leader