

Denmark Senior High School Board Meeting

Denmark Senior High School Board meets regularly throughout each term. The board wishes to keep the school community informed about what the board does.

Given the role, the board has decided to communicate their meetings by providing an overview of the discussions taken place as well as the outcomes achieved. Being connected to the community is an important part of how the board operates.

Outcomes of the School Board Meeting 29 July 2016

New Parent Representative

The Chair of the Board extended a warm welcome to Ceinwen Gearon, who attended her first school board meeting as a parent representative.

Review and Endorsement of School Drug Education Guidelines

Denmark Senior High school has developed a Drug Education Guideline; the draft document was circulated to the board for review at the previous board meeting. Paula Stretton, School Nurse, has worked in conjunction with our health teachers to review and update the guideline. Paula attended the board meeting and spoke about the importance of the guideline and educating students on the harm of drug use while also creating a supportive environment. The board discussed the content at length, sought some clarification and provided suggested changes in regards to the 'protective factors' and 'immediate actions' sections. They also felt that an overarching preamble/overview at the beginning of the document would be beneficial for the reader, to explain the purpose of the guideline.

Building and Grounds Update

The Principal presented the concept drawings, provided by the Shire, for a facilities building and improvements to the Denmark Senior High School top oval for discussion. The draft drawings currently include a building between the two ovals, which would restrict the view of the top oval from the school and provide difficulty when supervising students during school hours. It was explained that the school would be supportive if the buildings were to be constructed on the East/South East side of the oval, and that a new lease agreement would need to be negotiated with the Shire. The Board discussed the concept drawings at length and spoke about the pros and cons of building a sporting pavilion on school grounds. The Board supports the Principals' response to the Shire, being that the concept is open to further negotiation.

The Arts Wing (formerly known as the CSL building) has recently undergone a mandatory ceiling replacement, as well as some minor internal renovations and will be fit to use as music classrooms from mid-August onwards. The renovations have included removing 6 dorm rooms to create a large classroom, as well as new painting and carpet throughout the wing. The building will also undergo a mandatory roof replacement in November due to ongoing roof leaks.

The Spalding Suite Performance – Festival of Perth

'The Spalding Suite' will be visiting the region as part of the 'Great Southern Festival'. Students will have the opportunity to work with a playwright/poet from the UK. The production is inspired by the UK's basketball subculture and blends basketball, poetry and theatre – to see a preview please follow this link <https://vimeo.com/123727695>

The Board also spoke about updating the prospectus on the school website, recent staff professional development as well as the ongoing issue of student rubbish being left around the school after each break, which is to be monitored by staff on duty.