



## **Amalgamation Update 4**

### Week ending May 27, 2011

The amalgamation of Moreton Bay College (MBC) and Moreton Bay Boys' College (MBBC) is a dynamic move for the future of education on the bayside. In an effort to keep our school community informed every step of the way, we will be discussing a variety of topics relating to the amalgamation in an email to parents every Friday.

### **Latest news**

#### Joint Departmental Meetings

Meetings between the administrative departments at both Colleges, including marketing, admissions and finance, were held this week and will continue over the next fortnight.

Our marketing departments in particular have already reaped the rewards of a closer working relationship through the negotiation of joint advertising rates for the upcoming MBC and MBBC Open Days, which saved a substantial amount of money that can be injected back into each school.

This tangible outcome certainly reinforces our belief MBC and MBBC are stronger together. We expect that even greater savings and efficiencies will come to fruition as the amalgamation process gains momentum.

#### Moreton Bay College Old Girls

Ms Jennifer Haynes attended a meeting with the MBC Old Girls' Association (OGA) Committee on May 16 to discuss the progress of the amalgamation.

The MBC OGA represents Moreton Bay College alumni and allows them to stay connected with the College community. Around 1700 past students are lifetime members of the association.

Ms Haynes considered the meeting "extremely productive" and said it had paved the way for future cooperation between the Old Girls' and both Colleges.

"Discussions about the merger were well received and a majority of the committee members expressed support for the move to amalgamate MBC and MBBC," Ms Haynes said.

MBC OGA President, Ms Cheryl Gray, said news of the amalgamation had not come as a surprise to many Old Girls, who remembered the early days at MBC when a small number of boys attended the school.

Ms Haynes also extended an open invitation for the Old Girls to attend any future amalgamation information sessions.

#### Acting Heads of College

The names of the Acting Heads of College for both MBC and MBBC will be officially announced next week. We will notify parents of the appointments via a separate email.

The Acting Heads of College will begin work at each campus as of July 1, fulfilling the role until the recruitment process is finalised. The process for recruitment of the permanent Heads of College is progressing well with strong interest being shown for both positions, thus making it likely that we will have news for you around the end of July.

## Coming up

### Parent Information Evenings – Save the Date

For the latest news on the amalgamation, all MBC and MBBC parents are invited to attend parent briefings on **Monday June 6 (MBC) at 7.30pm** and **Tuesday June 7 (MBBC) at 6.30pm**.

These forums will provide an opportunity to update you on the progress of the amalgamation, the next steps and also allow you to ask further questions.

Venues for these events will be confirmed next week via email, but in the meantime we encourage all parents to save the above dates.

### Stakeholder Communiqué

We are committed to sharing information about the amalgamation with all internal and external stakeholders through ongoing and consistent communication. This week we made contact with relevant education and government authorities to notify them of the amalgamation. As both Colleges will continue to operate as two distinct legal entities, individual relationships with these groups should remain unaffected by the amalgamation.

## How to keep up to date

### Contact Us

If you have any additional concerns or questions, please email [feedback@mbc.qld.edu.au](mailto:feedback@mbc.qld.edu.au) and we will endeavour to respond to you as quickly as possible.

Also refer to the detailed [Q&A document](#) on our websites, which has recently been updated to include some additional questions submitted by MBC and MBBC parents over the past few weeks.



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