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Amalgamation Update 5

Week ending June 3, 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

Formation of the new Boards

There have been requests for clarification of the Board structure. Briefly, the two Colleges will continue to operate as two individual financial entities, each with a Board. To achieve greater synergies, however, the members of each Board will be the same. The business will mostly be conducted at the one meeting.

Finally, the necessary constitutional changes to achieve this are well in hand such that we confidently expect to meet the July 1, 2011 timeline.

Appointment of Acting Heads of College

We are very pleased to announce the following Acting Head of College appointments:



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Jan Howatson has been appointed to the role of Acting Head of College at MBC.

We are very pleased to announce that as of 1 July, 2011, Mrs Jan Howatson will assume the position of Acting Head of College, Moreton Bay College.

Mrs Howatson deputises for the Principal in her substantive role of Head of Staff at MBC. In this role and with her further qualifications in Human Resource Management, she is responsible for staff recruitment across the whole College including Childcare and coordinates a number of HR functions including secondary staff pastoral care and equal opportunity. She organises P-12 professional development, has a key role in industrial negotiations and works closely with a range of administrative and other specialist staff.

Mrs Howatson currently manages daily organisation of the secondary school and is responsible to the Principal for the College's strategic focus on being a school of choice for staff.

She has been Head of Staff at MBC since 1997, before that fulfilling the role of Head of House with distinction, and still teaches in the area of Home Economics.



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Mrs Diana Patchett has been appointed to the role of Acting Head of College at MBBC.

Mrs Patchett joined Moreton Bay Boys' College in 2005 and was appointed Assistant Principal in 2007. Last year, Mrs Patchett was acting Principal during Dr Crouch's study leave in Term 3. In her current position, Mrs Patchett is responsible for the College's Student Care Program and oversees the co-curricular and outdoor education programs.

Before obtaining her Master of Educational Studies, Mrs Patchett received an undergraduate degree in Biology, making her the chief driver of the College's environmental program as well.

In 2005, the Queensland Government awarded her the Peter Doherty Outstanding Teacher of Science award and she has also presented at various conferences including the International Boys' School Coalition and the World Environmental Education Congress.

The Acting Heads of College will begin work at each campus as of July 1, and remain in their roles until the permanent Heads of College can commence, which is unlikely to be before the end of Term 3.

The process for recruitment of the permanent Heads of College is progressing extremely well with strong interest being shown for both positions. Selection at this level is necessarily a lengthy process and usually involved a significant notice period

Amalgamation Feedback

Most of the feedback received about the amalgamation from parents, former students and staff has been extremely positive. Below is an example;

"I honestly do believe you are right in this unique opportunity to blend the school whilst remaining faithful to single sex education. Given the plethora of opportunities that will arise, especially for senior years, it really is a smart move!"

Several parents have expressed appreciation of this regular email which we plan to continue for the foreseeable future.

Coming up

Parent Information Evenings

MBC and MBBC parents are invited to attend parent briefings next week:

MBC Parents: Monday June 6 at 7.30pm in the Auditorium

MBBC Parents: Tuesday June 7 at 6.30pm in the Lecture Theatre

These forums will provide an opportunity to update you on the progress of the amalgamation and also allow you to ask further questions, so we encourage all parents to attend.

Farewell to Dr Crouch



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We would like to remind all parents that the MBBC P&F Association will be hosting a farewell cocktail reception in honour of Principal Dr Rod Crouch:

Date: Friday June 10, 2011

Time: 7:30pm – 9:00pm (refreshments served from 7:30pm)

Place: Multi-purpose Hall - Moreton Bay Boys' College
302 Manly Road Manly West

Cost: \$20 per person

RSVP: Mrs Louise Seddon on 3906 9402 or seddonl@mbbc.qld.edu.au

How to keep up to date

Contact Us

If you have any additional concerns or questions, please email feedback@mbbc.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.

Dr Roderick Crouch
MBBC Principal

Ms Jennifer Haynes
MBC Principal