



Amalgamation Update 6

Week ending June 10, 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 are continuing.

Registrars from both MBC and MBBC have met to discuss the streamlining of procedures. It has been agreed that moving forward there will be a more strategic working relationship between the registrars and marketing departments at both schools.

Meetings have also taken place between the Principal Elect and our new Acting Heads of College, Mrs Jan Howatson (MBC) and Mrs Diana Patchett (MBBC).

MBBC's Director of Teaching and Learning, Mr Tony Dosen, will be backfilling the Assistant Principal position held by Mrs Patchett.

An announcement about the management of Mr Tony Dosen's current responsibilities is expected to be made next week. This position will be filled by one of our senior school staff members, many of whom have previous head of department and/or district panel experience. The replacement arrangements for Mrs Jan Howatson, Acting Head of College, MBC are progressing well.

Parent Information Evenings

Thank you to all parents who attended the amalgamation information evenings last week. Many pertinent questions were raised and your feedback was greatly appreciated.

The tone of the forums and the feedback given were positive. Given that there were only five families from MBC and eight from MBBC and there was two weeks notice of the meeting, indicates that the amalgamation has been well accepted by the majority of parents at both schools.

Further information sessions for parents will be conducted as the year progresses and the amalgamation continues to take shape.

Farewell to Dr Crouch

A special farewell lunch hosted by Principal Elect, Jennifer Haynes at MBC and attended by Senior Leadership Teams at both Colleges was held this week to thank Dr Crouch for his contribution both as the foundation Principal at MBBC and recognition of Dr Crouch's significant contribution to Queensland education also made at yesterday's meeting of the Queensland branch of Association of Heads of Independent Schools Australia.



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Dr Crouch will be leaving Australia at the end of June to take up a new position at a prestigious school in the United Arab Emirates. He has been appointed Principal of the Victoria International School in Shajah.

The MBBC P&F Association will also be hosting a farewell cocktail reception tonight from 7:30pm to 9:00pm to honour Dr Crouch's achievements.

Amalgamation Feedback

Feedback received about the amalgamation from parents, former students and staff continues to be extremely positive. Below is an example:

"The long awaited amalgamation of MBC and MBBC will be of immense benefit to the families of both Colleges, and I am confident that we share the vast majority's belief that this is a wonderful, welcome turning point in the Colleges' history – and indeed future."

Coming up

Forming The New Board

The composition of the amalgamated board is on track to be announced shortly. In total, 11 members will be chosen, made up entirely from the existing boards.

The process, made in liaison with the United Church Schools Commission, involves a consideration of the skills needed on the new board and the matching of current board members to meet those needs.

The chair will be voted upon by the new board at the first opportunity. From July 1 the board will hold regular meetings to deal with the business of both schools. Board meetings will be held alternately on each campus.

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.

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