Amalgamation Update 20
Week ending October 21, 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 discuss a variety of topics relating to the amalgamation in an email to parents every Friday.

LATEST NEWS

Head of College update
This week, the newly appointed Head of MBBC, Mr Tony Wood, visited the boys’ school, providing a great opportunity for staff members to welcome, meet and hear from him for the first time.

To further embed himself into the school community, Mr Wood plans to make more visits on campus to meet with parents, students and staff, in preparation for his January 1, 2012 start date.

Mr Wood said he was currently reviewing background material about MBBC and was looking forward to sitting down and talking with College staff in the coming weeks so he can hit the ground running next year.

Joint College disco a success
Moreton Bay College welcomed the boys from MBBC to its campus last Saturday for the joint Primary School disco.

More than 580 boys and girls from both schools enjoyed a fun afternoon and evening of dancing and socialising. The event was a huge success and the students are already looking forward to the next joint MBC/MBBC disco.

Many thanks go to the parents and staff who made up the disco committee for their help in organising the event with the P&F Association. The proceeds from the night totalled more than $3500 of which a portion will be distributed to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, while remaining funds will be allocated to installing new water bubblers on the school ovals.

Joint strategy meetings
The Marketing teams and registrars at MBC and MBBC met this week to discuss tactics for generating new enrolments in this difficult financial climate.

Plans for the future will involve better cost-effective marketing strategies and improving marketing in the community. We will also continue to develop synergies between MBC and MBBC, in terms of advertising and promotion, to create ongoing savings.

Budgets across all departments at both schools were presented to the board this week. The budgets for each school remain separate and will be presented at next week’s Board meeting. Some savings have been achieved through the combined development process.
Students display gift of the gab

On Wednesday October 5, the annual Moreton Bay Speakers’ Afternoon was held at MBC. More than 15 boys and girls competed in the joint MBC/MBB public speaking competition, which is designed to foster positive camaraderie between the two Colleges. Congratulations to Tavis Bancroft (Year 7 - MBBC) for taking out the top honour for his comical speech on sibling rivalry and birth order.

Moreton Bay Boys’ College also recently hosted the Australian Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships (AIDPSC) and MBC girls participated as speakers and assisted with organisation on the day. We saw students from all over Australia converge on the campus to participate in the competition and once again it was a great opportunity for the Moreton Bay students to show-off their oratory prowess. The winners from this event will be competing at next year’s World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships (WIDPSC), to be held at MBBC for the second year in a row.

AHISA National Conference

I recently attended the Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia (AHISA) National Conference in Adelaide, which addressed:

- Social media use in schools
- Risk management of use of external website material in curriculum
- Appreciating diversity in the school community
- Networking opportunities
- Meetings of principals from like schools

During the conference I was also pleased to attend my first meeting of boys’ school principals, where we discussed sporting scholarships, key values in boys’ education and resourcing of co-curricular provisions.

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