



Moreton Bay Boys' College

Life adventurers. Life achievers.

November 2011

Dear MBBC Parents and Guardians

As another successful year at Moreton Bay Boys' College draws to a close, we reflect on the many achievements of the boys and the contribution made by the staff throughout 2011, including the historical amalgamation with Moreton Bay College, and we thank you for your ongoing support of your son and of the College.

The Board of Directors has again considered the budget of the College with respect to the provision of teaching and learning, the facilities on offer and the many and varied co-curricular opportunities that contribute to MBBC being a quality learning institution. The current state of the economy was also carefully considered with respect to determining fees to be charged in 2012. The following provides you with a synopsis of 2011 and includes the approved fee structure and associated charges that will be applicable for families in 2012.

2011 Academic and Co-curricular Achievements

(i) Academic Achievements

The most significant event at the College this year was the International Baccalaureate Organisation's authorisation of the Primary Years Program and Middle Years Program, making MBBC the only school in Brisbane offering both programs and giving the College an International profile. This was an incredible achievement and the culmination of years of work and planning by our highly talented and motivated staff.

Enrolment numbers continue to grow with average enrolment numbers over 460 in 2011. Our student numbers will be some 50 to 60 higher in 2012. This 12% increase is counter to a downturn in Independent school enrolments being experienced in Queensland currently for economic reasons. We are also attracting over 100 applicants for new teacher positions. Both statistics indicate the level of confidence within the community in respect to the educational standard being delivered to the boys attending our College.

Our NAPLAN results were above the State average in all areas, achieving a 10% margin across the board in numeracy, clearly placing us above our closest all male competitors in 10 of the 15 comparable categories.

Our 2010 graduating class achieved their first choices in post school destinations, be these university, defence forces or vocational pathways. Many of our graduates were ahead of their state and national peers, having already successfully completed university-level courses and school-based apprenticeships while at MBBC.

Our Academic program will expand in 2012 with the inclusion of a new senior Board subject, Engineering Technology, and Spanish being offered to our Year 8 students. 2012 will also see the

implementation of the Australian Curriculum for Mathematics, English and Science. Atlas curriculum mapping software has been installed this year that will ensure all requirements for both the IB programme and the National Curriculum are met for each boy, whilst also tracking critical thinking skills for the learners of the 21st century.

2012 will see the strengthening of our Learning Enhancement team, with the appointment of another dedicated teacher to coordinate the teacher aide support and assist with program development. This teacher, together with our gifted and talented coordinator, will be a visible presence in the College and will assist teachers enhance our already differentiated academic program.

(ii) Co-curricular Activities

In April, Moreton Bay Boys' College hosted 100 high school students from 14 countries for one of the most prestigious international debating and public speaking competitions, the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships. In the event's 24-year history, it was the first time that the event was held in Australia, as a direct result of our initiative and commitment to enhancing the boys' public speaking. The Australian team of 11 students included four Brisbane-based competitors - two from Moreton Bay Boys' College and two from sister school Moreton Bay College - who tackled a wide range of topics from stem cell research to consumerism.

In sport, our primary sportsmen brought home all 3 percentage trophies in the CIC competition: track and field, swimming and cross country, and our Year 8/9 soccer and Year 9/10 rugby teams were undefeated in their supplementary GPS draw. Our competitive sailors won their division in Term 1's Fleet Racing competition.

Our music performances displayed clear growth in the boys' musical skill and our drama production of "Lord of the Flies" was engaging and innovative.

Our outdoor education programme continues to be setting the benchmark with our Year 9 students enjoying a 3 week stay at the Ballon Outdoor Education Centre near Chinchilla. Our support of the Duke of Edinburgh program to the all-round development of our boys has been very successful, with 3 Gold Awards and 7 Silver Awards being achieved this year.

Service continues to be a focus of the College with the Leo club and entire College community supporting our annual Carnival Day raising over \$9,000.00 in support of Camp Quality. Our collections on behalf of Mission Australia and the Yalari Foundation were also strongly supported.

2011 Building Developments

The Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution project was completed early this year. The establishment of a multi-purpose Hall as a signature building at the front of the College, you will agree, is a wonderful asset to the College.

The completion of the lower level of the Senior Studies Centre, with a music recording studio, practice rooms and amenities, has also added value to our curricular and co-curricular music and speech and drama programs.

The designation of the group of buildings at the rear of the College as the Arts Precinct, with completion of a state of the art Graphics Lab (with funding from the Federal Government's Digital Education

Revolution) and extension of manual arts facilities has further enhanced our design technology offerings to students.

The construction over this Christmas period of a double classroom adjacent to the current D Block will provide general learning areas for our additional Year 3 and 4 classes in 2012.

In 2012, there will be even more educational opportunities for boys at Moreton Bay Boys College.

The Board of Directors has been extremely conscious this year of maintaining a balance between the current economic climate with respect to the fee increase and their responsibility to ensure the College remains financially viable, while continuing to provide the boys with a broad range of opportunities and programs.

In 2012, we will continue to consolidate the strengths of our Strategic Plan

- Second classes in Years 3, 4 and 9 complete our double streaming of the College from Prep to Year 9.
- Commence the task of reworking the master plan for the future growth of the College.
- Upgrade to the courtyard outside C Block to create a multi-purpose space and theatre lawn.
- Replacement program for desks and chairs in the Primary classrooms.
- Construction of a new front gate for the College.
- Upgrade to the Prep playground.

Certain benefits to families will continue such as :-

- A discount of 4% on tuition fees where annual tuition fees are paid in advance in one instalment and are received on, or prior to, 23 January 2012;
- Sibling discounts of 5% for the second and subsequent children attending MBBC concurrently;
- A joint sibling discount between MBC and MBBC of 5% which is applicable to the oldest boy in a family where there is an older sister attending MBC concurrently;
- A new online payment system is expected to be available through the College website at the beginning of 2012 for parents to pay school fees and other miscellaneous expenses.

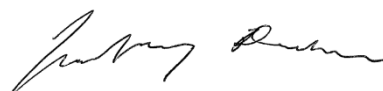
Blessings of the Season

We take this opportunity to offer you our blessings for a happy and safe festive season, and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Yours sincerely



Ms Jennifer Haynes
Principal



Mr Geoffrey Diehm
Chairman, Board of Directors



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2012 FEES AND CHARGES

Application Fee **\$250 (including GST)**

Confirmation Fee **\$850 (no GST) – payable prior to entry to the College – this fee is non refundable**

Tuition Fees

Moreton Bay Boys' College has an all inclusive tuition fee that covers the cost of tuition and a range of curricular and co-curricular activities including class excursions, group music tuition, CIC/GPS sporting nominations, provision for qualified sports coaches, computing and library facilities. Fees are charged for a full term regardless of date of entry or exit during the term.

School camps, unbudgeted excursions, lost books and extra curricular activities will incur additional charges.

Fees for private lessons are paid direct to the person providing the service.

	Per Annum – no GST	Per Term
Prep, Year 1, 2, 3, 4	\$8,150	\$2,037.50
Year 5, 6	\$9,680	\$2,420
Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	\$10,920	\$2,730
Year 12	\$10,920	\$3,640 (Terms 1, 2, 3 only)

Discount on Annual Tuition Fees Paid in Advance

A discount of 4% on Tuition Fees only is available where annual tuition fees are paid in advance in one instalment and received on, or prior to, the due date notified by the College.

Sibling Discounts

A sibling discount of 5% will apply for second and subsequent children from point of entry of the second or subsequent child (previously the discount applied only when the second child reached Year 5) whether the first child is at MBBC or MBC. That is, the second child will receive the same discount whether he has an older brother at MBBC or an older sister at MBC.

School Camps and Activities

The outdoor education programme at MBBC begins in Prep. The activities levy is due at the start of the year and is included on the Term 1 fee invoice. The activities levies for 2012 have been set as follows:

Prep to Year 2	\$60
Year 3	\$300
Year 4	\$325
Year 5	\$400
Year 6	\$350
Year 7	\$500
Year 8	\$500
Year 9	\$1600
Year 10	\$900
Year 11	\$250

Voluntary Building Fund

The Voluntary Building Fund exists at the College in order to provide funds to assist with capital works projects.

The MBBC Building Fund is registered and endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a deductible gift recipient under items in Subdivision 30-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

This means that all donations made to the MBBC Voluntary Building Fund are fully tax deductible.

Your contributions to the Voluntary Building Fund really make a difference to the College's capacity to expand the exceptional facilities your son's enjoy. All donations are gratefully received. As a guide to assist families, ***\$150.00 per family per term in 2012*** is suggested and this amount will be included as a voluntary donation on each school fee account.

Payment Options

School fee accounts are sent out to families prior to the commencement of each school term and are payable on the first day of each term.

The College currently provides a number of flexible payment options:

- BPay (this option is preferred if possible by the College)
- Visa / MasterCard
- Cheque
- Cash
- Direct Debit – This can be arranged on a weekly, fortnightly, monthly or quarterly basis to suit your personal requirements. Please download the form from our website and forward to the Office to make arrangements (note: if you choose this option it will be necessary for you to complete a new agreement each year)
- Visa/Mastercard (a 1% credit card surcharge applies)

A new online payment facility is being introduced in conjunction with Westpac which we anticipate will be available to families from the beginning of 2012. More details will be released as they become available.

The College's financial structure is carefully balanced and therefore prompt payment of accounts is vitally important to permit the College to appropriately manage its cash flows. As previously stated, where a full year's tuition fees are paid in advance, a 4% discount is given.

Administration Levy for Late Fees

The College reserves the right to apply an administration fee (currently \$200 per term) to accounts that are overdue and/or where pre-arranged payment plans are not being followed. If accounts are not paid by the due date, they are considered as being in arrears and in breach of the College Enrolment Contract. We strongly encourage families to communicate openly with the College should there be any difficulty in meeting fee commitments, as payment options can be developed to suit individual circumstances. In the first instance, please contact Mrs Sonja Bancroft, the College Business Manager.

Withdrawal of a Student prior to the end of Year 12

The College requires written notice of ***not less than one full school term in advance*** for the withdrawal of a student at any time prior to the end of Year 12. Notice is required on the final day of the school term which is immediately prior to the end of the term in which the student is intending to leave.

A penalty of one (1) term's fees may be payable by families who do not provide the required notice. In addition, for eligible families who still have a refundable confirmation fee, this fee will be withheld.

Absence due to extended illness or approved overseas exchange

Whilst it is generally accepted that parents continue to pay fees during any period of absence from the College, a written application to the Principal for a temporary fee exemption may be made should your son be absent for at least one full school term or longer due to an extended illness or approved overseas exchange program. Any such exemption will only be made at the Principal's discretion. A holding fee equivalent to one term's tuition fees will generally be payable. This amount is then credited to your son's fee account upon his return to the College.

Student Accident Insurance

The College currently provides a student accident insurance policy that protects all full time MBBC students against accidental bodily injury 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, worldwide. Major exclusions include any Medicare Gap expenses and accidents resulting from participation in professional sports. Full details of the policy are available from the College Office or the website. There is no additional charge to the family for this coverage.

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Program

MBBC offers on site Before and After School and Vacation care through OSH Club. All children of school age are welcome. Fees are determined by OSH Club with invoices issued directly by them. Fees should be paid directly to OSH Club and not to or via the College.

Enrolment forms are available from Administration or from the OSHC Coordinator. Their direct contact number is 3906 9428. The office number is 1800 460 870 or visit the website www.oshclub.com.au

Uniform Shop

All new and second hand school uniforms must be purchased at the Moreton Bay College Uniform Shop. The shop is located on the left, just inside the Hargreaves Road entrance to the College.

Normal trading hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	7.30am – 3.30pm
Thursday	7.30am – 4.00pm

The contact phone number for the Uniform shop is 3249 9362.

The following items are available from the College Administration:
Badges, Replacement Diaries, Bumper Stickers and Golf Umbrellas