BOARD OF GOVERNORS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY

Background

For over 100 years, Moreton Bay College has encouraged girls to be the best they can be and consistently rates as one of Brisbane’s top performing academic schools. Established in 1901, Moreton Bay College has witnessed much change whilst also maintaining the core values and traditions established by its founders, the Greene sisters. What was once primarily a boarding school with an enrolment of 26 in the small seaside town of Wynnum is now a thriving P-12 day school with an enrolment of over 1260 on Wondall Road, Manly West, on Moreton Bay in Brisbane.

MBC’s brother school, Moreton Bay Boys’ College, was opened in 2003 to provide a boys only school that could replicate the culture and ethos of MBC and provide an equivalent educational experience for boys in the local area. With an expected maximum enrolment of 800 students, there are currently 460 enrolments and the first Year 12 cohort graduated in 2010. MBBC opened with Preschool and Year 1 on vacant land at MBC, and in 2004 moved to its permanent home at 302 Manly Road, Manly West, about 2 km from Moreton Bay College. Under the leadership of Dr Roderick Crouch, Years 3-5 were added in 2005, Years 6-9 in 2006, Year 10 in 2008, and Year 11 in 2009.

The MBC/MBBC combination has offered a wonderful opportunity for families to educate all their children conveniently in one general location, and have them participate in some coeducational activities (social, cultural, sporting and educational), yet gain the maximum educational benefits that single sex schools can offer.

The Colleges are proudly Uniting Church schools.

Governance

Moreton Bay College is a corporation created by letters patent. It is governed by a board of eleven Governors. Six of the Governors are appointed by the Uniting Church. The other five Governors are appointed by the board itself.

Moreton Bay Boys’ College is company limited by guarantee. The sole member of it is Moreton Bay College. There are eleven Directors of Moreton Bay Boys’ College.

Under the Constitution of these two entities the Governors appointed to Moreton Bay Boys’ College are, by their office, appointed as Directors of Moreton Bay Boys’ College. Hence, the governance of the two Colleges is in common. Board meetings are conducted concurrently with separate records being kept.

The management of the College is delegated to a Principal, Ms Jennifer Haynes, who is the Principal of both Colleges. Reporting to Ms Haynes is a Head of College at each campus.
The Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen on the boards following the resignation of Mr Matt Sheerin, an Audit Partner at Deloitte, following his acceptance of an international posting. The vacancy is for an appointment by the Uniting Church. Applications for appointment for the vacancy are now sought.

Service as a Governor/Director in these not for profit bodies is voluntary.

The Candidate

The candidate should be a person with passion for the Christian based education of boys and girls.

The applicant should have skills in accounting and finance either by virtue of professional qualifications or professional or business experience. Prior experience as a Director or in schools is desirable though not essential.

The successful applicant would be either a member of the Uniting Church or a person who can otherwise demonstrate an understanding of the faith of the Uniting Church and a commitment to upholding its values in the governance of the Colleges.

Applications close on 26 April 2012 and should be addressed to:

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Further information on either College can be obtained from the College websites at www.mbc.qld.edu.au and www.mbbc.qld.edu.au or by telephoning the Chairman of the Boards, Geoffrey Diehm, on (07) 3236 3561.