NEWLY appointed executive principal James Sloman arrived at Moreton Bay Boys’ College and Moreton Bay College already impressed but he plans to take both schools to the next level, leading the way with the board’s strategic vision.

Mr Sloman joins the schools with more than 20 years of education experience including three positions as principal, most recently at Mansfield State High School, where he strengthened enrolments and transitioned the school from a state to an independent high school.

Mr Sloman said he was happy to come to a place which already had a great reputation in the community.

“At the end of last year when this esteemed position became available it was irresistible,” Mr Sloman said. “The beauty of both of these colleges is that they already come with a strong reputation for school spirit, academic results and teachers who are specialists in gender differentiated learning.

“It’s about building on what is already so good at Moreton Bay Boys’ College and Moreton Bay College. There’s plenty to like, the pastoral care, the abundance of opportunities in sport and the culture and service across the two schools is very, very strong.”

Since arriving as principal in 2014, Mr Sloman said one thing he had been doing was consultations to further strengthen the relationships between staff, students and parents. “Implementing a mentoring program between teachers and a peer-to-peer learning program is something we will be working on,” he said.

“There are trends emerging from the community on the direction our families would like to see the colleges go. One area was balancing the academic focus with the support of pastoral care.

“The second is a real significant investment in professional development of our staff and the third is about really engaging with our parents as partners in the education of their children.”

At Moreton Bay College, 98 per cent of those applying to Queensland tertiary providers received an offer in the first round. At Moreton Bay Boys’ College, 95 per cent of boys were offered their first or second preference at the tertiary provider of their choice.

OPEN DAYS

Both schools have open days this month where the school welcomes families to take a tour

- Moreton Bay College’s (450 Wondall Rd, Manly West) is on Friday, March 13, from 9am-noon
- Moreton Bay Boys’ College (302 Manly Rd, Manly West) has its open pay on Saturday, March 14, from 9am-noon

Moreton Bay College and Moreton Bay College principal James Sloman.

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