



St Francis Catholic College

FRIENDS OF FRANCIS

Monday 18th November 2024 at 6:00pm

(Meet in Reception Foyer)

New Staff Common Room

Chairperson: Kate Acosta St Francis Representatives: Matthew McMahon (MCMM), Melissa Vella (VELM)	Meeting Notes: Melissa Vella (VELM)
Present: (From sign-in sheets)	Apologies: Joelene Dalli, Anita, Raymond, Sita, Natasa

Previous Meeting Actions to be followed up		
AGENDA ITEM:	MEETING NOTES:	ACTION:
Group Operating Norms	“1. Be present & active listeners 2. Stay on topic & be solutions-focused 3. Value the contributions of all present 4. Remember that issues/complaints are to be referred to/through appropriate College channels”	Ongoing - to be shared at all meetings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitator update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Kate Acosta (Friends of Francis Facilitator) Ms Antonija Barisic (Friends of Francis Fundraising Facilitator) Mrs Maria Spiros (Friends of Francis Social / Community Facilitator) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft FoF Constitution 	Currently working with CEO on this document -Friends of Francis structure - different to all other schools - constitution currently with CEO.	Still waiting on a response from the CEO Legal Team.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey to families RE: Social Events 	Update on planning of Social Events Survey went out to families 101 responses	

	<p>Kate went through responses</p> <p>VELM talked about Christmas Concert alternate years and possibly Christmas Carols on the alternate years</p> <p>What happens for Senior Students? Showcases of Electives in Stage 6</p> <p>Why is there not a concert every year? VELM talked about safety issues surrounding the concerts - not enough seats in the Hall - potentially a ticketed event this year - some families brought 10+ ppl to this event, not sustainable for staff - tremendous amount of work from teachers outside of school hours.</p> <p>Potential BBQ Dates for welcoming families in 2025 - BBQ would be 5-6pm</p> <p>Prior to Parent Information Nights for Kinder and Year 7:</p> <p>Week 2: Wednesday 5th February: Year 7 (6-7pm)</p> <p>Week 4: Wednesday 19th February: K-4</p> <p>Whole group: 6.00 - 6.30pm</p> <p>Session 1: 6.30 - 7.00pm</p> <p>Session 2: 7.00 - 7.30pm</p> <p>Suggestion from parent: could you have a sign on sheet on the parent information night where parents can write down their names and mobile numbers so parents can connect and organise social events outside schools. Class groups - not year groups.</p> <p>Parents on chats and they don't know who the parents are in the group.</p> <p>Response: this is a parent issue not a school issue. Another parent - agreed.</p> <p>Parent: BBQ could be an option to introduce parents to one another.</p> <p>MCM - it would be an issue for us in terms of confidentiality to sanction this idea.</p>	
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New Meeting Items & Discussion Notes		
AGENDA ITEM:	MEETING NOTES:	ACTION:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Acknowledgement of Country 	MCOMM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prayer 	VELM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Housekeeping 	VELM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Open Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introductions - around the room ○ Apologies 	Apologies via Kate: Joelene, Anita, Raymond, Sita, Natasa	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minutes of Previous Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On Website under Parents Tab/ Parent School Partnership 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Principal's report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enrolment Numbers: 900+ applications from K-12 for 2025. Open Day 2025 looking to change the approach from previous years. ● Public Speaking, Debating & STEM success: MCOMM outlined the many successes over recent months. Recognised in the College Newsletter. If any parent/carer wishes to share child/ren successes the College would love to hear about them. ● Principal's Appraisal: Thankful to everyone involved in the process. Over 300 responses from parent/carer community. Overall positive, with great feedback. Parent feedback from Indian/Nepalese community regarding cultural social events. Parent feedback on how to keep the college connected with such large numbers. Over 1500 students in 2025. ● Blessing & Opening: Last Tuesday. Great event to officially open the Admin, Junior Years and Library spaces. ● Building & facilities update: Buildings are now finished until the final stage which is the Senior Years Block. Possibly 3-4 years away from starting. Demountables need to be removed for this building to start. TAS shed going in soon. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Traffic Management: Parent feedback: No stopping signs - better than it was before. Vinny Road is chaotic. MCOMM: Additional signage to be added soon. Successfully pushed for a crossing across Guillemont Road and Vinny Road. Hopefully built over the Christmas holidays ready for the start of Term 1, 2025. This means some changes to gates/fences/internal crossings. Gate on Guillemont Road to be closed from 2-2.35pm. Intercom system on the gate if you need to access the College while the gate is closed. There is currently no ambulance access. Advise parents/carers carline goes until 3.15pm. Vinny Road exit closed for the next three weeks - parents now need to exit via the old carline, through the connection road down to the Jardine Drive carpark. BUSES: still overcrowded. College met with the new Transit System bus company - Liverpool Mayor - Local Member. A Current Affair - is this an option? ● Upcoming College events 2025: ● Jump Rope For Heart update (raising money for heart disease research) - close to \$27 000 raised so far. 4th in the country so far. ● Sport focus - MISA sport increased participation and in results. Gala Days - increased participation this year. Emails sent to the Sports Coordinator. ● MCOMM: possibility to advertise local clubs in the newsletter - with a waiver. Re-advertise what clubs are currently run at the college. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FoF Financial Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update provided - \$489 000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shade Sails between New Library and MY Buildings ○ Playground Equipment - Junior Years area 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social/Community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Survey results - see above 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fundraising 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advisory Council Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Policy to be reviewed - 'Hands Off' Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Call for interested parents/carers 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Educative Component 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New Pedagogies for Deep Learning AIP College Goal (2024/25) MCMC showed a video from Michael Fullen - explanation of Deep Learning and the six competencies. As a catholic school adding a 7th 'C' - Catholicity. Learning skills needing to enter the world as a graduate. MCMC shared timeline from T.3, 2024 - T.4, 2025. Can parents/carers have information in the newsletter about NPDL. Small snippets - videos - conversation starters. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General Business item 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Car line / Vinny Road - see above. <p>Parents suggestions: Can there be an open classroom - not part of Book Week - but for an hour. Lunch of Lawn example.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Newsletter items - can there more information about specific year groups - For example: 'What's happening in Year 7'? ● Rubbish really bad at the College ● 2026 - 10th Year of the College. Will there be a celebration? Can community groups be involved? 	

Meeting Close:

Next Meeting: College Staff Common Room

Date:

Monday 24th February 2025 Time: 6:00 pm