



Faith Lutheran College, Redlands

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Principal's Report – P&FA Meeting 7.11.16

1. Senior School Assessment - New arrangements timeline has been extended by 1 year. The new syllabus will now apply to the current Year 8 students who will be in Year 11 in 2019.

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Dear Principal

During the past two years, the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) has laid the groundwork for a new system of senior assessment and tertiary entrance. Our achievements include:

- conducting two rounds of public consultation on 35 draft syllabuses
- trialling external assessments in seven subjects with more than 20,000 students
- developing and trialling new processes for strengthening school-based assessment
- launching School Portal and commencing redevelopment of existing ICT systems
- engaging thousands of teachers and other education partners in the change process.

Although there has been significant progress, some transition activities will require more time to complete than originally planned. In particular, this means the redevelopment of senior syllabuses and the delivery of nearly 700 professional development workshops to about 17,000 teachers.

The Queensland Government has, therefore, decided to introduce the new system with Year 11 students in 2019 instead of 2018. The first graduates will finish Year 12 in 2020. The government's final position can be viewed on the Department of Education and Training website at <https://det.qld.gov.au/programs-initiatives/education/queensland-senior-assessment-and-tertiary-entrance-systems>.

The extension will ensure that teachers have sufficient support to become completely familiar with the new system. It will also allow QCAA to analyse the findings of assessment trials and consult further with our education partners. A change of this magnitude cannot be rushed if it is to be successful for students and schools.

An immediate consequence is that the conference for principals in March 2017 at the Brisbane Convention and Entertainment Centre will be postponed until Term 4, 2017.

I look forward to discussing the implications of the revised timeline with you at the information sessions in late October and November for principals, school leaders and parent representatives.

Yours sincerely

Chris Rider
Chief Executive Officer

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2. FAME
 - 2.1. It was a wonderful evening and one of 4 excellent musical events this year.
 - 2.2. Thank you to students, staff, parents and helpers for all of our music events of 2016.
 - 2.3. There will be a possible date change 2017 for FAME and Soirée (swap dates) to fit better with other events and the curriculum timeline in the College.
3. Service Learning
 - 3.1. FLAT Far North Queensland will occur again in 2017. Staff and student expressions of interest are currently being sought. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and it is a truly enriching learning experience.
4. End of Year Worship and wards evenings. For noting:
 - 4.1. Senior School 17 November – Centre for Creative Arts
 - 4.2. Middle School 30 November – The Lighthouse
 - 4.3. Junior School 1 December - SPAH
5. Musical Middle and Senior School 2017 - Planning well underway. Student and staff already are looking forward to this with enthusiasm.
6. Wishlist
 - 6.1. Year 6 ACER Laptops
 - 6.2. Grant application for Federal Government Digital Literacies \$18,000 plus use of wishlist money as co-contribution to Makerspace - a Junior School project.

What is it?

A Makerspace is a physical location where people gather to share resources and knowledge, work on projects, network, and build. Makerspaces provide tools and space in a community environment—a library, community centre, private organization, or campus. Expert advisors may be available some of the time, but often novices get help from other users. The Makerspace is often associated with fields such as engineering, computer science, and graphic design. The concept emerges from the technology- driven 'maker culture'. This idea of a collaborative studio space for creative endeavours has caught hold in education, where the informal combination of lab, shop, and conference room form a compelling argument for learning through hands-on exploration. On campus, the Makerspace is being embraced by the arts as well as the sciences, and a new energy is building around multidisciplinary collaborative efforts.

7. Digital Devices 2017 Year 7-12: the College has been able to source a very good machine at a very good student price for 2017 (ACER Switch 12 i3 and i5 models). Both will be leased and both are several hundred dollars under RRP.
8. Can P&FA please advise this evening on the levy for 2017.
9. ***At this time, I wish to give a sincere thank you to the Parents and Friends for their support over the past 15 years while I have been at Faith. The community of Faith is one of its attributes that make it truly special and the P&FA are great contributors. The Executive this year have been wonderful drivers of this and I wish to acknowledge those of the past as well. I thank God for your support, enthusiasm and commitment to our College.***

Please join us for the Principals Tribute where we can publicly acknowledge your help and support for 2016.

Anthony Mueller 7.11.16