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"And so there is no division in the body, but all its different parts have the same concern for one another."

1 Corinthians 12:25

The launch of a new parent committee was celebrated in August with a champagne supper together with invited parents and guests. The evening gave all attendees the opportunity of sharing the journeys of three of our school families who embraced the difficulties and triumphs of

raising a child with a disability. Parents had the opportunity to meet one another and share personal stories.

This has come about as a direct result of our college participating in a project, in collaboration with Independent Schools Queensland, entitled "New Perspectives". Our goal is to provide Faith parents with opportunities to meet other parents with similar challenges and to find support through easy access to helpful research-based information. The committee consists of representatives from our staff, parents and the wider community. This committee aims to help our parents to easily access links to community support networks outside the college.

This will be of particular interest to all parents who have children involved in the Inclusive Education program at Faith. Inclusive education embraces all the minority groups who benefit from the wide range of intervention and extra-curricular programs offered by the college. These include programs that support our students with disabilities and learning difficulties, students form Non-English speaking backgrounds, students of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island descent and gifted and talented students.

The Michael Grose parenting ideas appearing in our weekly Faith Herald are as a direct result of this project. On-line parent resources are also available on our college website. A number of other events are planned for next term which we hope will be beneficial to all parents.

Please look out for the logo designed by one of the parents, Lindie Brengman.

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