Minutes NHSPA P & C meeting
6pm, 11 June, 2013
School Common Room

CHAIR: Darren Mitchell
STAFF: Stephen Gray
ATTENDANCE: Abbi Clifford, Lisa Penlington, Martyn Morrison-Gree, Amanda Faase, Emma Walters, Peter Denholm, Donna Huggart, Ross Moffat, Tony Ryan, Mark Rolfe, Katie Mann, Nicki Wilkinson, Debbie Whitmont, Jenni Wilkins.

APOLOGIES: Denis Dumlao, John Caley, Terry Bail, Michael Scott-Mitchell, Kelly Burke.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION: Darren welcomed all parents, the acting principal and deputy principal.

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CORRESPONDENCE
Sydney City Council matching grants up to $10,000 for sustainability and environmental awareness. Emma Walters and John Caley to obtain details. Stephen suggested WEF may be considered.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Empowering local schools program: Stephen attended the UK program in Nottingham. He looked into teaching in educational leadership, professional learning and the opportunity to see what was happening in the UK. Under the new system schools have become increasingly accountable. The UK has move toward an academy style model with chains of schools, similar to a corporate model.
Affirmation in relation to what currently happens in the Australian public system, there is no huge difference in the testing system.
In Queensland, successful schools are already advising less successful schools. The positive spin-off is the dialogue around teaching and learning in Australia. There is a big difference between the states in Australia.

Learning Centre: The learning centre in the library is now up and running. Ula George is coordinating the centre. Open for Yr 12 students for quiet study all day, and the learning support centre is also based there. Darren congratulated Stephen on the Learning Centre initiative.

Showcase: Finishes 22 June at the Seymour Centre.

Auditions: Start Wednesday 19 June and go through to the end of term.

Garfield Lemonius: The US choreographer arrived in Sydney today.

St George’s Hall: Plans for St George's hall upgrade, the school is to apply for a matching grant, up to 300,000. Tiered seating is being considered, and ways to make
the venue more functional for different events. The school and P&C will work
together to have plans finalised by the beginning of next year.

Advanced Drama Students: Stephen will pilot the acceleration of a drama cohort for a
group in current Year 8 for next year’s Year 9. The rationale is to push and challenge
the best drama students, similar to the selective school model but in drama. It would
take some pressure off the students in their HSC year. A Grade students only to be
selected, based on a combination of performance and written work.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Darren thanked John Caley for organising a successful working bee. The day resulted
in lots of cleaning up, planting and weeding.
John will send out a summary of what was achieved.
Mark will organise a roster for parent help for auditions. Stephen said the Wednesday
to Friday of the last week, with year 7 hopefuls auditioning, would need morning teas
organised by the P & C.

FACULTY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT
Letters have been sent out to the non-creative arts faculties for possible $4,000 grants
for teaching and learning support. It is hoped all faculties will respond.

BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT
Darren presented the report on behalf of Terry. The studio foyer refurbishment is
largely completed. A toilet upgrade is now being planned, with the possibility of a
cost share with the school.
The sub-committee is now building ideas for the refurbishment of St George’s
Hall.

TREASURER’S REPORT
Ross updated numbers on the Treasurers report from May 2013.
St George’s Hall may require extra funding ideas to achieve the totals needed.

PAVAC SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT
Lisa Penlington said about 100 people attended the agents’ night. The music industry
is likely to be the subject of the next event in term 3, probably in August. The first
P&C night may not be suitable due to subject selection being taken place the same
night.

Meeting ended: 7 pm
Next meeting: 6pm, 9 July, School Common Room.