Principal’s Report June 2015

Prep Applications 2016
Round one interviews and offers have concluded and we have approximately 130 students and as predicted 5 streams planned for 2016.

Learning and Teacher at St. Martin’s
This week I am interviewing groups more than 40 students from Years 4-6 and I am asking the following questions:

1. What are some examples of the best teaching you have experienced at St. Martin?
2. What are some examples where the teaching you experienced could have been improved?
3. Do you feel that your teachers have high and clear expectations for your learning?

The teachers in all Brisbane Catholic Education schools are all currently examining and reflecting on their own practice with a focus on their student’s perspective in relation to their learning progress. It really is a ‘shift’ from initially focussing on the curriculum to looking at how the students learn and what best enables this learning to be optimised. School Leadership will support this move towards teachers focussing on student progress by visiting classrooms specifically to see whether students understand their progress and what to do when unsure. Added to this, teachers in Semester 2 (Term 3) will be released to visit each other’s classrooms and specifically offer collegial advice on how they deem the learning and teaching could be improved.

Parent Engagement Model Trial 2016
In an endeavour to offer greater inclusivity, I intend to trial in 2016 a varied model of parental engagement. In essence this model is a modification of the membership of the current school board. Members will include: Parish Priest; Principal; two representatives from the teaching staff and the elected executive of the Parents and Friends. This
enlarged group will meet at 6pm just before the Parents and Friend’s Meeting 5 times per year.

**Next Meeting in relation to the Options for BOYS Enrolment Year 5 and 6**

Ian McDonald Principal of St. Laurence's Secondary school will be attending a meeting Tuesday June 16th at 2pm in the Dominic Centre to speak to parents in relation to the options and the choice facing the parents of St. Martin’s boys. Ian will happily answer questions from parents and give illumination to this situation that faces the parents of boys at St. Martin’s and surrounding schools. A cup of tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided. This is also a further opportunity for parents to connect.

**Capital Projects include:**

1. Extension of the Dominic Centre $185000-$200000 - in planning currently;
2. Martin Garden - awaiting statue then final planting and blessing on November 3;
3. Anzac Square – Completed
4. Plans have been drawn up for Contemporary Learning Village including the Year 5 rooms and plans for tuckshop refurbishment and relocation begun.
5.寻求 quotes on two possible projects Multi-purpose Court and Vinyl shade sale for afternoon student waiting area near Broadway Street exit.

Thank you for working in partnership to make St. Martin’s an even better school!

Mick Kelleher

Principal