



BOB HAWKE COLLEGE

Minutes of Board Meeting held on 29 March 2023

Location: BHC Boardroom
Chair: Catia Malaquias
Deputy Chair: Zac Morrow
Secretary: Zac Morrow – temporary
Minutes: John Burke

Attendees: John Burke (JB), Tahnee Davies (TD), Erica Schurmann (ES), Alix Roberts (AR), Kara Beecham (KB), Carlee Ingleson (CI), Krystina Myhre (KM), Zac Morrow (ZM), Emily Donders (ED), Catia Malaquias (CM), Naomi Liddelow (NL) Matt Titmanis (MT)

Student Representatives: None.

Apologies: Adrian Lee (AL), Nicole Cooper (NC),

Summary of Minutes (for publication on the Bob Hawke College Website)

The Board of Bob Hawke College met on 29 March 2023, 6pm.

Board Member Erica Schurmann, delivered the board Reflection following the welcome and Acknowledgement of Whadjuk Noongar Country. The Reflection was themed around the idea of taking the time to stop, listen and reflect and the word "Dabakarn", a Whadjuk Noongar word that means "slowly, slowly". This spoke of the importance of prioritising and taking the time to savour what is happening and the people around us, instead of rushing past this through to the next task or goal.

The Board Chair, Catia Malaquias led an acknowledgement of the three outgoing Board members for whom this was the last meeting, Tahnee Davies, Erica Schurmann and Matthew Titmanis. JB also thanked each personally.

The Board dealt with a range of matters as set out in the Agenda, including:

- Correspondence received.
- Discussion and approval of Minutes and Actions of the Previous Meeting on 15 February 2023.
- Principal's update including update on the gradual handover of the new building with visual arts, dance and drama moving in on 20 March following earlier occupation of Student Central and Lower and Ground Floors, the new secondary education metrics and Department of Education Focus 2023 which move away from the metric of "median ATAR" to metrics capturing individual student progress over their high school years and change the narrative from "ATAR students" to "University bound students", "TAFE bound Students" and "Workforce bound students" which the Principal indicated is more consistent with the College's approach that values and seeks to maximise each student's learning trajectory. Data in relation to student suspensions was also presented, including data disaggregated for disability.
- Business plan planning process, which will commence once the College engages a consultant mid-year. This process will involve the Board, College staff and the College community and will also seek to include a student voice.
- Proposed consideration of the Travel and Access Plan to ensure students can travel to the College safely.
- Finance update and discussion including update on the Student Equity Fund, which has been established on the request of the Board and is used to support students experiencing financial hardship to access opportunities and remove financial barriers to participation. Funds have already

been used to support students to attend College activities and excursions and to provide laptop access to students whose families could not afford them.

- Proposal to revise the current Board Subcommittees to align them more closely with the priorities in the Business Plan. The Board now has three Subcommittees, the Best Practice Subcommittee, the Inclusion and Pathways Subcommittee and the Community and Amenities Subcommittee.
- Discussion about student voice and student participation on the College Board.
- Update on progress of drafting of the Positive Behaviour Policy and input by the Student Wellbeing Subcommittee

The meeting concluded with Catia Malaquias thanking all participants for their attendance. The next meeting was set for 10 May 2023.

The Minutes of this Meeting have been made available in full in Compass.