Lakeview Principal’s Report to School Council

Meeting held 7th December 2015

1. Enrolments
Our new Year 10s had their first day at Lakeview today as part of their three day orientation program. We currently have 329 Year 10 enrolments, 359 in Year 11 and 322 in Year 12 which gives us an overall figure of 1010. We still expect this number will rise over the next two weeks and in February next year.

2. Teaching and Learning
We held our final Professional Learning Team meetings for 2015 on Friday morning. Staff this year have been working in subject PLTs where we have focussed on identifying and unpacking the Key Skills and Knowledge of each unit of work. We have then asked staff to formulate Common Formative Assessment Tasks for students which they are asked to complete fortnightly. Their results on these tasks are then used to examine their proficiency and are linked to appropriate intervention tasks aimed at moving individual students to the next level. Whilst different PLTs are at different points in their development of this work we will be continuing with this work in 2016 whilst also modifying some of the individual groups.

3. Staffing
Panels are continuing to meet and make appointments to short term positions to finalise our staffing for 2016. We are experiencing some difficulty in finding a Design Technology teacher for a 12 month replacement position.

4. Principal’s role as a system leader
This week on Thursday and Friday our staff to work with other VCE/VCAL teachers from other Senior Secondary Colleges at Tarneit Senior College to discuss teaching approaches and curriculum changes. At the same time this week we will also be hosting the Senior Schools Forum at Lakeview. Our leadership team will also be concluding this year’s Performance and Development Process by completing end of cycle reviews with all Lakeview staff.

I also met with the Principals’ of Brookside and Springside College along with Anne Fox who is our Senior Advisor to discuss our new Annual Implementation Plan which must account for the additional $200000 we have received in equity funding.

5. Resources
We have made preliminary inquiries about establishing a VCE Study Centre which would house our Year 11/12 Year Level Co-ordinators and provide a significant space for our students to study before school, during school and after school. We met with Jim Stewart from Barde architects who have advised that a new double storey double portable would be the sensible option. This would also be significantly cheaper than a permanent structure on the same site. Tentative costings are about $30000 for the management of the project and $850000 for the actual building which would become an asset of Lakeview Senior College.

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