

## GENERAL MEETING - MINUTES

6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Video Conference

### General Meeting

**Chairperson:** Simon Cahill

**Official Meeting Opened:** 7.00 pm

### Attendance & Apologies:

Zoom: as per Zoom log, including Kathy O'Sullivan (KO), Simon Cahill (SC) and Ben Mills (BM).

Apologies: Roman Iolavega.

SC opened the meeting at 7pm.

- New aim to vary meetings between in person and online, and make efficient.

### Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Tabled minutes of previous AGM and General Meeting, and Derry Finkeldey (DF, new secretary)

- **Motion:** Minutes previous meeting are true and accurate.
- **Moved:** Derry
- **Second:** Simon
- **Result:** Approved – unanimous.

Actions from previous minutes:

- 5 responses to RIOT for committee – sufficient response. Lucienne Herft sent out.

### Principal's update.

- Two big wins!
  1. Gym open! PE classes from Monday, and Yr.11 and Yr.12 volleyball and basketball. Will hold SRC induction on Wednesday, Yr.12 farewell. There will be an opening ceremony early term 4.
  2. External validation very positive - 2 external panel against school excellence framework.

Achieved agenda from 2020. Importance of partner

- New school captains: Sam Dayton + Esther Schroeter.
- New signs up at school. Next new lecterns.
- Question on new mobile ban.
  - Alex Newcomb: parent consultation yielded few responses; 4 supportive and 2 voiced concerns about smart watches and connectivity. It is a department strategy statewide; starts day 1 of Term 4 and is gate to gate. The ban was extended to watches & earbuds because of messaging. Every teacher required to support the policy.
    - Sick bay and Urgent phone calls through front office.
    - Medical reason via deputies
    - Encouraging use of School app
    - Extends to school excursions and activities like band

## P&C ASSOCIATION

- Canteen - can use EFTPOS, student card and debit cards
- = no requirement to bring a phone.
- Will monitor in term 4 and provide update in week 3.

Q: Happy about ban. How much of an extra burden on teachers to police it?

A: Considered other systems. Decided onus on student to encourage responsible behaviour. \_

Q: What impact expected?

A: Increasing focus in classroom.

>>**Action update on progress in Meeting 1 Term 4 from Kathy.**

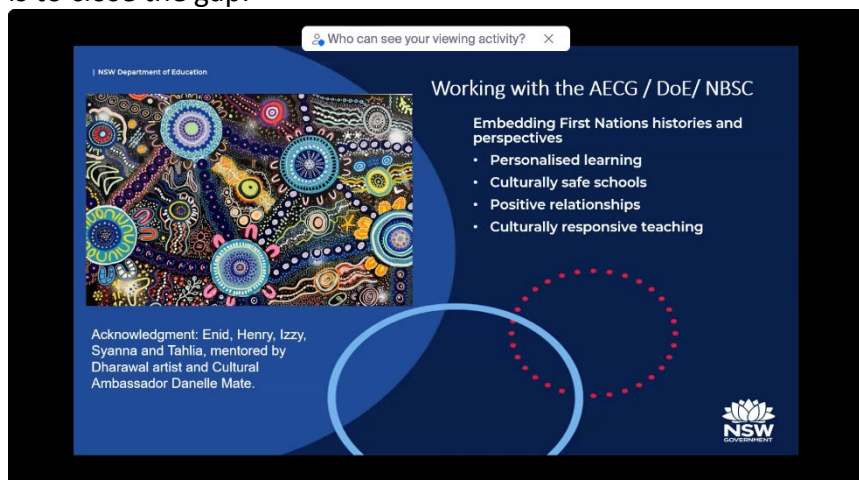
Q: Will students still be educated in use of phones & healthy wellbeing?

A: Yes.

### Guest Speaker: Bec Stewart, HSIE teacher, liaison for Aboriginal students

Welcome to Country reminds us where we are, we live, dream and work on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander land. Explained the acknowledgement of country – land was never ceded. Acknowledgement is an opportunity to show respect to traditional owners. A welcome to Country is an important ceremony practised for generations. We do that in a variety of ways. The school has 6 first nation students.

Bec's role is to liaise with indigenous students and with Christy Crawford from the College, and with the AECG (Aboriginal Education Consult Group) with mandate to communicate the Aboriginal viewpoint. Goal is to close the gap.



> **Action:** start doing acknowledgment of country at beginning of meetings.

### Executive Reports

1. Student Byron Cahill from year 9 presented a funding request to replace basketball nets: quotes \$90 durable (6) + netball nets \$36 (2). This week or next week. Take down over weekend. Can do a report of benefits.

KO: double check w. PE staff to ensure fit.

Agree to fund what PE staff recommend in the same "ballpark"

**Moved by Derry Finkeldey, and passed.**

### Any other Business

NORTHERN BEACHES SECONDARY  
COLLEGE  
MANLY CAMPUS  
**P&C ASSOCIATION**



1. BM: Need a working Bee to finish cleaning up post musical... TAS block was inaccessible, and they are currently still in Hall. Need to be put under TAS room. Was hoping for Sunday October week 1.

KO: The Music program is also having a working bee in week 1. Kathy to email Michael Jobson a report back 14th or 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. To confirm dates.

Patti: Want to clean out costumes. Will check with Billie.

2. Next week, preparing for bushfire season on grounds. Anticipating hot summer as school is category 3 for bushfire. Removing mulch, needles and branches, etc. Jill will spray bindis is on top oval. Herbs outside canteen will be replanted.
3. Trivia Night → funds for outdoor furniture.

Simon closed the meeting.

Thank thanks to school, Kathy, Alex & Bec.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.17pm

**Next Meeting:** 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

**Notes:** voting was done via the chat in the Zoom call. A copy of the chat transcript can be obtained from the secretary.

**Membership** – costs \$1 to join – and allows you to vote.