

## Cranbourne East Secondary College School Council Report – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Dear Families,

School Council was held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm, please find below a report of some of the items discussed at that meeting.

We welcomed Hayley Williams (Student wellbeing), year 10 student Emilee Collard and student voice representatives Tristan Walton and Tray and Levi Rogers, all from year 7, to the meeting.

We firstly heard from Tristan, Levi and Trey in regards to the breakfast club and their roles within it. Tristan explained why the breakfast club is a good program by explaining how it provides breakfast to those students who cannot or may not have breakfast at home for various reasons. He also spoke about how he and the other school captains are organising activities around the school to help keep students occupied during recess and lunch. Tristan let us know that the free dress day raised \$1500 which was a big help in providing supplies for the Breakfast Club. He mentioned that a Multicultural day will be held in October. Trey and Levi told the school council about how much fun they have at breakfast club and how it is teaching them life skills especially about hygiene and food service.

We then heard from Emilee Collard who had prepared a presentation on her thoughts on why self expression in the form of hair colour, piercings and make up, should be considered by school council when passing the Uniform Policy. Emilee was very articulate in her presentation and certainly highlighted her thoughts very well for the council. Ms Strickland and I will meet with Emilee to continue this discussion.

Hayley Williams, (student wellbeing), then spoke to the council in regards to the R U OK Day to be held on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Hayley and the wellbeing team are working towards having a BBQ breakfast on this day for the whole school; they are hoping to have parent helpers on the morning (working with children checks required) to aid with the breakfast. The topic for this day will be Self Care, so the Casey 360 bus and Headspace representatives will be around on the morning and available to students. A self care activity will be held for each class during period 1 on the day. More information will follow shortly regarding this day. The wellbeing team is also working in conjunction with Cranbourne East Primary School and Marnebek with having some parenting forums take place with topics including adolescent health, stress and anxiety etc.

Ms Strickland spoke about the upcoming course counselling for year 10 students going into year 11 in 2017. There will be a parent information session held early in term 3, students will receive their class selection pack to take home and discuss with their parents before having their course counselling session with the senior school panel. The course counselling sessions will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August. More information will be sent home regarding this. Year 11 into Year 12 will have a similar session, dates to be advised.

School council was informed about the new Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) Child Safe Standards that all schools need to comply with. We are in the process of updating all policies that are associated with this.

Ms McGuire spoke about a partnership with Century 21 to help raise funds to have an undercover area built with chairs and tables underneath. More information regarding this partnership will be available soon, including the competition for students to design the area.

The year 10 formal is being held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. 98 students will be attending this night with many of the teachers also attending. Congratulations to the formal committee on organising this

event and we hope that everyone has a lovely evening. The year 11 formal will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> November, more information will be available shortly. Year 12 Valedictory dinner will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> October at the Pakenham Cultural Centre. Expressions of interest for a Debutant Ball for year 11 students in 2017 will be sent home shortly with information regarding this event for parents.

I would like to thank Hayley Williams, Tristan Walton, Levi and Trey Rogers and Emilee Collard for their attendance at the meeting and for their reports. The school council will meet again on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July, if you have any issues that you wish the school council to discuss please feel free to email me directly on [Griffiths.rebecca.e@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:Griffiths.rebecca.e@edumail.vic.gov.au) or via the school email, ATT: School Council.

Thank you

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