

PMSA IS ON THE MOVE - ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE AGM

Tuesday 15 June 2021

Good morning to our PMSA Family,

The 103rd PMSA AGM was held last night and it was truly special.

Outgoing Board Chair Morgan Parker and CEO Sharon Callister highlighted the achievements of the organisation from the past year, setting the scene for a momentous year ahead.

Incoming Chair Peter Barker shared his vision for the organisation and guests heard from all four outstanding schools, who shared their unique and equally impressive accomplishments.

You can watch the full recording here and we have included a summary of the announcements in this letter.

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PMSA APPOINTMENTS

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PMSA BOARD

Peter Barker (Chair, pictured right)

Margaret Berry (Deputy Chair)



PMSA SCHOOL COUNCILS

Brisbane Boys College

Clayfield College

Somerville House

Sunshine Coast Grammar

CHAired BY

Don O'Rorke

Catherine O'Sullivan

Fiona Gaske

Ken Watson

PMSA COMMITTEES

Audit, Finance and Risk

Nominations and Human Resources Committee

Policy Committee

Child Protection and Safeguarding Committee

CHAired BY

Jeff Harvey

Morgan Parker

Chris Verra

Phillip Brooks

APPOINTMENT OF 10TH BBC HEADMASTER Mr Andre Casson

The Board spent considerable time consulting with industry experts and reflecting on their own experiences to truly understand the complexity of the role of a modern-day GPS school Headmaster.

In a first for BBC, the perspectives of the community were sought, asking staff, current parents and former students what they considered to be the most important attributes for the next BBC Headmaster. More than 1600 responses helped inform the selection criteria.

The Chair conveyed the international search that had unearthed a dozen interesting candidates. The recruitment process which had involved a series of panel interviews, with structured questions, and candidate presentations and he thanked Mrs Kim Kiepe, the Principal of Somerville House for her assistance with the process.

In announcing Andre Casson as BBC's 10th Headmaster the Chair shared with guests; "A headmaster at BBC is more than the Head of a school, it is the leader of a community. Andre Casson possesses the perfect combination of personal sensibilities, professional acumen and global perspective to take BBC confidently into the future. Brisbane Boys' College is one of Australia's most prominent schools and having someone of Mr Casson's experience and thought-leadership will position it advantageously within the Brisbane GPS context."

Andre is currently the Head of the Australian International School in Singapore, where he has overseen the strategic direction and growth of this incredibly high-performing institution. Responsible for the care of infants through to students completing year 12, the school adopts the Australian Curriculum as the basis for the primary years. The senior programs then integrate with the NSW Higher School Certificate or the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

Mr Casson graduated from the General Management Program, Harvard Business School, he has a Diploma in Education from The University of Notre Dame Australia and a Bachelor of Science, from The University of Western Australia. Mr Casson boasts previous experience in the Brisbane GPS school environment, being a former Deputy Head of Senior School at Churchie prior to relocating to Singapore.

Mr Casson joined the PMSA AGM via a live feed and shared a video message with guests.



\$75 MILLION OF CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS APPROVED ACROSS FOUR SCHOOLS

The PMSA Board has approved \$75 million of capital development projects across the four PMSA schools.

Some projects highlighted include:

Sunshine Coast Grammar School

- New Prep Building (September 2021 – July 2022)
- Visual Art Building (Completed May 2021)
- Science Building (Completed May 2020)

Somerville House

- Senior School Precinct development
- 'SomerFields' sporting complex at Rocklea

Clayfield College

- A commitment to a renewal of the campus with plans well underway

MOUNT MOON OUTDOOR LEARNING CAMPUS

Whilst developing the PMSA's Strategic Plan, the PMSA conducted a critical review of the organisation and identified the attributes shared by the best independent schools in Australia and overseas.

Opportunities were identified for our group of four schools and the Board focused on those that were fundamentally 'good for students' and 'good for business'.

From this research and development - The PMSA Board unanimously resolved to establish a new Outdoor Learning Campus at Mount Moon in the Scenic Rim region.



Mount Moon pictured above, will be the PMSA's Outdoor Learning Centre - a new take been on the model, made famous by campuses like Timbertop, Glengarry, Marshmead, and Clunes.

A SNAPSHOT OF THE MOUNT MOON PROJECT – TO BE COMMISSIONED IN 2024

- More than 1,200 acres of stunning rural land
- One hour from Brisbane and just two hours from the Sunshine Coast
- Bordering a National Park
- A purpose-built, World Class Outdoor Learning Campus for the PMSA Year 9 cohort to attend a one-term experience (ability to select term to align with their academic and co-curricular activities)
- A game changer for our four schools – offering each a unique competitive advantage

Outgoing Chair Morgan Parker shared with guests at the AGM “While much work has already been done, there remains much to do. Our ambition is clear. Our four schools will offer an unparalleled residential learning experience that exceeds all expectations. An experience that delivers on the value proposition that families are inspired by when enrolling their children. In doing this, we will significantly differentiate our schools from their nearest and most direct competitors.”

Over the months to come, specialist internal groups will be assembled to undertake this historic work, to:

- Create an authentic Australian educational experience for Year 9
- Plan for the integration of this program with the existing Year 9 programs at our schools
- Design and construct a campus environment that brings this program to life
- Develop the marketing programs required to promote this offer by each of our schools, and
- Build a staffing model that will ensure our success

Over the next two years, you will be kept abreast of our collective progress.

For more information on Mount Moon, please contact:

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FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO CEO SHARON CALLISTER

Sharon shared an impressive recap of the achievements accomplished by the PMSA over the last year and a half and her genuine excitement for the future of the organisation.

Her closing prayer struck a beautiful chord with guests and we share it with you here:

This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen

The PMSA Board is in the process of appointing a new CEO. During this time Joanne Segond von Banchet is acting CEO and can ably assist you with any enquiries E [Joanne Segond von Banchet](mailto:Joanne.Segond.von.Banchet@pmsa-schools.edu.au);