



April 2016

Board Communiqué

Meeting of 31 March 2016

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Welcome to the first Board Communiqué

Kalamunda Senior High School is an Independent Public School (IPS). Being an IPS gives the school local autonomy to make decisions that best suit the school community, our environment and our challenges.

The school direction and decisions are overseen by a Board comprising of School staff, students, parents and community representatives.

The Board helps set direction, policies and strategies that best suit Kalamunda. As a result the Board has an important role to play as part of an IPS.

The Board normally meets twice a term.

The purpose of the *Board Communiqué* is to:

- Increase parents knowledge of how the school is run;
- keep parents informed about issues and decisions the Board is discussing;
- Encourage feedback from parents on issue affecting the school

community.

The *Board Communiqué* will be produced following each Board meeting and emailed out to parents – Generally within a week of the meeting.

Feedback is encouraged.

It is hoped you find the *Board Communiqué* both informative and engaging.



Introducing the 2016 Board Members

The Board members for 2016 are:

- Principal: Kathy Ritchie.
- Parent representatives: Angela Trimboli, Christine Erbe, Maurice Cammack and Ruth Proslmeyr.
- Community representatives: John Day and Peter Stewart.
- Staff representatives: Helen Deacon, Emma Cannell and Jim O'Neill.
- Student representatives: Amberley Bradley and Bailey Kermode.

Finance Report

“Parent school contributions and charges are an important element of school funding”

The Board reviewed the breakdown of the Student Centred Funding model allocation for Kalamunda which is based on student numbers and characteristics.

Funding has to be carefully managed to run the school, maintain the facilities and deliver



subject materials to students.

The Board discussed parent school charges and contributions received to

date. They are an important element of the school funding.

Contributions are used to run special courses and provide additional materials, equipment and support to improve student's educational experience.

Board Chair Elected

A new Chair was voted upon by the Board.

Maurice Cammack was elected Board Chair by the Board.

Angela Trimboli was elected Deputy Board Chair by the Board.

The Board thanked Angela for chairing the Board during 2015.

2016 Business Plan Approved



Kalamunda developed a 3 year business plan – 2014 to 2016 that has been used to drive improvements and respond to the changing environment.

Kathy Ritchie presented the draft 2016 Business Plan and outlined changes from 2015 based on review of years results and progress against the 2015 targets.

The Board discussed and considered:

- results from the different year cohorts;
- OLNA results and issues arising from the first year

of operation.

- excellent attendance results and;
- methodology used to assess school value behaviours across all learning areas such as courtesy and respect.

The Board approved the 2016 Business Plan.

The Plan will be available for downloading from the school website shortly.

Target Monitoring Analysis for 2015

The Board reviewed the outcomes from 2015 across the various Targets monitored throughout the year to assure students, staff, parents and the community that the approach adopted by the Kalamunda is effective.

Targets monitored throughout the year include: WACE outcomes, Median ATAR scores, NAPLAN outcomes and attendance rates.

Results for 2015 were:

	Progressing	Achieved
Secondary graduation	2014	2015
Median ATAR	2014	2015
ATAR Triciles	2014	2015
ATAR students 1 or more scaled scores > 75	2014	2015
Stage 2 and 3 course achievement	2014	2015
Attainment rate	2014	2015
Full qualification achievement	2014	2015
Year 11 ATAR Achievement	2014	2015
Year 11 General Course Achievement	N/A	2015
WACE OLNA	2014	2015
Year 9 NAPLAN Reading	2014	2015
Year 9 NAPLAN Writing	2014	2015
Year 9 Spelling	2014	2015
Year 9 NAPLAN Numeracy	2014	2015
Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Learning Area Achievement	2014	2015
Attendance	2014	2015
Courtesy and Respect	2014	2015

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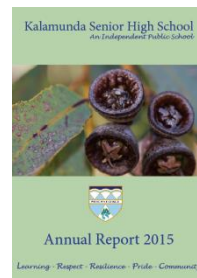
While the results for ATAR were lower than 2014, Attainment Rates and Certificate courses exceeded Targets for Year 12. The Board recognises the importance of rigorous monitoring, as is undertaken by Kalamunda, to drive improvements.

The areas for improvement and areas of success were discussed with strategies in place in the Business Plan to

2015 Annual Report Approved

The draft 2015 Annual Report was tabled and the Board approved the 2015 Annual report for production.

The Annual report will be published on the school website for all to access.



Meeting with Cluster School Boards

Kalamunda is part of an IPS cluster along with Kalamunda Secondary Education Support School and Lesmurdie Senior High School.

The three schools decided to form a cluster in 2011 when IPS status was being sought.

A joint meeting of the School Boards has been planned for 2 May 2016.

Lesmurdie Senior High School will be hosting the joint meeting and will provide an excellent opportunity to learn from each other's success and discuss like challenges.

IPS Review June 2016

Every three years all IPS undergo an independent review.

The last IPS review for Kalamunda was in 2013 and is available on the school website under 'Publications'.

The next Independent IPS review is scheduled for June 2016.

Preparing the data for the Independent Reviews is an important and considerable task.

To ensure that the great work of the Kalamunda staff and aspirations of our students is properly represented extra Board meetings have been scheduled in the lead up

to the IPS review.

The next board meetings have been scheduled for:

- 11 May 2016
- 8 June 2016
- 16 June 2016

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SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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School values:

- Learning
- Respect
- Resilience
- Pride
- Community

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