

School Building and Accommodation Message from School Council

School Council met last night to discuss our position in relation to current issues.

School Council acknowledge that our current building and accommodation arrangements are less than ideal. Despite this situation, staff have advised that students have had the calmest start to the year that they recall in recent years. Staff also advise that student education outcomes are not being adversely affected.

School Council would like to reiterate where we are at for both the short-term and the long-term.

Short-term

In the short-term we do need to wait until the termite treatment has been effective in eradicating the colony. Once this has been completed, the maintenance repairs to the building will be undertaken.

In the interim, although not ideal, current accommodation arrangements will remain in place. Worksafe has visited the school and will again be visiting to conduct an independent safety assessment of the two classrooms that are currently not occupied. Although the Department has declared the two classrooms that are not being used, safe and fit for use, the Principal has advised students will remain out of these classrooms. This decision has been made to ensure as little disruption as possible to students and programs, as the classrooms will need to be vacant for 6 weeks while they are repaired.

At this stage, it appears the school will not be successful in obtaining a portable classroom. Given the positive feedback from staff, School Council is satisfied current accommodation is adequate.

Long-term

In April 2017 school council identified our building needs an upgrade. Much work has been undertaken to progress this matter with the government through our local member, Sonya Kilkenny. Our key focus for the school in relation to our buildings is ensuring we have sufficient, adequate, safe buildings in terms of size and condition in the long-term. Sonya Kilkenny has supported our request for master plan and capital funding and has submitted a proposal to the government for masterplan/ upgrade/revitalization funding for our school in the next budget round. We are hopeful of knowing the outcome of this submission shortly.

Social Media

We feel it is important that the school present a united front on social media to ensure our positive image in the community is maintained. Much work has been done over many years by many hard working teachers, staff and parents to build a wonderful school community that many want to be a part of. We would like to ensure this image is maintained and enhanced.