Minutes
BRIGIDINE RANDWICK PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
Monday 4th August 2014
Meeting Room—Administration Building

1. Opening
The meeting opened at 7.05pm. Allison Roberts read a prayer by Mother Teresa

2. Attendance
Allison Roberts (President Yr 9); Susan Glassick (Secretary Yr 10); Cathy Soden (Treasurer Yr 10); Kim Dobra (Class Representative Coordinator Yr 10); Kate Edmondson (Principal); Brigid Taylor (Assistant Principal); Sheridan Horne (Yr 10); Elizabeth Davis (Yr 10); Maria Schwirtlich (Yr 9); Elizabeth Cummings (Yr 9); Lisa Campbell (Yr 8)

Apologies
Michelle Hilton (Vice President Yr 11); Elizabeth Osbourne (Yr 10)

3. Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th May 2014 Accepted as a true record of the evening pending typing corrections.

4. Matters arising (from previous minutes)

Road safety
A crossing has been approved by council following many requests from the school, the Chairperson of the Spot Business Association, and the support by the Southern Courier. It was planned to be in place very soon and papers have been signed regarding a lollipop crossing person.

5. Correspondence
The office received correspondence asking questions about fund raising requests. Sometimes BCR is confused with Brigidine at St Ives, and the situation was clarified. It was agreed that all P and F letters be issued following consultation with the school.

6. President’s Report

TAS night was a success, Liz Davis did a great job with accessing raffle prizes. It was noted there was some confusion with the winning tickets being announced and it is planned that the P and F will organise drawing and announcing the winning tickets in the usual manner in the upcoming years.

The Used Uniform Sale held at the parent teacher interviews was a success but would benefit from more donations and more parents assisting with the shop over the two day period. It was agreed that donations will be requested in the next newsletter and industry clothing racks are required. It was also highlighted that there had been some misunderstanding over the shop and some parents thought it may be sale by consignment. It was suggested that the philosophy of recycling promoted and
consideration for all items to be included. It was highlighted the donations to the P and F enables financial investment in the school to benefit the students.

**Hairspray** – the musical night was a great success, the pre show and interval chocolates and crisps sold out, and there were cold drinks on offer. There were requests for hot drinks mostly due to the chilly winter weather which were not provided as there were not enough volunteers to enable efficient service of hot drinks.

**The Art Show** is in the planning stage. It is hoped that the Year 12 parents will be highly involved and the P and F will provide support. The remaining cold drinks from the Hairspray show will be sold at this event. It was noted that the Visual Arts Department does not currently require any additional materials or equipment so the goal will be to recover the costs of the night (food and drink).

The concept of involving Ex Students with current activities was discussed and it is planned to explore expanding the website to provide a forum for ex girls to share what they are doing as well as provide an opportunity for them to attend school activities. The President will explore other schools who have webpages for ex students.

The parents who managed the BBQ for **Founders’ Day** did a great job and it was thought the day went so well that parents reported that they were happy to do it again it was such fun and was so easy. Thank you to all the parents who assisted with Founders’ Day.

The Swimming Carnival is set for February 20th 2015.

The Meet and Greet 2015 will be held on February 13th 2015.

7. **Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer tabled the financial statement showing a balance of $3562.25 as of June 30 2014. Although currently just above 3K it was noted that there will be expenditure for the Art Show in the upcoming weeks which will reduce the balance.

8. **Principal’s Report**

There is a new sport uniform, samples have been made and were examined by the P and F tonight. It was agreed the set with white panels to be phased in. It was also requested for Ankle Zippers to be considered on the long leg track pants, and the addition of laundry directions to ensure the sports fabrics remain breathable, as it was highlighted some breathable fabrics loose their breathability if they are tumble dried.

Hairspray was a great success. Many teachers donated much time and effort to produce the show with the students. For future shows parents are encouraged to become more involved with the multiple activities that are required when putting in a show of this nature in the future, including sewing costumes, serving refreshments, assisting in rehearsals etc.

It was disappointing that 157 students did not attend Founders’ Day as participation in the school community activities demonstrates support for the school, and the leaders who had spent much time and energy creating a day of fun.

The HSC trials are currently underway.
There are major building developments planned, with architects starting to view the school and offer their suggestions to overcome the safety risks of the division between school buildings with a road. The hope is that building will commence in 2016.

Mr Alan McFadden’s wife has lost her battle with cancer and her funeral is to be held on Thursday 7th August. The Government has also announced this day as ‘National Mourning Day’ for the victims in the MH17 airplane tragedy. Plans of how to implement this at BCR were discussed including black clothing, one black item of clothing, black hair ribbons and a minute’s silence in homeroom. Strategies to provide support for students who may have their personal grief triggered by the activities were also raised.

9. General Business

a) Events

Art Show August 26th and 28th
A letter has been sent to the parents of the Year 12 Art Students asking for the support of the parents for the night, The Art Show P and F activities will be co-ordinated by Allison Roberts.

10. New Business

The Building works on the adjacent land was discussed. The building will be 14 storeys and is going to be a mixed gender aged care facility. Concerns about the girls being watched by people in the building was raised and it was thought that residents will have direct view into the school grounds. The Principal was told that the close proximity to the school was seen as a plus by the Greek Orthodox Church.

The floor in the Cullen Hall is to be replaced in the summer holidays as there has been extensive damage from a water leak

11. Closure

The meeting closed at 9pm.

12. Next meeting

The next meeting is the AGM and will be held on Monday 20th October 2014, and will be followed by a meal at a local restaurant.