

Community Forum - 20th March 2012

Sandringham 7-10 Campus

Unedited as presented to Sandringham College

Summary of proceedings:

Another positive community forum at the Sandringham 7-10 Campus, there was a strong support for change and confidence for Sandringham College.

We had a keen interest in exploring *the swapping of the Senior Campus and the Junior Campuses* in order to facilitate VCE subjects for year 10 students and a deeper connection with local primary schools.

Acknowledgement of the future of Beaumaris Campus was discussed but was not a key focus.

Careful consideration into the development of relationships with all feeder primary schools was mentioned, this will be discussed through further community meetings at each of the local primary schools.

~ **Howard Kelly**, Independent Consultant.

Questions to be discussed:

1. What are people's views on switching the two Sandringham sites in order to facilitate greater links with primary schools?
2. If Beaumaris becomes a stand-alone school what should both Sandringham campuses do?

Group notes:

Group One in S13 –

1. What are people's views on switching the two Sandringham sites to facilitate greater links with primary schools?

- Facilities with the Campus... Do we have the money
- Primary School next to a 7-11 Campus.. Natural progression
- Stienner stream within the school
- Is it going to work to turn the school upside down
- Beaumaris boy campus 7-10 Sandringham Campus for girls 7-10
- Blank canvas Connection with SEPS and the Secondary school using resources and working in with Bayside Council
- Don't combine primary and secondary together as the older kids would not cope with that
- Moving resources.
- Keep numbers down for class sizes.....a smaller school is better
- Work has been put into the pedagogical plan we should use this to direct us for the future. We don't need to start with a blank canvas

2. If Beaumaris becomes a stand-alone school, what should both Sandringham campuses do?

- A stand alone school has not worked. Need to use the site as a special site
- Mixed feelings
- Need to associate with other campus to allow more programs
- P-10 on the same site would help with transition and partnership. Early childhood and 11-12
- The areas needs to be looked so stand alone is not variable
- Need to keep the senior campus involvement to ensure the 11 and 12 are catered for.
- Use resources better so I don't think we need the stand alone school

What would be the impact?

- Mentone Girls has had millions of dollars spent on it. The bigger numbers the more that will be spent on it.
- The variety is at the senior campus which is great
- Need to engage Year 7 in the choice
- Private schools is a factor they have gone co-ed rather than a single sex school
- Stienner stream is growing. A dual stream
- Beaumaris and Beaumaris North Primary are not supporting the secondary Campus by sending children there but rather using the private system.

- Source working with community to offer their expertise in planning or receiving funding.
- We need to look at the amount of work that has been done. Criminal to waste that money with the regeneration team and funds allocated to this.

Group Two:

Question 1

- No effect one way or the other.
- Concerned about the facilities for years 11 and 12
- Real links between 6 and 7
- Excellent idea
- Limiting children, like 11 and 12 using the multi-storey building like university
- Changing would mean a large investment to re-arrange the facilities.
- Connection with primary schools would be great
- Great changes for children at grade 6 to 7, so making the link makes it easier for students
- Junior campus moving would give the link to year 6
- Consider the amount of students from each primary school
- Providing a link and learning centre would provide a lot more facilities.
- Fantastic teaching happens in any environment.

Question 2

- One senior campus
- Beaumaris not viable as it is. If you let it go more money for other 2 campuses.
- Small school cannot offer the amount of subjects.
- Senior campus to move here ok.
- Elite boy school at Highett, not Beaumaris
- Keep Sandringham senior campus as is as there is no other school that offers the facilities
- Early childhood to year 6 at one school.
- Year 10 to 12 combined in senior campus and move to Highett.
- Year 7 to 9 move to Sandringham close to primary schools
- Year 7 to 12 school you might lose children in years 11 to 12 to the specialised year 11 and 12
- Transitions between years in one school gives children security
- Making year 9 students a senior of a campus might be supportive for students in a difficult year
- Several people like years 10-12 campus.
- Specialised area a great idea
- Beaumaris is invisible

Group Three - Teacher's notes

1. What are people's views on switching the two Sandringham sites to facilitate greater links with the primary schools?

- Great idea – although concern over non-uniform. May not attract numbers if sts not in uniform within local community.
- Concern with facilities RE senior campus – not having facilities here as similar to senior. Sts lost over there.
- If lack of money, cannot run senior campus here. If have more money can showcase area with increased links with community.
- Great idea, concern in interim of getting more money could be very difficult. Senior site could be moved around so that it doesn't take up so much area.
- If had choice, wouldn't have current configuration – potential for sub schools, great site. Not convinced about senior campus over here. Lots of time & effort spent adapting senior site into current configuration.
- If put 7-10 over at senior, yes it links to that primary there, but may exclude other primary's. Concern about senior campus on main road and visible to community. Also, if move over there then would facilities still be upgraded?
- Some elements of senior campus could be moved over to unify facilities. Senior students to migrate as they already do for dance. Creating programmes for 7-12. Very strong links missed at the moment.
- If want to link with primary then essential. In planning of facilities, allowances need to be made to access all sites for different year groups. Transition between sites needs to be linked.
- Modify programs/stream programs if made 7-12.
- Dependent on money given for facilities. Need to change, link with primary essential esp Sandy East. If could get links to primary for sts then fantastic.
- Should be switched.
- Sports facilities need to be better utilised – communities need to have more access.
- Money needs to be spent on both campuses. Architects would be able to make big changes which would bring in positive focus from the community. Building positive connections with primary schools.
- Don't want to lose the feel of the senior campus. Lots of sts attracted here because of culture. Concern that uniform may deter sts from going to senior.
- Pride on breadth of opportunity offered on senior campus. Tafe works without uniform. As soon as uniform introduced, change the atmosphere.
- If only get \$6 mill then against changing/upending the sts across the sites.
- Without money, don't think the senior site would be as successful due to lack of facilities.
- Working with primary would offer us a unique selling point. Facilities are not going to occur without a large amount of money coming in. Little point in moving sts for the sake of it with no money to support.

2. If Beaumaris becomes a stand-alone school what should both Sandringham campuses do?

- Flip campuses. Likes idea of 7-12 with specialisation.
- Run 3 schools but ensure links within schools – work together as a strong team to attract more sts.
- Senior campus separate, but flipped. Particular areas linked together to consolidate facilities and staff for specific areas.
- IB great idea.
- Flip campuses. 3 separate sites with Beau kept.
- If Beau out of the mix, doesn't matter if campuses flipped. We would still need to offer choice and diversity to appeal to sts. People who are appealing for standalone don't know what their children will need in 4-5 year's time.

- Understand more parents from primary schools embracing idea of 7-12 school. Find concept of Beauie not linked to other Sandringham campuses difficult to take on board – didn't realise that this is where the process is up to.
- If Beauie stand alone, concern over VCE allowances. Schools should work together to increase chance of getting money. Need to work together, allow more movement between schools to utilise facilities and bring in money.
- Beauie has 5 feeder schools. Vast majority of sts from those schools may attend Beauie if it were to be a standalone school. Need to accept that it needs to be a standalone and that this will mean competition between campuses.
- The current model has been successful but needs to be re-evaluated. Links with primary are going to be essential. Needs to think about it from the teachers' prospective and the sts. Year 10 a difficult year – they don't have role models in current model. Don't have benefit of seeing senior sts and the way in which they work – means that Year 10 are more immature.
- Needs to be more links between campuses to sts to see what actually happens at senior campus, rather than it being linked solely on st image.

3.

- Concern if senior site spilt.
- Some sts find transition across to senior difficult but most sts embrace change in atmosphere.
- Needs to be looked at further down the track. If 2 Year 11/12 areas, where are the extra sts coming from?
- If Beauie standalone, would need to have some access to senior facilities and campus subjects.