

Report on the 1st March 2017 Island School Council meeting

Changes in School Council membership

Changes to the School Council membership:

- Alefiah Ebrahim takes over from Sonali Laul as the PTA's appointee on Council. While Sonali Laul has ceased to be a member of Council she will continue to Chair its curriculum committee.
- The student representatives Noa Horowitz and Rushabh Bohra stand down later this month at the end of their year as Head Girl and Head Boy. [Since the meeting it has been announced that Dylan Ngan and Karen Ng will serve for the next year.
- Christine Brendle has handed over Chairing the Finance Committee to Denise Kee and will no longer attend Council meetings. She remains a Trustee of The Island School Trust Fund.
- Viv Lonergan will stand down at the end of this academic year. The School is arranging for parents to elect a successor.

The Council thanked the retiring members for the service and welcomed the new members.

Appointment of Island School's next Principal

Mr Stephen Loggie will join as Principal Designate in May and will take over as Principal in August. The Council Chair, Lakshmi Jacota and Andrea Walsh served on the selection panel for this recruitment and were fully satisfied with the procedures followed and the choice made.

Relocating Island School while rebuilding takes place

It was noted that the school is now planning on relocating in December 2017 when there is a three week break. Belinda Greer's letter - [here](#) refers.

Student numbers

The school currently has fewer pupils than budgeted and this thus recording a deficit. It is expected to return to full strength once the school has decanted. The ESF is fully aware of the position and has ample resources to cover the deficit. For the school the lower student numbers allow more individual attention to be given to students. The school is also planning to add a 'Language Acquisition Class' for Year 7. This would take students who are not up to ESF's normal English standards and provide them with additional English tuition so that they join normal classes from Year 8. While the school remains proudly inclusive for its normal recruitment it will select academically strong students for this 'Language Acquisition Class' given the challenge of improving their English on top of the normal curriculum.

J Robert Gibson; Island School Council Chair