

## Anchored in Excellence....

### Reminders:

#### Consultation Meetings

#### Uniform and Logo

Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>

#### Venue

Murrumba State SC  
Performing Arts Centre  
6.30pm Uniform  
7.30pm Logo

#### Public Meeting #2

Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup>

6.30pm

Temporary website now  
'live'

[newprimaryschoolingriffin.eq.edu.au](https://newprimaryschoolingriffin.eq.edu.au)

Where  
everyone is  
someone...

#### From Vicki Baker, the Principal

The first Public Meeting held last Wednesday evening was very successful. Approximately eighty people attended. It was wonderful to talk to so many and field questions as together we work to establish a new school community. It really is very exciting but also a huge responsibility. As I said, the decisions that I make and we make together are very important and will impact significantly on the culture of the school, not just now but well into the future.

There is important work to be done. Three very important decisions need to be made very quickly. Firstly the naming of the school.

Three potential names have been put forth:

- Griffin State School
- Griffin Heights State School
- Griffin State Primary School

Voting is now open via the school's temporary website. **Voting closes Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of August.** [cloanewprimaryschoolingriffin.eq.edu.au](https://newprimaryschoolingriffin.eq.edu.au)

The two other very important tasks are creating a school logo and deciding on a school uniform. The timeline for ordering uniforms and ensuring they are available from the beginning of 2016 is very tight. Community consultation meetings commence this week and while meetings have been scheduled for Wednesday evenings it is highly likely that additional meetings will have to be called.

At this time, I have shortlisted three uniform suppliers and invited them to attend our meetings and listen to what you have to say. Early next week each will be asked to present to a parent group for a final decision to be made.

Once decisions have been made regarding the school name and logo, approval will be sought from the Minister of Education.

#### Enrolments:

Enrolment packages cannot be distributed until the school is officially named. To assist with forward planning Expressions of Interest are currently being taken. These forms are available via the school's website and can be forwarded directly to me via email [vbake1@eq.edu.au](mailto:vbake1@eq.edu.au)

Currently I have about sixty EOIs. Please continue to 'spread the word' and do what you can to ensure that other members of the community interested in enrolling their children and being a part of the consultation process are aware that the new school is coming.

Your support is appreciated.

## New school in Griffin

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### Staffing:

This week I have spent considerable time speaking to staff who've nominated through Education Queensland's (EQ) transfer process to be appointed to the school in 2016. I've thoroughly enjoyed listening to their stories and learning about why they want to be part establishing a new community.

The reality is that while it is going to be a very exciting and an opportunity afforded to only a very small number of staff, it is also going to be very demanding. I'm looking for staff who are committed. I've spoken with each at length about the demands and the three attributes that every staff member needs to have:

1. To be a 'crackerjack' teacher.
2. To be a great 'team player' and have a commitment to collaboration and ongoing professional learning.
3. To be committed to developing and working in genuine partnership with parents and the community.

For me, choosing from the many outstanding applicants will be difficult. Your children and our community will be the beneficiaries.

Staff will be informed of their appointment through the usual EQ staffing cycle at the end of September.

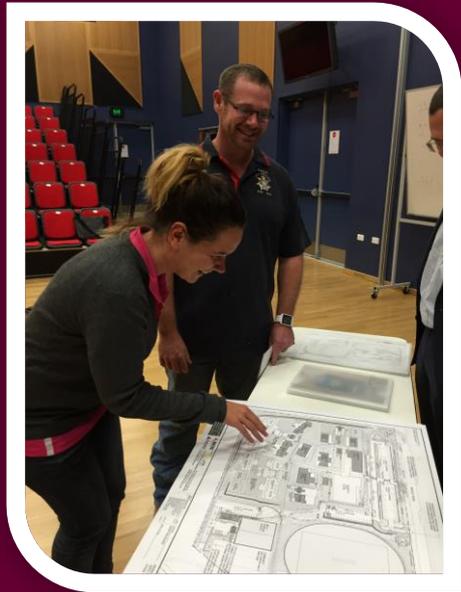
***A question was asked last week at the Public Meeting in regard to what it means to be an Independent Public School, that I thought might be of interest to others.***

Does being an Independent Public School mean you have to pay fees?

No. Like most other state schools in Queensland, IP schools are not fee paying, however there may be voluntary contributions (again, just like other state schools) and perhaps a resource scheme instead of a booklist.

## Photo Gallery

Kerry and Greg were the first parents to arrive at the Public Meeting on Wednesday night. They took the opportunity to speak with personnel from EQ and the Plenary Group.



The school has stunningly gorgeous rock walls all very cleverly crafted by this very skilled operator.

