

SEPS NEWS

THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY, 2023

We acknowledge the Bunurong People, the traditional owners of the land on which this school was established, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present, for they hold the memories, culture and stories of this country.

Welcome back to SEPS and an action-packed 2023. While you have been on holidays, there has been a lot going on. So School Council decided to create a special newsletter to give you a snapshot of some key items. Thanks for your support.

Scott Bundy, School Council President



Bonus learning areas to accompany renovations

Clever planning has resulted in bonus learning areas and a smart new entrance for SEPS.

The new plans will mean that our children will have two new classrooms to enjoy, which will be created at the same time as the planned renovations to our historical building.

The upgrade seeks to celebrate the original character by referencing original materials and colours.

Building is planned to start at the end of this year.



School Purpose – Our Vision: To build an inclusive community where our children are active learners, critical thinkers, and creative explorers. Think...Imagine...Become.



New house logos

SEPS' students did a great job last year renaming our houses. To add to this, School Council and local illustrator *Michael Payne* have created four great designs. The new house shirts will be available soon, so please stay tuned.



Protecting our school

Our collective fight to preserve SEPS' boundaries took another huge step over Christmas, with the decision to take the developers at 208-210 Bay Road, Sandringham to VCAT. This is a direction that we didn't take lightly, since we are aware of the costs, yet we feel we owe it to all of our children and our families to give our best.

If you would like to support the school's efforts, you can still do so at: <https://gofund.me/eadb817d>

The next time you see Lauren Walton, Sean Chapman and Patrick Purcell, stop and thank them for the incredible work they have been doing on the school's behalf over the Christmas break on this project.

School Values

1. Care - Care for self and others as well as our physical environment and learning spaces
2. Aspiration - Seek to accomplish something worthy and admirable, try hard, pursue excellence
3. Respect - Treat all others with consideration and regard, respect another person's point of view

Always our best

This is why I joined School Council and why I'd like you to join

This is my son Beau. He's now in Grade 5 and has been at SEPS since Foundation.

I was asked to join School Council during Beau's first year at school.

I run my own business, have two older kids and could give you a hundred reasons why I don't have time, but my son is more important. I wanted to give him a sense of pride and set an example that he might learn from, just as my father did for me.

Right now we're looking for a few SEPS' parents to join School Council and the PFA.

You might be short on time, but what time you can give, will certainly help the school in the short term and may create a positive impression on your daughter or son into the future.



The Oval - The final piece in the puzzle

The oval, will be the school's next big project. It was on the table prior to the pandemic and enjoyed healthy debate from parents and students, which we encourage.

We know from history that the current surface, just won't do. Even after long rests to rejuvenate thanks to lockdowns, the oval quickly deteriorates as soon as students return and are involved in up to eight games at a time.

School Council will soon resume discussions on how we can give our children the best, safest, most enduring and most cost effective solution, on what essentially has become a large playground.

If you'd like to communicate anything about SEPS to School Council, feel free to contact me on 0409 217 670. Thanks for reading and for your support.

All the best, Scott