ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2026
ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA COLLEGE BOARD ROOM
6.30pm

1. **OPENING PRAYER**: Nadia

2. **PRESENT**: Benjamin Speedy, Catherine Bamber-O'Malley, Patrick Buckley, Thomas Eyton-Fa'afiu, Barbara Lee, Andrea Clark, Linda McQuade, Nadia McFadden, John Gilbert, Apaula Lautua

3. **APOLOGIES**: Catherine Rawlinson, Elvira Balle

4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING 11th AUGUST 2026**
   MOTION: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11h of August 2026 be accepted
   MOVED: Benjamin Speedy SECONDED: Barbara Lee

5. **MATTERS ARISING**: Nil

6. **CORRESPONDENCE** – ACFL/CESB 2027 charges. Taken as read
   This will be discussed by the Finance Committee and return to the board in due course.

7. **CATHOLIC CHARACTER COMMITTEE** Report 18 August 2026 – Taken as read
   MOTION: That the Catholic Character report be accepted.
   MOVED: Nadia McFadden SECONDED: Cath Bamber-O'Malley

8. **FINANCE REPORT** 18 August 2026
   August 2026 reports were circulated and considered by the finance subcommittee. We confirm that we have sufficient funds to meet all our bills as they fall due.
   MOTION: That we accept the August 2026 Finance Report
   MOVED: John Gilbert SECONDED: Apaula Lautua

   MOTION: That we adopt the updated budget as amended.
   MOVED: John Gilbert SECONDED: Linda McQuade

9. **PROPERTY AND H&S REPORT** 18 August 2026 – taken as read
   MOTION: That we accept August Property and Health and Safety report.
   MOVED: Apaula Lautua SECONDED: Patrick Buckley

   MOTION: That we accept the EOTC Duke of Edinburgh Bronze (surfing) trip be accepted.
   MOVED: Apaula Lautua SECONDED: Barbara Lee

10. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- Timing of the school day – this will be updated for 2027
  The speed signs on Burtt Road will need to be changed for the updated school hours. We will need to reach out to Local Board to do this.
- Attendance – it is noted that the attendance letters have been amended to include information about the increased amount of illness in our community.

MOTION: That we accept the Principal's report
MOVED: Cath Bamber-O'Malley SECONDED: Benjamin Speed

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

(a) Ben – *Student mental health*

This issue was raised as an important discussion for the Board and is not a criticism of any of SIOLCC practices – we would like to acknowledge that our school does a very good job. The purpose of this discussion is to reflect on our role of governance and what else can be done in this area.

The presentation began in Prayer
Mental health and suicide and our role

Do what you need to do to keep safe – walk out or take a moment – board members are asked to take a moment – if this is not a discussion you can be a part of – please keep yourself safe with our respect.

DISCUSSION: What is the board role in governance and risk management in this area.
I don't have the answers …. Seek Ignatian reflection on this area, mind of the Board, and Mind of the Spirit

Spectrum of problems:
- Risk taking behaviour e.g. substance use/ sexual risk taking
- Self-harm/ cutting
- Eating disorders
- Mental illness spectrum
- Suicide – can't come back from

Above behaviours are a strategy to manage/ self soothe, escape/ resolve (especially suicide)

At risk ākonga :
- Any ākonga who FEELS marginalised
- Victim of bullying/ "othering"
- Two groups:
- Neurodiversity - playground slurs ("ableist" discrimination)
- Ākonga struggling with gender or sexuality
- Impulse control especially if combined with other risk factors
- Community experience of suicide

Role of Board:
1. School doing very well but how can we further support Cath and team?

Is there enough counselling hours on offer? Cath provided data that says around 10% of our school population are seen in some capacity by our counselling team. Are we able to add to this?

2. Should we have a dedicated mental health policy (health and safety policy has two sentences – no direct mention of mental health or ableist or sexual discrimination)
   We agree as a board that there is room for improvement in this policy. We will need to add to it and it should reflect our school's special character. It could be re-titled Health, Safety and Well-being to ensure that it is not an add-on but an integral part of the policy. It is also a policy that needs to be reviewed regularly and modified to our needs.
3. What should we do to further protect/ accompany particular at risk ākonga (neurodiverse/ those struggling with sexuality/ gender)
   Some general data on numbers of students who are using the counselling services – also the number who are referred. Perhaps some very general data on themes of student issues from Manutaki, counsellors and any other staff. This could help inform us what resourcing is needed.

   We acknowledge this will be an on-going discussion. Prayer

(b) Cath EOTC
There is an opportunity to improve this and there are some work that is happening internally to help streamline this process. They are looking at advice from EONs.

(c) John Health and Safety
What is our role in health and safety in school? There is an opportunity to look into this further. There is an organisation that specifically looks at the board's responsibility in an online training forum.

MOTION: St Ignatius will subscribe to the online training for health and safety in schools and we will complete this by the next board meeting (13/10/26) which we will individually complete.

MOVED: Linda McQuade SECONDED: Barbara Lee

(d) Cath ERO
Draft will hopefully arrive before the end of term. It will be published next term.

(e) Formation on Saturday
Read the booklet before our meeting on Saturday – we won't get through everything on Saturday. Nadia will drop on off for Elvira

(f) Many thanks to Thomas for being our inaugural student representative. We have appreciated your time and thoughts.

12. DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS

12th September - Board formation 11-12pm
15th September – Finance and Property 5.30pm-6.30pm – online
15th September – Policy 6.30pm-7.30pm – online
13th October – Board – 6.30pm at SIOLCC

13. IN COMMITTEE MEETING

- Personnel Report

14. IN COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved at 7.51pm by the Chair that: "The meeting go into committee" and that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of the meeting, namely Personnel Report. The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows: this matter contains personnel information and there are reasonable grounds for the passing of this resolution to protect the identity and privacy of the personnel to be discussed"

- Minutes of Meeting held “In Committee” 11 August 2026
- Personnel report

Moved Out of In Committee at 8.01pm

15. Closing Prayer: Andrea



Approved 13 October 2026