

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Oakleigh Grammar is pleased to announce plans for the formation of its very own Business Network.

The School's Board has established a specialist committee charged with the task of creating the Business Network.

At Oakleigh Grammar we remain committed to the welfare, personal development and academic excellence of our students. We do acknowledge that our students remain part of a vibrant community.

With this in mind, the Business Network will seek to engage current and past students, staff members, parents and stakeholders in the school community.

We are hoping to create greater engagement amongst the school community and opportunities for current students and our alumni.

Stage 1 of the project involves the establishment of the Oakleigh Grammar Business Directory. Parents, staff members and past students are encouraged to register their businesses on the directory as a free means of advertising and promoting their service to the wider school community.

You will all be sent details about how to register online and we encourage you to do so. We are optimistic that members of the school community will be keen to do business with other members.

Stage 2 will involve the roll-out of Business breakfasts with high profile keynote speakers. The first breakfast is scheduled to take place in June 2017 and will be undertaken at our school campus. Stay tuned for further details.

The Business Breakfasts will provide parents, alumni and stakeholders with the opportunity to network with other keen supporters of Oakleigh Grammar and to fundraise for projects aimed at enhancing the school to the benefit of current and future students.

Stage 3 will see a formal launch of the Business Network at a Gala Ball in 2018 which will coincide with the school's 35 year anniversary.

The fundamental purpose of the Business Network is to create opportunities for all members of the community. We envisage the establishment of a School Foundation in due course to support scholarships and bursaries and the funding of strategic projects.

Parents will experience enhanced business and networking connections. Students will receive mentoring and the prospect of work experience and job opportunities when they move beyond school. The school will expect new fundraising opportunities and greater engagement amongst its alumni and supporters.



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As Principal Mark Robertson has stated, "I am so excited about this initiative. The prospects for Oakleigh Grammar are limitless and having a Convenor in Vic Rajah, a current parent, successful lawyer and community leader we are really optimistic that's it's roll out will be to the benefit of many."

Chair of the Board of Oakleigh Grammar, Angelo Sardelis is another keen supporter. He says, "the Board is wholeheartedly committed to the establishment of the Business Network. It is something that I encourage all parents to support and embrace. It will advantage you, your children and the school."

Stay tuned for further information and if you have any queries or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact Zoe Taylor, Marketing Officer on (03) 9569 6128 or via email to ztaylor@oakleighgrammar.vic.edu.au.



Vic Rajah (Convenor and Business Network Initiator) with Mark Robertson, Principal.



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