A University State College

Preparation for Life

PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATION
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Proposal for Community Consultation

A University State College is an initiative of Smithfield State High School and Trinity Beach State School, developed in conjunction with James Cook University (JCU). Through a strategic alliance, it is designed to provide Queensland’s first seamless pathway for students from the early phase of learning to university.

The alliance between the parties is already well established, with a range of integrated academic programs already available for students in both schools. The Senior Learning Academy, which is in its third year, has already enhanced the academic results and university potential of students.

Within the context of this alliance and with the support of the Department of Education, Ministerial permission has been given to conduct a community consultation process to explore the creation of a University State College to further enhance the alliance and outcomes for students.

The community consultation process will take place in the first semester of 2013, with recommendations to be delivered to the Minister of Education.

Building on these early foundations, the guiding principles of the University State College initiative are:

PREP TO UNIVERSITY (AND BEYOND)
- The combined culture will enhance potentials for all students by promoting choice, opportunity and excellence
- A University State College will provide a unique connection between the partners and an alignment of learning programs spanning from Prep to University.
- The partners will offer a shared Service Guarantee: to prepare students for life through first class academic learning programs
- Integrated programming and shared resourcing will provide a seamless learning pathway so that all students are best prepared for the next stage in their education.
- Student enrolment processes are streamlined between the three institutions, with guaranteed admission to University for students achieving approved academic standards.
- Opportunities exist for the extension of student pathways beyond the local area through James Cook University’s international business partnerships and planned signature on-line learning courses.
- Partnership with TAFE to Pathways Program.

JOINT STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE
- A collective strategic plan, including a shared vision, mission statement and set of guiding principles will guide the delivery of the College
- Representatives from each institution and their communities will inform the development of the strategic plan and monitor its implementation
- Leaders will retain accountability for the operations of their institutions and reserve the right whether to adopt the recommendations of the Guiding Coalition

LEARNING ACADEMIES
- Integrated academy programs will be developed between the partners.
- The aim of these academies is to enrich the learning programs of high performing students, and provide extended opportunities for them to develop their skills and talents.
- Academies currently in operation include:
  - University Academy (TBSS, SSHS & JCU) - providing academically focused students OP success and exposure to University life and learning
  - Sporting Academies (SSHS & TBSS) – Focus on soccer and baseball
  - Performing Arts Academy (SSHS & TBSS) – Focus on jazz and vocals
- Academies in planning include:
  - Philosophy & Thinking (TBSS, SSHS & JCU)
  - Leadership and Learning (TBSS, SSHS)
- Academies for professional excellence in teaching are also under development
- Involvement in expanded curriculum opportunities will also be made available to affiliated State Schools

BRANDING AND MARKETING
- A collective, singular brand identity will be developed for a University State College
- The three institutions will become stand-alone partners of the College
- The partners will retain their individual identity (name & logos) in acknowledgement of their unique histories and communities.
- Marketing for the College will focus on the Service Guarantee and the Prep to University pathway
- The working the motto for the College is: Preparation for life
- The name and motto for the College will be determined through community consultation

SHARED RESOURCING
- The institutions will develop a model for shared resourcing, targeting facilities and staffing
- Preferential access arrangements to facilities will ensure the utilization of resources are maximized

**A University State College will not only be a first for Queensland, but will stand alone as a model of excellence for educational provision from Prep to University. It will create enhanced learning opportunities for all students in future work, learning and life pathways.**