Subject	**Perth Modern School Board Meeting**
Date	11 August 2026
Time	17:00 for a 17:10 start – 19:00
Location	McCusker Board Room
Chair	Kati Tonkin
Attendees	**Voting**: Kati Tonkin (Parent Rep and Chair), Cathryn Trott (Parent Rep and Deputy Chair), Grant Staffe (Staff Rep), Raymond Loh (Parent Rep), Sandra Song (Parent Rep), Bin Zhu (Parent Rep), Peter Farr (Perth Modernian Society Rep), Lora Brown (P&C), Monica Franz (Staff Rep and Secretary), Rick McMahon (Staff Rep), Mary McCusker (Student Rep), Philippa Roy (Invited Guest), Avash Shakya (Student Rep)
Apologies	Mitchell Mackay

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	STANDING ITEMS	
1	Welcome and acknowledgment of Country; Apologies; conflict of interest	Meeting opened 17:10 by KT. Mary completed acknowledgement of country. No declared conflict of interest.
2	Minutes of previous meeting	No amendments. Accepted as a true record moved by SS and seconded by PF.
3	Correspondence	None
4	Action Items Register	Item 1: MM still waiting to hear from DOE on whether we can approach Kate Chaney. KT will touchbase with MM. If we don't hear back from departmnet we will approach one of the other suggestions. Item 2 completed Item 3 completed
5	NIL	

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6	Business Plan KFA 4	The Board received an update from PR on the two components of KFA4: future-focused learning and an inclusive community. The school is auditing its existing enrichment and pathway opportunities. Given the volume and diversity of current programs, this is a complex process. The next phase will involve mapping and evaluating opportunities across four areas: • advanced coursework; • co-curricular opportunities; • community projects; and • real-world learning. This work aligns with Gagné's model of giftedness and talent development and will help identify gaps and opportunities to strengthen external partnerships. Recent examples of opportunities included the Philosophy Competition, a psychology guest speaker, quarter-final debating, the school musical and ICAS Mathematics. Strengthening communication has been a key focus within the inclusive community component. Compass remains the primary communication platform for staff, students and parents. Student consultation has been completed, and the parent survey is currently underway. Connection and belonging were highlighted as essential to developing students' sense of identity, community and wellbeing. Recent initiatives included Creative Fusion, the school musical, planning for the Class of 2025 reunion in Term 4 2026, and the Modernian Heritage Trail. A NAIDOC Week video was also shared with the Board. Ray asked how partnerships with industry and universities are initiated and whether a staff member has responsibility for developing these connections. Philippa advised that this forms part of her role, although opportunities are also initiated by teachers through their subject-specific professional networks. Ray noted that Board members may also be able to assist by identifying or facilitating relevant industry and university connections. It was noted in further discussion that: • External partnerships should be selected carefully to ensure alignment with the school's purpose and priorities. • Opportunities should extend students, broaden their worldviews and support global citizenship. • Staff workload and the practicalities of accessing opportunities must be considered. • The strategy should support purposeful choices, recognising both students' strong interest and the school's already extensive enrichment program. PR will be in contact regarding potential connections to industry through the board.
7	Principal's Report	Principals Report August 2026.pdf Accepted as tabled and read.
8	Student Report	Mary provided the student report noting that: • NAIDOC Week coincided with the Year 12 Focus Day, providing a positive opportunity for participation. • The World's Greatest Shave raised more than $11,000 and was well attended. • Languages Week strengthened the school's multicultural celebrations. • The school musical involved a significant number of students. • Students are showing strong involvement in the lead-up to the Athletics Carnival, including the pre-carnival races. • Book Week activities will include a book sale, dress-up activities and Write a Book in a Day.

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9	P&C Report	treasurer report 28072026.pdf LB provided the following update: • It has taken several months to confirm the P&C's financial position. Approximately $220,000 is held in the general account, with just over $40,000 not currently committed. • Major commitments include approximately $100,000 toward shade for the basketball courts. • Funding for guest speakers and the trial of a School Special bus service has been successful. The P&C will advocate for the service to be provided at no cost next year. • Friends of Music has committed approximately $29,000 from concert ticket sales toward new tubular bells, a replacement vibraphone, and a new case and trolley for the glockenspiel. • Pedestrian safety has received media attention, although a planned media engagement with Basil Zempilas did not proceed. The primary concern remains the proposed relocation of the underpass exit, which would direct students onto Murray Street. • Rick queried that the school community was contributing to the cost of Transperth services. Philippa clarified that Transperth funds most services, while the P&C funds the early-finish service on Fridays. • The School Special services address many transport concerns but do not resolve all pedestrian safety issues, including the need for a new warden-controlled crossing on Cambridge Street. • In response to Mary's question about the Andrews site upgrades, Philippa advised that the climbing frame and soft-fall surface had been removed. Open and covered areas have been created to provide spaces for students to gather and socialise.
10	Modernians Report	Perth Modernian Society Notes for PMS Board mtg 11th Aug.docx PF presented the Modernian Report. • The 15th Modernians Oration will be delivered by Gaye. • The Modernians are considering a proposal for students to become lifetime members from Year 7 through a single payment. MM is investigating the legal requirements. • The Fortescue visit was highlighted as a valuable example of real-world learning. • Psychology mentoring has continued successfully over the past two years. • The Annual Appeal raised approximately $93,000, including $57,000 contributed by a family and the Sphinx Foundation. • Two scholarships have been established through the Zander Memorial Fund. • PF reported that the Modernian Society is in a strong position and continues to work effectively with the school. The annual Oration remains a significant event. • SS expressed interest in the process for the Fortescue visit, noting that her department provides cost control for the project and may be able to accommodate student visitors.

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	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
11	Any other business	Board education on AI: offer from Dr Alex Jenkins, WA Data Science Innovation Hub (PR, PF) The Board considered an offer from Dr Alex Jenkins of the WA Data Science Innovation Hub to provide an education session on artificial intelligence. Mitch and Peter had discussed the proposal and agreed that it was important for the Board to remain informed about developments in AI, noting the progress already being made at the teacher and student levels. The proposed session would run for approximately 30 minutes and cover the current state of AI and likely future developments. The WA Data Science Innovation Hub is government funded. The Board supported the proposal. Peter recommended incorporating the session into a future Board meeting. **Action**: PR and CT to liaise with Dr Jenkins to develop the session agenda. MF to assist with scheduling.
		NEXT MEETING. 8 September 2026 ***MEETING CLOSE*** **: 18:25pm**

Action Items Remaining Open Prior to this Meeting and subject to updates (red = completed), plus new Action Items:

#	Meeting Date	Action Description	Due Date	Status	Comments	Actionee(s)
1	2/12/2025	Board to consider potential community members for the Board and provide names to the Chair	Term 1 2026	Ongoing	Suggestions to be conveyed to MM, ongoing. KT, MM & MaryM to consider approach to Kate Chaney	All
2	2/12/2025	Schedule of agenda items for meetings to be developed. A Business Plan update to be added to the agenda for one meeting per term	Term 2, Meeting 4	Completed	KFA 4 and 3 to be confirmed in schedule. Column for standing items to be added to schedule.	MF/Sabrina /KT
5	12/5/2026	Advertisement of normal board meetings to community		Completed	As required in terms of reference, notification of dates of board meeting to go to school community	MF/Sabrina

Signed and dated as approved:

Kati T

Associate Professor Kati Tonkin

Chair of Perth Modern School Board

Date: 8/9/2026

Signed and dated as approved:

Mitchell Mackay

Principal of Perth Modern School

Date: 8/9/2026