

PRESTON PARK

Manager's Newsletter | Winter 2025

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Welcome to BC & Term 3 2025

A promise of a cool, winter's term! To all 'BC newbies' whether staff, parents or students we wish you a very special and warm welcome.

Our **Campus mission** continues to provide families with the opportunities for 'the wise' (you) to **'seek Godly wisdom for your students to live life successfully'** Jesus Christ is our wisdom – He is the living Word – He is 'with you' and He is 'for you' and LOVES you!

The heavy winter rains continue to wreak havoc with our steep rock faces and sandy based soils! Erosion is a major problem. Planting trees is our major strategy to strengthen the fragile slopes.

Pest control is another issue for us. We lose many of our birds in the nest!! **Is there a parent will to assist me with this matter??** We had an energetic parent who served the park for 5 years and ran the bait-lines that eradicated rats, stouts, possums etc.

The autumn/winter pruning has been ongoing. Trees in the Park continue to prosper and the growth in PP is amazing and therefore demanding.

I enjoy pruning of the new trees. This is continual job no matter the season!

The main projects this year (Our financial year goes from 1/7/25 – 30/6/26)

1. To cut a new track. From 'central' where the tracks converges and the Wi-Fi and the power is! The long

fragile track heads west, slightly up hill toward the rugby club rooms. Rob V will be laying the gravel when the soil is dry. All Park tracks will be re-graded and gravelled.

2. Revise our Master Plan include the new Track names and colours – see last season newsletter
3. Instal a Water Feature – The water wheel at the head of the Lake to improve water circulation and oxygenation.



General Information:

What will make our park – GOOD?

- Having a clear vision and objective for the park in the first place – seeing the ‘finished product!’
- Careful planning and designing – our strategic Plan 2025-26
- Knowing your ‘clientele?’ BC community is our target market – *PP exists for God’s glory and as a sanctuary of beauty and a place of education!*
- Maximize our potential with your ideas and inspiration. Friends feel free to offer your ‘pennies’ worth. Have a sense of ownership in the PP Project!
- PP is a place, not a design. PP must convey a strong sense of BC community, being a comfortable aesthetic that includes the potential for activities and interactions.

Comfortable seating and landscaping as well as large-scope lawns that connect people to the space.

As a sanctuary we want people to linger, relax, enjoy the ambiance, and the beauty of God’s creation. We must work with the natural environment to best offer a natural visual experience.

Consider the following questions:

- What elements will make PP extraordinary or memorable, and/or offer an atmosphere of pleasant surprise or discovery?
- Does the BC community take ownership and maintain a strong commitment to keeping the park usable and pleasant for the long term?
- Does the space have a sense of importance? What qualities or characteristics contribute to this notion?
- Is the space considered sacred? Are we striving to create a park that inspires and gives you opportunities to contemplate life?
- Are we recording the park’s history? How is this history going to be passed on from one generation to the next?

What are our key architectural elements: trees, gardens, tracks, seating, picnic areas, shelters and garbage bins?

Shalom

Graham C Preston



‘The Park exists to glorify God, by providing a place of natural beauty and meaningful education for everyone’.