Throughout 2007 and 2008, the 5/6 PLT have had a focus on ‘Boys in Education’ and ‘Improving Student Engagement’. The aim being to improve Literacy and Numeracy standards across the 5/6 Department, increase the overall student attendance levels and provide students with the opportunity to be involved in a broad variety of learning experiences. Some of the activities that we have incorporated into our program to assist in achieving these goals include:

- Hobbies and Clubs
- Rotations (LOTE, PE, Science and History/Geography)
- Use of ICT’s in the classroom (computers, scanners, cameras, interactive whiteboards etc)
- Involvement in programs such as World Maths Day, Epals etc
- Digital Portfolios and
- Mr Brown’s Engagement Program

After attending a number of ‘Success for Boys’ Professional Learning sessions last year, we have come away with a variety of strategies recommended for use in the classroom. Some of those currently being utilised in our classrooms include:

- The use of hands on learning activities
- Cooperative work with an emphasis on teaching team work and communication skills
- Building relationships and mutual respect
- Fostering responsible learning and goal setting.