

Benefits of joining your school's P&C

Why join the P&C?

Actions always speak louder than words when it comes to valuing your child's learning. Joining the P&C is one of the best ways to show your children how much you value their education and how interested you are in what they do. By joining the P&C, you are showing your children how committed you are to helping students and your school community. Participating in P&C activities can also help you to form friendships with other parents/carers and feel a part of your school community.

A lot can and has been achieved through the P&C and school working together towards common goals. To continue this important work, P&Cs need people from all walks of life and with a range of talents who are committed to delivering great outcomes for their children and school. Everybody has a role to play and your ideas **will** be heard. The more people involved, the more exciting and successful it will be. And research shows that children perform better at school when their parents are involved in their education.

What does a P&C do?

The P&C is about people just like you – parents, care-givers and community-minded people who want to help their school. P&Cs work very closely with the school, building a stronger school community where all children benefit.

The functions of a P&C are:

- to foster general community interest in educational matters;
- to encourage closer cooperation between the parents of students attending the school, members of the community, the staff and students of the school;
- to provide advice and recommendations to the Principal on issues and concerns in respect to the student body and the general operations and management of the school;
- to provide or assist in the provision of financial or other resources or services for the benefit of students of the school;
- to perform any other functions as the Minister may determine, not inconsistent with the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*.

How can I help?

Are you interested in contributing your thoughts on school policy? Do you have a spare hour or two when you can help out in the bookshop, uniform shop or canteen? Can you find two hours once a month to attend a P&C meeting? These are all ways you can be part of your school's P&C.

Just by joining your P&C, you can add your voice to what's happening in the school.

As a P&C member, you can contribute opinions on:

- positive school-wide behaviors
- student dress code
- school routines
- P&C budget
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- school surveys.

Remember: the things you do make a real difference, so why not join your P&C?

Please contact your school for more information on how to become involved in your P&C and its activities.