



Presidents Annual Report for 2020

There is no doubt that 2020 was a difficult year for everyone. The challenges faced by schools, parents and students were significant and the fact that we all survived relatively unscathed compared to the rest of the world is largely due to the mutual cooperation and resilience of our society and its citizens.

Despite 2020's challenges, life continued and the school yet again showed the results that can be achieved by public education when driven by the high expectations and dedication of parents, teachers and students alike. The P&C would like to extend its thanks to the principal, Gary Johnson, his executive, academic and support teams for their amazing work in a very challenging year. We hope that this year will be a return to relative normality.

Like most other organisations during COVID, our P&C was significantly impacted by the pandemic. Term 2 was an effective shut-down of our canteen, traditional assemblies went online as did our P&C meetings. It was a challenging year for the P&C and I would like to thank every member of the P&C executive, and other members of the P&C who have volunteered their time. I would also like to thank our fantastic team of employees and volunteers who support the Canteen. It was a tough year for our staff going through a term 2 shutdown with no notice and then having to build the service back up without the usual volunteer support, all within an environment of continuing uncertainty.

The Alumni Association continues to grow from strength to strength and continues to be a great source of inspirational speakers, links to the commercial world and mentoring for our students. We would like to offer our thanks to those alumni that take time out of their busy lives to help support and inspire our students and staff. Many thanks to Erin Cockerton for her support in helping to drive this important initiative.

The P&C continues to work very closely and productively with the school, both in delivering support and services to students, as well playing our part in the selection of new executive staff. With COVID restrictions mostly behind us, the P&C are now thinking about the next big projects. One of these will supporting a new covered area over the piazza which will make this area much more practical for all sorts of events. We are also looking at upgrading the canteen to increase the capacity for serving and modernise the interior to make it a more efficient space.

We continue to see very strong support from our parent/carer community which enables us to provide targeted support for the school.

As in previous years the P&C continues to support areas such as:

- Canteen services with the new focus on healthy food;
- Student cultural, academic and welfare support;
- Support and/or sponsorship for school awards and presentation functions;
- Catering at school events;
- Significant funding for key learning areas to supplement academic activities;

- Technology support;
- Provision of capital and minor equipment;
- Facilities improvement in the school;
- Attendance at events and functions such as prize giving, orientation for new students, and cultural events;

Despite the impact of 2020, the P&C remains in strong financial position. Nevertheless, there is always more we can do, and we welcome parents and other members of the community who are keen to join in. The P&C will continue to work closely with the principal and staff to provide key support to the school.

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