



Cherrybrook Technology High School Parents and Citizens Association

Presidents Annual Report for 2021

As I was reflecting on a rather extraordinary 2021 P & C year; preparing to write this report I was once again reminded of some of the ongoing challenges we continue to face. CTHS had been instructed to close for 2 days prior to our AGM because our LGA and surrounds had finally succumbed to an outbreak after 2 years: placing strains on the school, employees of the P & C, parents, and students.

This reminded me of just how important it is to have a co-operative, resilient and agile P & C able to respond to the needs of our school. For this I would like to thank every member of the P & C Executive along with other members of the P & C who have volunteered their time.

2021 saw one of the hardest lockdowns for both school and business alike in NSW; challenging us all. Online learning for our teachers and students; alongside many parents themselves working remotely. Faced with these challenges, CTHS continued to deliver many outstanding academic results and a consistent positive learning environment. Unfortunately, cultural and sporting areas were hampered through pandemic enforced rules.

The P & C would like to thank the principal, Gary Johnson, his executive, academic and support teams for navigating the year so well. Your leadership and communication with both parents and students were greatly appreciated.

This is only our fourth onsite meeting for this P & C. Outside of this we held three Zoom meetings and most recently, this year a Microsoft Teams meeting, where we had an outstanding ninety-four connections as the school HCS results were presented and discussed with the community. There is an opportunity to mix onsite and online meetings in light of this in the future.

Whilst many projects that the P & C were looking to enact were put on hold under the circumstances, the P & C still worked closely with the school continuing the good work of past P & C's.

Projects include:

- Piazza cover completion
- School bus
- Bus bay shelter for the school bus.
- Participating in the steering group for the newly proposed STEM building.

Targeted ongoing support includes:

- Canteen services
- Student cultural, academic and welfare support
- Funding for key learning areas to supplement academic activities
- Technology support
- Catering for school events (though less in 2021)
- Support and sponsorship for school awards and presentations
- Provision of capital and minor equipment
- Facilities improvement in the school.

A big thank you to our Canteen employees and volunteers. It has been a difficult year with forced closures and restrictive operating rules as we re-opened to serve the students. Thank you to Vicki, Chris, and your team. You overcame many challenges to provide a seamless service.

The school Alumni Association continues to grow and deliver engaging and inspirational speakers. From Olympians to successful business professionals, the legacy of the school continues to impress in many ways. Thank you to Sara Mitchinson for continuing to support and steer this wonderful, now established initiative.

The main sources of funding for the P & C are through parent contributions and the canteen services to the students. Whilst both were down, the P & C has maintained a solid financial position. We thank the parents/carers for their continued support as it remains our biggest source of funds.

Looking forward; there is always more we can do to both improve and better prepare for some foreseeable challenges as we get through this Pandemic. We welcome parents and other members of the community who are interested in joining this wonderful school P & C as we celebrate both the 30th anniversary of CTHS alongside 100 years of the P & C Federation.

The P & C will continue to work closely with Gary Johnson and his team to support the school. On behalf of the P & C thank you for your support, time and consideration as we navigated such a year.

Ron Harrop

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