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### **Parents and Citizens' Association Update**

*Please note this is a joint statement prepared by the school and P&C President in relation to the current operating status of the school P&C Association:*

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of April at the Annual General Meeting, nominations were called for the executive positions. Unfortunately, we were only able to fill the positions of President and Secretary. For our P&C to operate to its potential, it is necessary to fill the remaining two positions, being Treasurer and Vice-President. To meet this end, we are calling on school community members who would like to support the school and the P&C in their endeavours to enhance the learning environment for students, staff and school families, to consider their interest in filling these executive membership roles.

In 2021, fundraising efforts enabled the school to increase the Information Communication Technology (ICT) fleet of devices within the school. Their efforts in 2021 meant we were able to install synthetic turf (including a marked, miniature soccer field) within the Year 1 play area for the start of this school year. If you consider the purchase of additional sports uniforms, refurbishment of playground equipment and musical instruments, and the purchase of new sets of classroom furniture for Years 6 and 4 – you can see the impact a functioning P&C can have on your children's school.

The dollar value though, is insignificant compared to what it means for a school to have the meaningful and positive engagement of parents. It is critical that we consider the services a P&C can provide – the experiences and memories created by the colour run, the opportunity afforded young children to purchase small gifts for mums and dads on their designated days of celebration, and importantly, the opportunity for parents to engage in the plans for the strategic advancement of the school. The P&C is well positioned to be a socially active group that enhances the feel and good-will of the school.

In the absence of a full executive, and with less than a dozen active members, there is no capacity for the P&C to coordinate any of the events that enhance the overall culture of the school. With over 1100 students and with an estimated 750 families, to expect 10 or 12 parent volunteers to coordinate for the school population is simply not realistic.

### **The P&C cannot operate under the current membership arrangements.**

The next meeting for the P&C is expected to take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. At this meeting the P&C will be accepting membership nominations and calling for applications for the positions of Treasurer and Vice-President. It is safe to assume that without forthcoming nominations the P&C will become effectively inactive for the remainder of the year.

Please consider your skill set, and your passion to support your child's education. Please access details regarding the demands of the roles via the P&Cs QLD web page at: <https://www.pandcsqld.com.au/the-info-place/role-of-the-pc-president-treasurer-secretary/>.

What your children see you doing, is what they believe you value.

Yours in education,

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