

Ashfield Boys' High School

P&C General meeting

Minutes – 17th February 2025

1.	Present	Geoff Wilson, Helen Hislop, Helen De Wolfe, Lucy Winters, Danielle Elliott, Conrad Hilder, Dwayne Hopwood, Fabio Tonnelli, Tracy Jenner, Fiona Shadwick, Carmel Quinn, Neil Temperley, Nicola Harrison, Mee Ling Munier, Jackie Speak, Fabio Tonelli, Emma Norgrove, Tracey Jenner Lawson, Danielle Elliott, Cassandra Kaizik, Michael Zeuss, Conrad Hilder, Jesse, Rheese Ghezzi, Neil Temperly, Sola Balogun, Gabby Russell, Catie Smith, Jesse Kim, Richard Lawson, Magda ?, Charmaine ? Ellen Lloyd-Jones, Gary Pajor-Markus, Tabatha, Kate Kelly, Blake Smith, Roulla Yiacoumi, Stephanie Forsmann, Fiona Shadwick, Susan Terravecchia, Kieran Coote-Dinh and Kristy.
	Apologies	
	Secretary	Helen Hislop
	Minutes	Helen Hislop
2.	Meeting opened	6.12pm
3.	Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes for 2 December 2024 approved by Helen De Wolfe and seconded by Geoff Wilson.

4.	President's Report Helen De Wolfe	Acknowledgement of meeting on Gadigal and Wangal land. Welcome to meeting. Report as per AGM.
5.	Treasurer's Report Geoff Wilson	As per AGM. Some funds are school fundraising dollars – school to let P&C know what funds to be spent on. Westpac balance \$67 150 \$9150 outgoing on reading vouchers – awaiting invoice Credit card at \$230 \$325 in cash
6.	Principal's Report Dwayne Hopwood	Welcome and thank you for support of P&C in 2024 and happy to have new members in 2025. School budget was difficult in 2024. School budgets have 2 components: 1. annualised budget (pays base salaries and keeps school utilities and the like functioning) and 2. school and community sources (voluntary contribution, money from hiring of facilities) – there is around \$1.2million in this money pot. 2025 staffing deliberately over allocation in areas such as learning support, senior study, TSO for laptops. Very small staff turnover from 2024. Anju will continue to cover Janina's role at this time.

		<p>Exceptional HSC results from 2024 cohort- nearly 50% of boys in top 2 bands. Awaiting university results.</p> <p>Trialling a new way of working this year with 5week feedback cycles. Aim is for parents to get feedback in weeks 5 and 9 of each term about their sons progress to note if they are on track. Certificate for year 12 if they are on track and if not, a panel interview about how to get on track. Additional reporting request on teachers.</p> <p>Accessibility upgrade underway at school – to meet the access needs of newly arrived students and enable playground space to be retained. 6-8weeks for ramps, lifts later in 2025, including a lift in hall will to enable access to stage. Every part of school will then be accessible.</p> <p>Awning for senior courtyard to be installed this week, which will enable pool table, futsal table will be able to be put out and used.</p> <p>Boys have plans for International Women’s Day – boys will request donations of items for those fleeing unsafe home environment for the dandelion foundation.</p> <p>Email on attendance to come soon, to remind to book appointments outside of Weds sport time and constant lateness impacts on learning. Extended leave only approved for family illness/death/pressing domestic necessity, not just for holiday.</p> <p>Principal’s primary school visits start 18/2. P&C happy to send a delegation to be in G block for Open Night 11/3: 4pm, 5pm and 6pm sessions through TryBooking, with gates closed at 8pm.</p> <p>Still seeking a presiding officer for the HSC for 2025. This role to be advertised.</p>
7.	<p>Fundraising Committee Report/Events</p>	<p>Second hand uniform shop on 21 March 730am – 9am for committee assistance., shop open 8-9am.</p> <p>Several events through the year. Sign up QR codes for committees for Movie night, Trivia night and second hand uniform shop.</p> <p>Trivia night likely to be Friday 2nd May 2025. Need to confirm Polish Club availability.</p> <p>Movie night date TBC depending on what movies are coming out in 2025.</p> <p>Ashtag talks: P&C has funding to enable a focus on arranging some talks for the boys rather than to parents for 2025.</p> <p>Action: Any connections or ideas for this, please email ashfieldboyspc@gmail.com</p> <p>Election day BBQ – not a lot of foot traffic or parking at ABHS. With primary school running the BBQ at the town hall, ABHS will support them, rather than arrange our own.</p>
8.	<p>Other Business</p>	<p>Quotes for project in library and senior study are awaiting approval from Department of Education, due to creation of the flexible learning space. Due to the time this may take, should we be spending on something else?</p> <p>Update of messaging for building fund</p> <p>Action – Helen will to follow-up with Abbey.</p>

9.	Close	Meeting closed 6:49pm Next meeting is 6pm Monday 31 st March 2025.
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