

Ashfield Boys' High School

P&C General meeting

Minutes – 5th May 2025

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| 1. | Present | Geoff Wilson, Helen Hislop, Helen De Wolfe, Ali Matheson, Dwayne Hopwood, Helen al Hariri, Neil Temperley, Fabio Tonelli, Eve Bluel, Jen Moore, Carmel Quinn, Gabby Russell, Lucy Winters, Reese Ghezzi, Simon Hester, Stephanie Forsmann, Cassandra Kaizik, Richard Lawson, Mee Ling Munier, Jodie Caruana, Catie Smith, Jesse, Tracy Jenner, James Lawless and Fiona Shadwick. |
| | Apologies | Blake Smith |
| | Secretary | Helen Hislop |
| | Minutes | Helen Hislop |
| 2. | Meeting opened | 6.00pm |
| 3. | Minutes of previous meeting | Minutes for 31 March 2025 accepted by Helen De Wolfe. |
| 4. | President's Report Helen De Wolfe | Acknowledgement of meeting on Gadigal and Wangal land. Welcome to meeting. This term is set to be a busy one with trivia night, Ashtalks for the boys and movie night planned. |
| 5. | Treasurer's Report Geoff Wilson/Simon Hester | <u>Balances:</u> \$67 074 Westpac account \$198 cash \$230.02 on debit card Building fund – \$39 871. Committee supported progressing the quotes for library wall and the senior study area to progress through the departmental paperwork as building fund can cover both. <u>Outgoings:</u> \$9150 initial reading vouchers invoice Additional \$1411.23 on reading vouchers to pay To meet ATO requirements, a public officer for the P&C needs to be elected. Suggestion to elect Geoff Wilson as public officer and Simon Hester as Treasurer will communicate accounts. Committee approved this arrangement. Simon to be set up as signatory on account. Relevant Exec members to attend branch to submit paperwork. |
| 6. | Principal's Report Dwayne Hopwood | Work on 1 st lift starts tomorrow for the accessibility upgrades being carried out at the school. Ramps, kitchen upgrade, tactile signals and science lab work is complete. |

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| | | <p>Hybrid P&C meetings have been problematic at other schools across the State, which has made Dwayne decide not to participate in future P&C meetings where online recording is possible, despite feeling very well supported by this parent community. P&C supported in-person only meetings at 630pm from next meeting.</p> <p>Yr 12 mid-course exams underway.</p> <p>Geoff Wilson has been appointed presiding officer for exams following advertisement of role.</p> <p>A new P&C representative for the enrolment placement panel for Yr 6 applications is needed. Panel is made up of deputy principal, enrolment officer, year advisor and parent rep. Involves 1 day of reviewing and then later emails to follow up on later applications – over 200 applications already received. Helen DW, Mee-Ling and Lucy available.</p> <p>Recent positive coverage in SMH and 730 report.</p> <p>Recommendation by outgoing Director that P&C directly buys reading program gift cards rather than ABHS buying and P&C reimbursing, despite having a very transparent process to manage this. Have enough for the incidentals through the year when it is time for the big order late 2025/early 2026. Committee approved for P&C to buy directly when order is needed late 2025/early 2026.</p> <p>Maths department have started a numeracy program similar to the reading program with Yr 7 and 8, with 1:1 on MathsSpace and pre-post testing on boys and identifying areas for improvement and to accelerate areas of strength. Targets set and growth in foundational skills measured. >0.25 is expected level of growth for boys and goal is to add this into report. Principle of rewarding growth in foundational skills supported by P&C, will await further details.</p> <p>NAPLAN results are very good – will be distributed to parents soon.</p> <p>Reviewing how Yr 9 + 10 reading support works to avoid dip in reading that seems to occur at this stage.</p> |
| 7. | <p>Fundraising Committee Report/Events</p> | <p>Trivia night booked for 23rd May 2025 at the Polish Club. Theme: Ashfield Idol. There will be 2 rounds of trivia then a band/dancing.</p> <p>15 tables booked, 18 available in total (1 will be reserved for teachers and 1 for the band). Facebook post and email today will fill up those last tables.</p> <p>>\$4000 in donations on the way in. Organising committee will be meeting this week to talk about decorations if anyone is keen to join. Agreed P&C card can be used to purchase these.</p> <p>Movie night date potentially 5th July and movie F1 – TBC with cinema. Blake Smith will head up the organising – QR code for further volunteers.</p> <p>Ashtalks: Gotcha4life will deliver 2 keynote speaker (Ben Lucas) sessions for free on 27/5: 1 for younger years (yr 7-9) and 1 for yr10-12.</p> <p>Second hand uniform shop – week 8 Friday morning, 20/6.</p> |

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| 8. | Other Business | Yr10 work experience – discussed with the boys in careers class but parents seem unclear on Yr 10 WhatsApp group. Dwayne will arrange parent information for distribution with careers advisor. |
| 9. | Close | Meeting closed 6:50pm Next meeting is 6:30pm Monday 16 June 2025, in person at school. |