

Ashfield Boys' High School

P&C General meeting

Minutes – 28th July 2025

1.	Present	Helen Hislop, Helen De Wolfe, Lucy Winters, Dwayne Hopwood, Ali Matheson, Mee Ling Munier, Carmel Quinn, Neil Temperley, Fabio Tonelli, Fiona Shadwick, Simon Hester, Gabby Russell and Danielle Elliott.
	Apologies	Geoff Wilson
	Secretary	Helen Hislop
	Minutes	Helen Hislop
2.	Meeting opened	6.27pm
3.	Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes for 16 June 2025 accepted by Helen De Wolfe and seconded by Lucy Winters

4.	President's Report Helen De Wolfe	Acknowledgement of meeting on Gadigal and Wangal land. Welcome to meeting and acknowledgement that NAIDOC week was in week 1 of the holidays.
5.	Treasurer's Report Simon Hester	<u>Period 17/6/2025-28/7/2025</u> <u>Balances:</u> Westpac account: Opening \$72 470.14 Closing \$71 630.20 Change in period: -\$838.94 Building fund: \$45 167 (up \$2400 in period). <u>Incoming:</u> \$408.06 Square (2 nd hand uniform shop) \$2 membership fees \$1040 movie night tickets <u>Outgoings:</u> \$2 040 Greater Union for movie night Overall, there was a small reduction in funds. This was due to the loss on the movie night. The P&C remains in a healthy financial position with the capacity to spend funds on approved projects and expenses.
6.	Principal's Report Dwayne Hopwood	1975 graduates had 50 th anniversary on 25/7 and enjoyed event at school. 11 grade sport teams in the winter competitions – 9 made the finals this week. Regional athletics was on today – yr 12 relay team won and going to State.

		<p>Accessibility upgrade continues – G block lift delayed, all ramps in, gym lift not open yet but is working.</p> <p>Trial HSC exams begin 4/8.</p> <p>As discussed at last meeting, the maths department is trialling a target program like the reading program for yr’s 7 and 8. Of the students with data: Yr 8 has 26/123 above expected year level; yr 7 48/125 above year level. Nearly 50% of yr 8’s exceeded their last term target. Maths department would like to have a similar gift card draw for the kids who have met or exceeded target, as happens each term for the reading program. The reading program has a ratio of around 5 vouchers per class for the draw. Committee agreed to a voucher ratio of 10 per class for yr 7 and 8 for this first round to promote the program.</p> <p>Reading data for term 2 being worked out – kids in yrs 7-10 will go in a draw for the \$50 gift card.</p> <p>Film club representation – have made a short film and would like to pitch for funds to the P&C to make a longer version of their post-apocalyptic western. Committee agreed for students to come to next meeting to make their request.</p> <p>Wellbeing survey results from DoE arrived – this replaces the Tell them from me survey completed previously. Results are mapped against NSW average and statistically similar schools. 90% response rate at ABHS, with 900 000 kids across NSW (large sample size). ABHS was higher than average (range of 10-20 points above) across domains of explicit teaching, effective feedback, motivation, engagement, connectedness, belonging, supportive adults. The experiences of bullying and discrimination were lower than average but higher than expected based on what the boys say at school. These results will be explored further with the boys.</p> <p>Yr 7 2026 numbers are in the 140’s – aiming for 130’s. No more places can be offered at this stage. Selective school places have not yet been offered. Only 36 local kids have chosen to take offered places elsewhere. Co-ed offering seems to have had no impact on enrolments. 320 applications for out of area enrolment places.</p> <p>Planning has started for 2030 – parents will be included in this process – survey? Focus groups? Where ABHS should and can be will be the focus.</p>
7.	<p>Fundraising Committee Report/Events</p>	<p>Movie night occurred 2nd July with movie F1. 61 people attended and enjoyed. Merchandise very well received. \$1000 loss – was the movie too old for the year 7 audience and they are usually the strongest attenders? Did some year 7 kids think it was for parents and not the kids? Was the fact it was on a weeknight and clashed with organised sports a problem– is a Friday night a better night? Consider these factors in 2026 alongside what movies are on at the time.</p> <p>Ashtalks: Gotcha4life will deliver 2 keynote speaker (Ben Lucas) sessions for free in September: 1 for younger years (yr 7-9) and 1 for yr 10-12.</p> <p>Successful second hand uniform shop in term 2 –size 14’s and 16’s remains the most popular and least available. Next uniform shop Friday morning, 12/9.</p> <p>Teachers enjoyed the survival thank you hampers in the last days of term 2. Thanks to hamper support team of Danielle and Helen DW for making these.</p>

8.	Other Business	<p>Is there a term 4 orientation day date yet? Uniform shop will be on that day – 1st Tuesday in December (2nd December).</p> <p>Yr 10 work experience – some schools still offer as a week block. Philosophy is that most kids don't leave in year 10 and don't want to do work experience. Arranging for all kids in 1 week is tricky logistically but means kids don't miss out on class.</p> <p>NAPLAN results were good overall – ABHS pattern remains that yr 7 are lower than average and yr 9 above average.</p>
9.	Close	<p>Meeting closed 7:02pm</p> <p>Next meeting is 6:30pm Monday 8th September 2025, in person at school.</p>