

Ashfield Boys' High School

P&C General meeting

Minutes – 8th September 2025

1.	Present	Helen Hislop, Helen De Wolfe, Dwayne Hopwood, Geoff Wilson, Simon Hester, Neil Temperley, Carmel Quinn, Fiona Shadwick, Cassandra Kaizik, Anna Buckle, Diana Lee, Conrad Hilder, Reese Ghezzi and Danielle Elliott.
	Apologies	Lucy Winters, Mee Ling Munier, Susan Terrevechia and Maria Mitar.
	Secretary	Helen Hislop
	Minutes	Helen Hislop
2.	Meeting opened	6:29pm
3.	Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes for 28 th July 2025 accepted by Helen De Wolfe.

4.	President's Report Helen De Wolfe	<p>Acknowledgement of meeting on Gadigal land. Indigenous literacy day was last week - Indigenous Literacy Foundation event held.</p> <p>End of year food truck for teachers on Teacher's Day 31st October. Geoff Wilson has been in contact with usual vendor, and they are available. Previous expenditure has been about \$2500 – committee supported a spend of a similar amount this year. P&C members to attend (if able) to chat with teachers.</p>								
5.	Treasurer's Report Simon Hester	<p>Period: 28/7/2025 to 07/9/2025</p> <p><u>Westpac Community Solutions Account:</u> Balance on 28/7: \$71,630.20 Balance on 07/09: \$70,537.20 Change in period: -\$1,093.00</p> <p><u>Transactions:</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Date</u></th> <th><u>Description</u></th> <th><u>Deposit</u></th> <th><u>Withdrawal</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4/8</td> <td>DEFT Insurance & Rego</td> <td></td> <td>\$1,093.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>Aust Post Debit Card</u> Balance on 28/7: \$112 Amazon Prime fee has come out, seems to be bi-monthly – HDW to check with Jen about this fee; if no knowledge, Geoff will lodge a dispute claim.</p> <p><u>Building Fund</u> Balance on 08/9: \$46,486 Change in period: \$1,319 List from TAS team on what is needed, photos have been taken by Department and awaiting forms to complete to move this forward. Upgrading of IT licenses may be something useful that can be funded.</p>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Withdrawal</u>	4/8	DEFT Insurance & Rego		\$1,093.00
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		<p>Treasurer's summary:</p> <p>Overall, there was a small reduction in the P&C's funds. This was due to insurance expenses. The P&C remains in a healthy financial position with the capacity to spend funds on approved projects and expenses.</p> <p>P&C ATO set up confirmed to be: Authorised person: Helen Dewolfe Authorised contact person: Simon Hestor Public officer: Geoff Wilson All 3 of these positions can contact the ATO on behalf of the P&C.</p> <p>P&C has an exemption for completing a tax self-assessment due to our registration with the ACNC and submission of an annual report to them as per the below:</p> <p>"Charities registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC) and endorsed by the ATO to be income tax exempt are not required to lodge the NFP self-review return. Charities registered with the ACNC submit an annual information statementExternal Link to the ACNC.</p> <p>By law, NFPs with only charitable purposes that meet the legal definition of a charity must be registered with the ACNC and be endorsed by the ATO to be income tax exempt. These entities are referred to as ACNC type of entities."</p>
6.	<p>Principal's Report</p> <p>Dwayne Hopwood</p>	<p>Yr 12 trials complete, prelim course exams start next week. Excellent new presiding officer (thanks Geoff Wilson).</p> <p>Police talks took place today – cyber security, vapes, AI sextortion and other topics.</p> <p>Maths trial of reading program rewards – well received gift cards in year 7 and 8. Ongoing design for P&C gift card to be generic so can be used for both maths and reading programs. Agreed when current gift card stock is finished, school will order, and P&C will pay directly.</p> <p>Film club project has developed, and they are making all props, have written script and have done a casting call to professional actors to do for free. Have secured Cockatoo Island for free for filming and have done all approval processes. Film club will likely come next term to seek funding for film guy to do a day shoot, he will volunteer his time for 2nd day to do background shots etc.</p> <p>A couple more places can be offered for year 7 2026 at this stage – selective school places have been allocated with limited impact. 1 head teacher position nominated for transfer due to numbers in the school, but 1 other position has been protected. Subject choices of yr 8 and 10 will impact on staffing.</p> <p>\$4300 donation from graduates of 1975. Agreed for P&C to hold this fund in trust for future use.</p> <p>\$700 stipend for Dwayne being Chair of mental health group. Agreed for P&C to handle these funds, following the process that Geoff developed last year to manage these 2xinvoices for \$350 from Camperdown and Ashfield Headspace.</p> <p>Difficulty with reading in year 9 and exploring ways to encourage engagement – 15 kids going on an excursion to Dymocks with Dwayne to buy any book they choose. Kids must read it and write a blurb. These will be used to create a non-fiction section</p>

		in the library. AI will create the quiz and boys to check it, then Terry will upload to Renaissance reader. This will be repeated with kids throughout the term. The boys could follow a similar process for other fiction they read that isn't on Renaissance reader.
7.	Fundraising Committee Report/Events	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. Second hand uniform shop in term 3 – Friday morning, 12/9. Dwayne will send out an email reminding parents. Term 4 Tuesday 2 nd December will be final uniform stall of the year.
8.	Other Business	Applications for leave in term time need to be declined as per Department protocols.
9.	Close	Meeting closed 7:00pm Next meeting is 6:30pm Monday 20 th October 2025, in person at school.