

Ashfield Boys' High School

P&C General meeting

Minutes – 1st December 2025

1.	Present	Helen Hislop, Helen De Wolfe, Simon Hester, Danielle Elliott, Geoff Wilson, Dwayne Hopwood, Lucy Winters, Conrad Hilder, Vanessa Gonzalez and Fiona Shadwick.
	Apologies	Carmel Quinn
	Secretary	Helen Hislop
	Minutes	Helen Hislop
2.	Meeting opened	6:29pm
3.	Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes for 20 th September 2025 accepted by Lucy Winters.

4.	President's Report Helen De Wolfe	<p>Acknowledgement of meeting on Gadigal land.</p> <p>Review of 2025 achievements:</p> <p>Uniform Shop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 4 stalls during the year with consistent level of volunteers and steady sales- big increase in donations <p>Trivia Night – Ashfield Idol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- addition of the individual meals, band and dancing was well received- Polish club continues to be a good venue- high ticket sales <p>Open Night P&C Stall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- good engagement from interested parents- mostly common questions: experience at the school and likelihood of getting in if out of area <p>Movie Night – F1 The Movie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- attendance was low- donations were high (lots of leftovers)- those who attended had a good time- would probably not do a movie night in 2026 <p>ASHTALK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gotcha4Life- free- content was appropriate and well received- students only <p>Teacher appreciation hampers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- extremely well received- timing was great, end of Term 2 after Parent/Teacher night- 1 for each staffroom, plus office (9 hampers) <p>Teacher appreciation lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- in conjunction with World Teachers Day in term 4
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		<p>- very well received</p> <p>- questions about pre ordering for teachers who are on duty to be considered if repeated in 2026.</p> <p>Orientation Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Term 4 - includes uniform shop - speech from P&C Rep <p>Presentation Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - P&C rep to give out awards at each assembly. <p>TAS Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ISTEM Wishlist - Robotics Equipment <p>Gift Cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reading Program - Maths Program <p>Film Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - support for film club production <p>President will update this 2025 summary of activities to go into Ashtag and school annual report.</p>																
<p>5.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Simon Hester</p>	<p>Period: 20/10/2025 to 01/12/2025</p> <p>Westpac Community Solutions Account:</p> <p>Balance on 18/10: 64,321.17</p> <p>Balance on 01/12: 66,534.27</p> <p>Change in period: -\$2,213.10</p> <p>Transactions:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="454 1198 1276 1344"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Deposit</th> <th>Withdrawal</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>20/10</td> <td>Alumni Bursar</td> <td>\$4,500.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>05/11</td> <td>Miss Mables: teachers' lunch</td> <td></td> <td>\$1,200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>07/11</td> <td>Withdraw: Miss Mables</td> <td></td> <td>\$1,086.90</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Cash</p> <p>\$10</p> <p>Aust Post Debit Card</p> <p>Balance on 01/12: \$221.21</p> <p>Expense: maths/reading gift cards \$2,132.95</p> <p>Building Fund</p> <p>Balance on 01/12: \$48,470</p> <p>Voluntary contributions in 2025: \$18,600</p> <p>Aiming to spend on library works when Department approval received.</p> <p>Treasurer's summary:</p> <p>Overall, there was a small increase in the P&C's funds. This was due to Alumni receivables less the teachers' lunch expenses.</p> <p>The P&C remains in a healthy financial position, with the capacity to allocate funds to approved projects and expenses.</p>	Date	Description	Deposit	Withdrawal	20/10	Alumni Bursar	\$4,500.00		05/11	Miss Mables: teachers' lunch		\$1,200.00	07/11	Withdraw: Miss Mables		\$1,086.90
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		<p>The full-year report for 2025 will be compiled early 2026. Ali Matheson to audit the accounts.</p> <p>Agreed stipend from Headspace for Dwayne chairing mental health consortium in 2026 to be managed through P&C accounts as done for 2025.</p>
6.	<p>Principal's Report</p> <p>Dwayne Hopwood</p>	<p>Thanks for the World Teacher's Day lunch – appreciated by staff.</p> <p>Yr 6 orientation day 2/12 with 2nd hand uniform shop operating from 8am. P&C sign-up QR code available for parents to get on mailing list. HH will send welcome email with P&C meeting dates for 2026 to those who sign up at orientation day.</p> <p>6 Yr 12 students nominated for Art Express – 2 accepted.</p> <p>The Department's criteria around school contributions has been re-defined and put some items (such as particular app subscriptions in core curriculum) out of scope to request contributions for. Agreed for an increase in voluntary school contribution from current \$95 to \$105 in 2026 to help cover for items that can no longer be requested. What is covered in contribution will continue to be itemised for parents.</p> <p>Testicular self examination and prostate cancer not in PDHPE syllabus – agreed for yr 10 to receive information on this.</p> <p>Yr 10 taster week of Yr 11 this week, activity week next week with various ex-students, Sydney Uni visit, cleaning up digital profiles, writing CV's.</p>
7.	<p>Fundraising Committee Report/Events</p>	<p>2026 general event planning thoughts to be discussed and to gather volunteers at 1st meeting of 2026.</p> <p>One thought for a dance for the boys with one of the girls schools (?Burwood girls) as an option for an event in 2026 in place of the movie night. Has happened in previous years successfully.</p>
8.	<p>Other Business</p>	<p>West's development application – Dwayne to send to DoE.</p> <p>More reading gift cards needed if want to deliver at presentation day on 16th December. To follow up with Ros tomorrow to see if can get sorted in time.</p>
9.	<p>Close</p>	<p>Meeting closed 7:22pm</p> <p>Next meeting is Monday 9th February 6:30pm (term 1, week 3) – general and AGM.</p>