



2023 President's report Narrabundah College P&C Association

The mission of the Narrabundah P&C Association is to support the needs of parents, carers' and families of students at Narrabundah College and advocate for the wellbeing of students. We are one of only two colleges that has an active P&C, and our work contributes to making our young peoples' time at the College more enjoyable and memorable by funding a range of facilities and events.

During 2023 the P&C undertook a range of activities, including several new initiatives, to further support achievement of our mission.

College Canteen

The P&C operates the College canteen, managed on a not-for-profit basis, providing access on campus to healthy food and beverages for students and staff. Both the college and the P&C regard the canteen as a vitally important service, as many students cannot easily travel off campus for food and drinks.

The P&C employed three canteen staff during the year - Nicole Rebut who manages all aspects of day to day operations, and assistants Emma Jackson and Fiona Moore. The P&C is extremely grateful for the commitment and hard work of the canteen team. In addition, our Treasurer, Craig Boyle managed the Canteen finances and staff payments, essentially operating a small business. I would like to thank Craig for his tireless work doing this.

In 2023 the impact of rapidly rising food prices resulted in a small trading loss for the canteen. However, a new approach to staffing and renegotiation of a deed with the College for the provision and management of facilities and equipment, enabled us to better contain our costs and keep the prices passed on to students to a minimum.

Floriade on campus

The P&C, led by Jenny Grant-Curnow, teamed up with the students from the Green Team to secure a Floriade grant for the provision of bulbs and annuals for planting throughout the College campus. This is the third year that the P&C has participated in Floriade, and it is now a valued fixture on the College calendar.

As well, the P&C successfully obtained an additional grant of \$2,050 to hold a Floriade Communities pop-up event, Bundah Bulbs, in conjunction with the student Green Team and other student leadership groups.

Bundah Bulbs was held on the last Thursday of Term 3, providing the opportunity for students, teachers and local residents to relax and unwind, and admire the beautiful flowers planted at the College. The 2023 Bundah Bulbs event was enhanced by the participation of local community groups, several wonderful art activities, music from our talented student musicians, and free finger food and drinks. In

addition, there were, plant sales, a second hand op shop and an environment quiz with participation vouchers.

I would like to thank all the students, teachers, canteen staff and parent and community volunteers who assisted – especially Jenny who coordinated the whole event. I would also like to acknowledge the generous financial support of Bundah Bulbs by Floriade Communities.

Parent Engagement

We were fortunate to have an increasing number of parents involved in the P&C Committee and volunteer at various events during 2023. Their participation provided valuable help, ideas and suggestions and enabled us to organise some additional events. The P&C contributed to the monthly school newsletter throughout 2023, providing the college community with a regular summary of recent activities. We also maintained a [Facebook page](#) with regular updates on upcoming events and a [website](#) containing information on the Committee and its meetings.

Supporting and recognising student led initiatives

The P&C was pleased to be able to donate \$500 to support an RUOK day fundraiser on 28 July, organised and coordinated by students. This donation went towards providing a petting zoo on the day. As well as being a fantastic cause, it was a great afternoon, much enjoyed by our students.

The P&C also funded the annual P&C Citizenship Award, which reflects the mission of the P&C by recognising a year 12 student who, throughout their time at the College, has consistently demonstrated citizenship through their everyday attitude and actions. Congratulations to the 2023 award recipient Aurora S!

Graduating Activities

The P&C contributed \$1,500 towards the purchase of food for the annual Year 12 breakfast in November and a number of parent volunteers assisted in food preparation. This annual event in the College calendar that provides a relaxed and informal opportunity for students and teachers to get together and celebrate the completion of their college years. The P&C also held a stall on graduation day, providing a free “photobooth” for graduating students and their families, and selling College keepcups.

Advocacy

Throughout the year our P&C delegate and I attended regular meetings of the ACT Council of P&C Associations. The Council represents all ACT P&C and conducts advocacy around education policies and student wellbeing as well as providing valuable resources to assist P&Cs. During 2023, we provided feedback on various issues, ensuring recognition of the differing needs of College students. 2024 will be an important year for the Council, with ACT Government elections in October providing an opportunity to advocate to improvements to our public schools and colleges. Parents can contribute their views through the P&C (see the link on our [Facebook page](#)) or directly to the Council.

Recognising our Teachers

Once again, on behalf of all parents and carers, the P&C funded a cheese and biscuits platter as part of a morning tea to recognise our wonderful teachers on International Teachers Day. We are fortunate to have so many amazing and dedicated teachers at the College and we appreciate their efforts in continuing to provide such high quality teaching to our students.

Finances and Fundraising

The P&C's financial position remains sound, with a healthier closing balance at 30 November 2023 compared to the previous year. This is attributable to better financial performance of the canteen, as well as additional income through fundraising activities.

We held two very successful fundraising BBQs, one at Bunnings, Fyshwick, and the other at the College on referendum day. Special thanks to Belynda Buck and her partner Corey for expertly organising and running both events and all the volunteers who turned out to help - especially our keen student volunteers.

In addition, the P&C secured two grants during 2023. The first, through Floriade Communities, was a one off grant to fund the Bundah Bulbs event, and the second through the Canberra Southern Cross Club (CSCC) Community Rewards Program is ongoing funding based on members nominating the P&C to receive a percentage of the value of food and drink purchased at the club. The CSCC grant funding will extend to July 2024.

I would like to thank Craig Boyle for his diligence and professionalism as Treasurer in managing our finances during 2023.

Thank you and acknowledgements

Finally, as this is my last year as President, I would like to thank and acknowledge all of those who contributed to the success of the P&C during 2023. From our Committee, our tireless canteen staff, volunteers who gave up their time to help with P&C activities, our Principal, Michelle Morthorpe and the many College staff who assisted us.

I feel very fortunate to have worked with such a wonderful Committee. Mahreen Ali – Vice President, Jenny Grant-Curnow - Vice President, Julia Grazyk- Secretary, Craig Boyle – Treasurer/Public Officer, and Kelli Jones - Council Representative, general committee members - Belynda Buck, Sateesh Gade and Pradeep Bishwakarma and finally our parent representatives on the School Board - Jacki Grau, Ric Curnow and Rajiv Shuhak.

Thank you all and I wish those that are either continuing or joining the P&C in 2024, a very successful year.

Sandra Hayhoe
2023 President

