

## **2022 President's report**

### **Narrabundah College P&C Association**

I would like to begin this report by acknowledging all of those who contributed to the success of the P&C during 2022. From our Executive Committee, our tireless canteen staff, volunteers who gave up their time to help with P&C activities, our outgoing Principal, Kerrie Grundy and new Principal, Michelle Morthorpe and the many College staff who assisted us. It was a real team effort – thank you.

Our original Executive Committee comprised of Jason Narovska – President, Amara Ikewecheh – Vice President, Sandra Hayhoe - Secretary, Craig Boyle – Treasurer/Public Officer, and Paul Buckley - Council Representative. Patricia Holmes subsequently joined the Committee as a general member. Unfortunately, Jason had to resign as President in the middle of the year due to personal circumstances, leading to the appointment of Sandra Hayhoe - President, Jenny Grant-Curnow - second Vice President and Aaron Garnham – Secretary.

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. During the year the P&C undertook a range of activities in support of this mission.

### **College Canteen**

The P&C's main activity was ensuring the ongoing operation and viability of the College canteen. The canteen operates on a not-for-profit basis, providing access on campus to healthy food and beverages for students and staff. We are proud to be the only stand-alone College in the ACT that has a canteen, and the P&C regard it 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, Pauline Carnovale and Emma Jackson. The P&C is extremely grateful for the commitment and hard work of the canteen team and would particularly like to recognise Pauline, who after 11 years of dedicated service, resigned at the end of last year.

During the year, the P&C invested in upgrading canteen equipment to support efficient service, including replacement of an oven and purchase of a second commercial microwave. Profitability was affected by rapidly rising food prices and difficulties in obtaining supplies of certain items, resulting in a trading loss. While the canteen always aims to keep prices as low as possible, the current inflationary environment means that prices will need to increase in 2023.

I would finally like to acknowledge the tireless work of our Treasurer, Craig Boyle, in managing the Canteen finances and staff payments.

## **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 Narrabundah College. A parent-student bulb planting day was held in June with 450 bulbs, followed by several hundred annuals planted across the campus in the Village, Quad and front entrance.

The P&C successfully obtained a second grant of \$1,000 to run a Floriade Communities pop-up event, Bundah Bulbs, in conjunction with the student Green Team. Bundah Bulbs was held on the last afternoon of Term 3, providing the opportunity for students, teachers and local residents to relax and unwind, admire the beautiful flowers planted at the College, listen to our extremely talented student musicians, and enjoy free finger food. In addition, there was chalk art and canvas painting, plant sales and an environment quiz with participation vouchers for four lucky students

The Bundah Bulbs pop-up was the first significant recreational event for students since the lifting of COVID restrictions and was widely appreciated by students and teachers. The P&C hopes to make it a regular event in the College calendar.

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

## **Parent Engagement**

In June the P&C hosted a successful parent and carers evening at Gryphon's, in Griffith, and provided a small contribution for finger food. The evening was joined by our Principal, Michelle Morthorpe and it was a wonderful opportunity to meet Michelle and other parents in a relaxed social setting.

The P&C contributed to the monthly school newsletter throughout 2022, providing the college community with a regular summary of recent activities. In addition, we maintained a website at [www.narrabundahpandc.org](http://www.narrabundahpandc.org) containing information on past and future events and activities.

## **Recognising our Teachers**

On behalf of all parents and carers, the P&C funded and organised a cheese and biscuits platter as part of a morning tea to recognise our wonderful teachers on International Teachers Day. We are lucky to have so many amazing teachers at the College and particularly thank them for their efforts in continuing to provide such high quality teaching to our students over the difficult last two years. Thanks to Aaron Garnham for coordinating the platter.

## **Year 12 Breakfast**

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 is a valued event in the College calendar that provides a relaxed and informal opportunity for our students to get together and celebrate the completion of their college years.

## **Inaugural P&C Citizenship Award**

2022 was the first year the P&C funded a student award. The P&C Citizenship Award 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. We are very pleased to announce that the inaugural award recipient was Pryor H. Congratulations Pryor!

## **Advocacy**

Throughout the year I attended regular meetings of the ACT P&C Council. 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.

## **Financial position and Fundraising**

The P&C's financial position remains sound, although our closing balance as of 30 November 2022 is considerably less than the previous year. This is attributable to a number of factors, including the capital investment that was made to upgrade canteen equipment, payment of long service leave liabilities for Pauline Carnovales, repayment of some underspent grant funding from previous years and a trading loss in the canteen.

No fundraising activity was undertaken during the year. Despite this, the P&C remains financially secure and I would like to extend our appreciation to Craig Boyle for his diligence and professionalism as Treasurer.

Sandra Hayhoe  
2022 President