

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations to the Year 12s for completing their AST exams. Our Year 12s are in the final straight towards graduating while the Year 11s are watching and learning about the process.

Our P&C has had a busy month in advocating on important issues for our students, parents and families.

The P&C has been working closely with the ACT P&C Council to lobby the Education Directorate to ensure parents can be involved in their child's **Year 12 graduation events**. We are also coordinating with Kerrie Grundy to share some ideas for how this could happen in a Covid-safe way. You may have seen the Canberra Times article quoting our Principal; it's great to have this positive publicity for our College.

Narrabundah College was an early mover in announcing we would hold a graduation and formal. Our P&C will work to ensure that parents can be involved for these special rituals that mark the end of the schooling experience. Covid will mean there may be some restrictions, but if you have any innovative ideas for how parents can engage, please drop us a line. Thanks to our P&C executive parent Paul Buckley for his work on this issue.

Following our advocacy for the **College modernisation**, Education Minister Berry wrote back to the P&C on 8 September confirming that there will be a modernisation of the College. A business case is the next step and Minister Berry wants the P&C to remain engaged in the process. The letter is attached to this newsletter.

We will keep pressing to ensure that the re-design of the College provides future facing education infrastructure and technology, is environmentally friendly, sustainable amenities to allow for future student growth in the area.

The school has now announced **parent-teacher interviews** via telephone on 24 September, so please support our Principal's initiative by enrolling for calls about your child's progress.

Fingers crossed!

The P&C has submitted our application for a Parent Engagement grant of \$20,000 to revitalise the canteen and surrounding space into an Engagement Hub for students and parents. We hope that as parents are welcomed back onto the campus in 2021, that this will be a place where we can hold our meetings, events for parents and information evenings. We will let you know if successful.

A big thank you to parent Angelique who has offered to assist with the design and decor of the Hub so the students have a comfortable, safe and welcoming space to have their lunches or to study or relax during classes.

Supporting student projects

Given our P&C's current strong financial situation (thanks our Treasury team), we have been able to support some student initiatives. We are providing the Green Team Environment Group with a \$1,000 loan to fund **Narrabundah College-branded keep cups**. Please watch out for news from Dana and the Green Team on the keep cups and where students can buy them.

We are also really pleased to be supporting the design of the **2021 Year 12 jerseys**, which is being run by the Student Governance Group. This is a signature annual product that is being designed by our talented students.

2021: Get Involved

2021 is just around the corner now and we will be holding our P&C AGM some time in March. Please consider becoming involved in our dynamic P&C executive group. All positions will become vacant and there are roles for everyone with organisational, creative, financial, communication, business and design skills. Please be in touch with us on narrabundahpc@gmail.com if you are interested. One of our friendly team will get back to you about available roles.

A plug for our **new website** at <https://narrabundahpandc.org/> where you can register with the P&C and have a chance to get involved with the community.

Next Meeting

Our **next P&C general meeting will be on Wednesday, 14 October** in the Narrabundah College staffroom. Attending our meetings is a great way to get across the issues that impact on your child's education and to hear direct from the school management.

It is a socially distanced meeting, but everyone is welcome to join. Please drop us a line if you plan to attend, to ensure we have a clear idea of numbers narrabundahpc@gmail.com. If for some reason you are unable to attend in person, we would be pleased to provide alternatives for you such as phone dial in.

See you soon,

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