

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

P&C Meeting

27th May 2025

Minutes



Meeting Commenced: 27th May, 2025 at 7:45 pm

Attendees

Dawn Kilkelly, Sean Kilkelly, Chris Kent, Nikki Nicholls, Chris Nicholls, Bryce Grant, Vanessa Jull, Naomi Fonti, Heather Stephens, Marianne Worrall, Angus Gentle, Carolyn Higgs.

Introductions

- P&C Committee members introduced themselves.

Apologies

- Greg Cullen.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: 25th March 2025

Approved: Bryce Grant

Seconded: Nikki Nicholls.

Business Arising from Minutes:

- The Bird Bath, from CAPA students, to adorn the native garden will take a little longer yet to be completed on account of it not yet being dry enough. Disappointment in the delay was expressed but the outcome is eagerly anticipated.

Correspondence In:

- none

Correspondence Out:

- The Treasurer has written to Service NSW to advise the School does not have anyone in a paid or voluntary position who holds a current Working With Vulnerable Children Check.
- The P&C has invited Hornsby Shire Mayor Warren Waddell, Deputy Mayor Janelle McIntosh, Member for Hornsby James Wallace and Member for Berowra Julian Leaser as VIP guests to the School's MAD Night, 3rd July. These guests are also to be invited for the upcoming CAPA Night to showcase the talent of the school students.
- In his recent newsletter James Wallace made mention of the artworks placed along the school fences
- James Wallace is also taking two of the School's students to NSW Parliament House next week for a leadership event.

President's Report:

- Year 12 gifts completed and delivery to school ready for Graduation Day in September

Treasurer's Report:

- The Treasurer's Report for April 2025 accounts was presented. It can be provided on application.
- A substantial price reduction of around \$1,000 for the Farewell gift was due to Dawn negotiating with new supplier Vistaprint. This was noted to have a positive effect in the 2025 budget.

Accepted: Bryce Grant *Seconded:* Vanessa Jull.

Principal's Report:

- The new name is eagerly awaited by the School and community. It is currently with The Hon. Prue Car, Minister for Education for approval.
 - It was noted the delay was in part due to the difficulties arising from the suburb naming conventions
- The School emblem is finalised, retaining the original 'grow in wisdom' tree, now including book pages below the tree. The emblem is in various shades of blue and includes 'est 2026'.
- The school uniform has also been approved and is in production with Lowes
- The phasing in of the new uniform for other years is TBA.
- The new uniform applies to the full 2026 Year 7 cohort.
- The option of a school scarf was discussed with enthusiasm and will be developed
- There are approx 160 offers for enrolment at the School for 2026, with the final number being reduced from this due to offers from selective and other schools. It is hoped that approx 140 students will be enrolled for Year 7 in 2026
- Remedial/ improvement works around the School include repair of some floors and stairs, painting, internal ceilings, new lights and will be completed by end of Term 2, 2025
- New co-ed 'Readiness' facilities that will be installed by the commencement of Term 1, 2026 include: new textiles room, dance studio, staff room, commercial kitchen upgrade, changerooms, toilets etc, all installed using current school footprint.
- A COLA will be built on the existing futsal court.
- Enrolment for the School for 2026 will be from feeder schools Hornsby Heights, Hornsby North, Hornsby South and Mount Colah Public Schools.
- School photos this year will include students and staff in a number 65 formation to commemorate the 65th year of the School, and the final year of Asquith Boys High School.
- Athlete's Foot Assistant Manager, Christopher, provided Asquith Boys High School with funds from the back to school promotion that they had at the beginning of 2025, as per the newsletter.
- Bryce will be on leave as of Term 2, Week 6 and will return at the commencement of Term 3. Cath Holder will be acting School Principal.

Grounds Report:

- Nothing to report.

Fundraising Report:

- Spring Fair - too late to organise for 2025, perhaps plan now for a Fair in 2026?
- A Moonlight Cinema night on the School's oval was suggested and very well received. A temporary screen could be hired, food trucks sourced and tickets sold for fundraising purposes. BYO seating, bean bags.

General Business:

- The new Breakfast Club toaster is fantastic, as reported by volunteers Nicki Nicholls and Naomi Fonti. Dawn has requested a photo of the new toaster. This has now been supplied to Dawn by Naomi and possibly Bryce.
- Bryce thanked the P&C for the new ride-on mower.

New Business:

- Chris Nicholls won an Art Prize for the Uniting Church Abstract Abilities Art (Northwest Region) with his incredible work of parrots, the result received to rapturous applause. He will be duly awarded at a pop up gallery showcasing the works. Chris's work will also be printed and installed with the other artworks on the School fence.

Meeting Closed: 9:10 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, 24th June 2025

It will be held on Tuesday 24th July online over Zoom (unless the School name has been officially advised) at 7:30 pm. Dawn Kilkelly, P&C President, should be contacted for Zoom details, email:

president.abhspnc@gmail.com.

Cath Holder will be present in her capacity as Acting School Principal while Bryce Grant is on leave.