

KENT STREET

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

What is the difference between a Parents & Citizens' (P&C) Association and an Independent Public School (IPS) School Board?

Both P&Cs and School Boards have valued, but different, roles within independent public schools.

The Kent Street P&C Association	The Kent Street School Board
<p>Main purpose: To promote the interests of the school or group of schools through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promoting and supporting cooperation between parents, teachers, students and members of the general community; • developing parent participation and involvement in the school; • assisting in the provision of extra resources, facilities and amenities for the school; and • the fostering of community interest in educational matters. <p>As an incorporated association, the Kent Street P&C employs the canteen staff and oversees the effective management of the school canteen.</p> <p>Our P&C also organises fundraising events and opportunities to support the school.</p> <p>They seek voluntary contributions from parents/care givers and make effective use of the commission provided by the Uniform Shop to provide resources and improved facilities for the school.</p> <p>They seek information from the school community about what additional resources are being sought and determine, as a group, what to support financially.</p>	<p>Main purpose: To work in a consultative and decision-making capacity with the school to achieve the best outcomes for students. They:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • endorse the Delivery & Performance Agreement; • endorse and regularly review the school's one-line school budget and business plan; • review the school's performance through receiving regular reports and data on student achievement; • determine satisfaction levels of parents, staff and students during the life of the DPA, with results reported in the annual school report; • endorse the annual school report; • formulate codes of conduct for students at the school; and • review general policy directions. <p>They also approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • charges and contributions for the provision of certain materials, services and facilities; • extra cost optional components of educational programs; and • items to be supplied by students for use in an educational program, and any agreements or arrangements for advertising or sponsorship in relation to the school. <p>They also provide advice to the principal of the school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on general policy concerning the use in school activities of prayers, songs and material based on religious, spiritual or moral values; and on the implementation of special religious education; and • With the approval of the Director General or her delegate, they can take part in the selection process of, but not the appointment of, the school principal or any other member of the teaching staff.

How are members appointed to the P&C and the School Board and who are our representatives?

Kent Street P&C Membership	Kent Street School Board Membership
<p>The P&C Association office bearers include the President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. The Executive Committee, which is elected at the Annual General Meeting, consists of these office bearers, the Principal, and at least three financial members. That constitutes a quorum.</p> <p>Parents and members of the community are able to attend P&C meetings. They can become financial members on payment of a small fee.</p> <p><i>Only</i> financial members have voting rights at P&C meetings.</p> <p>Note that Kent Street is unusual in that we also have two subsidiary P&C organisations – the ASG (Aviation Support Group) and SPOCK (Supporting Parents of Cricket Kids). Both ASG and SPOCK members are required to become financial members of the P&C if they are to have voting rights at ASG or SPCOK meetings.</p> <p>Your P&C office bearers in 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President – Raelene Perselo • Secretary – Salman Mehmood • Treasurer – John Nicol • ASG Representative – Amanda Keswick • SPOCK Representative – Mark Stevens • WACSSO Representative – Gillian Pirie • Canteen Manager – Tracey Ellis <p>The Executive are elected at the AGM held at the first meeting of each school year. ASG and SPOCK representatives are appointed by their respective sub-committees of the P&C each year and the Canteen Manager is an employee of the P&C on a contract of employment.</p> <p>The P&C meet at 6pm in the staffroom on Tuesday nights in weeks four and eight of each term.</p>	<p>The School Board at Kent Street includes three parent representatives, four community members, the Principal and two other elected staff members, and an ex-officio deputy principal. The chair is elected by and from within the membership of the Board.</p> <p>If there are more nominations than places available in the three categories (parents, community members and staff), the Principal conducts an election for <i>parents/care givers</i>; and <i>staff</i> (any staff member on the school staffing list).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff members are elected from, and by, staff at the school for a term of two years (the Principal is automatically included on the board, in the staff member category). • Parents are elected from, and by, parents for terms of up to three years. • Community members are appointed by the board for terms of three years. The board <i>appoints</i> suitably qualified persons from the list of community nominations, by vote, in a meeting. <p>Strong community and business/industry representation is encouraged, to ensure that the School Board makes a significant contribution to the development of the school. Additional community and industry members who have skills, experience or qualifications that will enable them to make a contribution to the board’s functions can be co-opted onto the board for a specific time period. Co-opted members are not full members of the board, and they do not have a vote.</p> <p>Your School Board in 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair – Graeme Eley (Community member) • Parent representatives – Scott Montgomery; Deanne Poole, Marina Bay • Community representatives – George Hayden, Sharron Sutton, Josie Hart • Staff representatives – Lyn Diver and Merilyn Harvey, the Principal, Kath Ward and Ex-officio, Paul Currie • Secretarial services provided by Louise Walmsley-Watson <p>The School Board meets at 6.30pm in the staffroom on Tuesday nights in weeks five and nine.</p>

Recent achievements

What the P&C has achieved over the last year	What the School Board has achieved over the last year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful in their application to the Children’s Crossing and Road Safety Committee to secure a serviced children’s crossing on Berwick Street. • Employed the canteen staff and supported them in the smooth running of the canteen. • A P&C representative serves on the Canteen Committee and worked in concert with canteen and school staff to review the menu and other practices. • Recent improvements to the canteen include the introduction of a healthier menu (green food registered), the introduction of Flexi-schools, EFTPOS and cash registers. • Offered the Entertainment Books as a fundraising venture. • Fundraised to support a student attending the National Youth Science Forum. • Donated funds for outdoor seating in the Year 7/8 area. • Donated funds for the static Kent Street sign located on Kent Street. • Donated funds for the beautification of the canteen quadrangle, including additional seating/shade. • Donated funds to support the uptake of full school uniform – a ‘hardship’ account. • Agreed to Uniform Concepts relocating to their purpose built facility in Willetton thus increasing the hours that uniform was available. • P&C Representative attended the WACSSO conference. • Agreed to register with the ANZ Home Loan Introducer program. • Most recently, the P&C endorsed a movie night as a fund raiser (to be held in September) and promoted the idea of a walk-a-thon. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established our Terms of Reference as a new Board in 2015 and endorsed the DPA • Endorsed the inaugural IPS Business Plan • Supported the alteration to reporting to parents days and endorsed the application to the Regional Executive Director for two early close opportunities. • Reviewed a range of policies including the uniform, good standing, assessment, complaints management; positive student behaviour, & mobile phone policies. • Approved an application by students to incorporate a hood into the leavers’ jacket. • Representatives attended the CoRE Launch – our new select-entry Centre of Resources Excellence STEAM-based curriculum. • Endorsed the Positive Behaviour Support initiative commenced in term four of 2015. • Reviewed and approved the one-line budget. • Regularly reviewed both achievement and attendance data and discussed interventions being undertaken by the school to remain focused on continual improvement. • Farewelled inaugural members – James Deacon, Ida Suhadji, Steve Sitienei and Misha Mamo – then coordinated appropriate processes to ensure that the Board was at full complement. • Appointed new members who engaged in formal Board training. • Endorsed the school’s self-assessment cycle and aligned data and documentation review to the school’s processes. • Approved the new CoRE logo for school shirts. • Representatives attended official events such as the Year 12 Leavers night; the ANZAC Day assembly; the Mining Challenge event. • Commenced an awareness of the Department of Educational Services (DES) review processes in preparation for the school’s first formal review in 2017.

We have always valued having a P&C and the introduction of a formal School Board as we embarked on being IPS has proven to be a great advantage to the school. Our Board is dynamic and actively engaged in supporting the school to do its very best.