

Kent Street Senior High School P&C Association

Your School, Your P&C

P&C stands for **Parents and Citizens' Association** and is the forum for parents and citizens in government schools who have an interest in their children's education. Our members comprise of parents and carers of children attending Kent Street SHS. The Kent Street SHS P&C is a member of WA Council of State School Organisations Inc. (WACSSO).

Functions of the P&C:-

- **Encourage** parents to participate in developing the school's educational policy.
- **Develop** parent participation and involvement in the school.
- Act as a **forum** for parents to discuss issues pertaining to the school and its community and for gathering opinions.
- **Promote** and **support** communication and cooperation within the school community.

The P&C is responsible for:-

- ◆ **Canteen** – operation and providing healthy food options for students. The canteen provides a food service for the school community and is not a fundraising venture.
 - Canteen must be sustainable and cover costs.
 - Profits are invested back into the P&C for the benefit of the school.
 - Canteen Committee meet regularly and welcome new members and/or volunteers to help in the canteen.
 - Payment methods for students – **Cash, EFTPOS and FlexiSchools.**
 - **FlexiSchools - Online ordering and Cashless Cards.** The SmartRider card can be used to purchase at the canteen once a second account is linked (separate to the Transperth account). See FlexiSchools pamphlet.
- ◆ **Uniform Shop** – outsourced to Uniform Concepts located in Willetton. The P&C takes 10% commission from all uniform sales and received over **\$50,000** for the years 2011 to 2015. Every time you purchase a school uniform, you're helping your school financially. See the Uniform Shop pamphlet for more details.
- ◆ **Fundraising** – The P&C is focused on running fundraising events that do not require teams of volunteers, are low on effort and time to manage, for example:-
 - Entertainment Book – raised over \$1500 during 2014 and 2015. Minimal effort with increasing support.
 - ANZ Home Loan Introducer Program – soon to be launched.
- ◆ **P&C Levy** – This levy is listed on the Kent Street SHS book list at \$20 per family and we encourage parents to pay this modest amount. The funds raised help cover administrative costs such as insurance and WACSSO membership. After these costs are met the balance is then available for donations of equipment and resources. The P&C Levy funds benefit the whole school community enabling us to continue to support this amazing school and its wonderful students.

How the P&C has benefited Students at Kent Street SHS:-

Over the past few years the P&C has donated to Kent Street SHS over **\$77,000** to purchase student resources, equipment and help fund school projects such as:-

- **School Grounds \$31,000** - Outdoor Seating and improvement in junior area, Electronic Sign, Shade Sails.
- **Resources \$35,107** - Class Pad calculators, Novels for Book Week, Camera and Music equipment.
- **Other \$9,740** - Uniforms, Gift Vouchers, Awards Night, Gymnasium.
- **Electronic White Boards \$30,000.**

Goals of the P&C:-

- Operate a viable and successful canteen offering a menu that is healthy and delicious.
- Upgrade the canteen facilities to allow cooking on-site.
- Upgrade the seating area and provide more shelter around the canteen for students.
- Continue to assist the school with resources and projects as required.

We welcome new members. The meetings are friendly and productive and an excellent way to learn about the school's successes, events, policies, projects and plans directly from the Principal. A great way to stay informed!

The P&C meets twice a term in **week 4** and **week 8** on a **Tuesday night** at **6.00pm**.

The meetings run approximately 60 to 90 minutes. Contact the school for more information on 9262 0500.

Make a difference in your child's education and come to your P&C meetings.