# ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL P&C Meeting Tuesday 26 August, 2025 Minutes



Meeting Commenced: Tuesday 26 August, 2025, 7.10pm

**Attendees:** Bryce Grant, Greg Cullen, Chris Nicholls, Naomi Fonti, Heather Stephens, Vanessa Jull, Chris Kent, Rachel Veitch, Nikki Nicholls, Sean Kilkelly, Dawn Kilkelly.

**Apologies:** Nil

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Tuesday 24 June, 2025. Approved: Nikki Nicholls, Seconded: Greg Cullen

**Business Arising from Minutes: Nil** 

Correspondence In: Nil

### **Correspondence Out:**

- Dawn Kilkelly has emailed invitations for this year's CAPA Night at the School to Mayor Warren Waddell, Janelle McIntosh, Julian Leeser, James Wallace, Nathan Tilbury. Warren Wadell, Janelle McIntosh and Nathan Tilbury are able to attend.
- Warren Waddell, Julie McIntosh, James Wallace and Julian Leeser attended this year's MAD Night and responded overwhelmingly positively to the showcase of talent.

#### **President's Report:**

MAD Night was a fantastic success, thanks to those that attended.

# Treasurer's Report:

- June 2025 and July 2025 P&C Accounts presented by Treasurer Sean Kilkelly and are available on request.
- The P&C's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book account was closed due to inactivity and the balance transferred into another P&C Account.
- Indemnity Insurance has been paid for the P&C and the Certificate of Currency has been received by the Treasurer.

Accounts approved: Vanessa Kirby. Seconded: Greg Cullen.

#### **Principal's Report:**

- The average HSC mark for 2024 students at Asquith Boys High School was 77% in a clear demonstration of academic excellence delivered by the teaching staff.
- Currently around 148 students are enrolled for Year 7, 2026, an excellent number.
- Bird bath is installed.
- Pleased the new School name has been finalised.

- From Term 4, the newly appointed Prefects will be assisting existing Volunteers with Breakfast Club.
- All voted in Favour of a contribution for Breakfast Club of \$1,200.

## **Grounds Report:**

- Nil from Chris Nicholls.
- Nikki Nicholls mentioned a potential donation from a Breakfast Club Volunteer for plants for the areas around the School Administration Building and the School Hall. Bryce would welcome an opportunity to speak with her when next she is in the School.

#### **Fundraising Report:**

- Heather Stephens obtained two quotes for screen hire for the proposed Movie Night in 2026.
- Considerations from screen hire companies included power to footsall court, rain, an alternative area on site, such as the Hall, and safety lighting.
- A theme for Movie Night ie: Halloween, was discussed as an additional focus.
- Courtesy letterbox drops to neighbouring residents could be an option.

# **General Business:**

 A toast warmer for Breakfast Club would be greatly appreciated to keep the toast warm before it is made. Bryce to check with Murray whether power to the existing kitchen is currently sufficient to supporting a toast warmer.

#### **P&C Constitution**

- The change of name from Asquith Boys High School Parents and Citizens Association (ABHS P&C
  Association) to Hornsby High School Parents and Citizens Association (HHS P&C Association) will be
  effective from 1 January 2026, requiring the existing Constitution to be changed in name.
- Dawn will create new email accounts and existing email accounts will be forwarded to the new accounts.
- The P&C Bank accounts will need changes in name only, not the closure of existing and creation of newly named accounts (as the School number remains the same following the name change).
- Sean Kilkelly will investigate changing the P&C ABN number and required changes via the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).
- The new P&C Constitution remains identical to the former Constitution, the only amendment being the replacement of the name Asquith Boys High School with Hornsby High School. The Bylaws have now been included into the body of the new Constitution. The new Constitution is a standard Constitution from the Parents & Citizens Associations of NSW (P&C Federation).
- ABHS Facebook groups continue until the end of Term 4, 2025, then renamed.
- A new webpage named Hornsby High School will be created this year and will run concurrently with the existing ABHS webpage. ABHS webpage will cease at the end of Term 4, 2025.
- It would be hoped that on the new webpage, links to ABHS would remain for the benefit of old boys of the School, and for posterity.

### **Audio Visual Equipment for the Hall**

- The proposal 'MAC Studio for Hall Streaming/ Recording Set Up' put forward to the P&C was discussed.
- Benefits of the proposed equipment include more reliable streaming of School performances CAPA and MAD Nights, School Assemblies, information sessions.

- An additional benefit was to be where students may be unable to perform their major Music or (say Drama and Dance) HSC submission as required, a high quality version could be made available.
- All voted in Favour of purchasing the equipment for approximately \$7,500

# **New Business**

# Possible former ABHS Staff function and singing of the School song

- A function for the former and current ABHS staff (all staff: teachers, auxiliary staff etc) in order to celebrate the end of the School's identity as ABHS was discussed, with a potential date of second last week of Term 4, 2025.
- The ABHS school song was presented in sheet form by Chris Kent. A rendition by Chris was unable to be achieved on the night but is greatly anticipated by the P&C going forward.
- It could be sung at this year's Presentation Day (Tuesday 16 December 2025) by: Old Boys, Pioneers Group, current student Robbie Morgan.
- State Archives NSW could be approached in relation to archiving school items and mementos that are currently stored in the School but not being preserved.

Closed: 8.30pm

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025, in the School Library.