



MANLY SELECTIVE CAMPUS- PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

President's Report - Annual General Meeting – 25th November 2015

Every year the parents, families and wider community make an outstanding contribution to the life of the school and, ultimately, to the success of our students. It is one of the things that makes Manly such a great educational institution.

This year is no different.

Some of the highlights have been:

- Establishment of an Innovation Fund, to which the P&C contribute significant support. This Fund is available to support projects proposed by teaching staff, which are innovative and will enhance the quality of teaching and learning in the school. This year there was a significant redesign of a teaching space involving the combination of two rooms and much more flexible facilities.
- Engagement of the CSIRO education arm in helping the school to strengthen the independent learning project in yr 10. This has the potential to forge a strong relationship with the CSIRO across the school and bring some exciting additional resources to bear in support of the teaching.
- A long list of projects completed in and around the school site, some small some more significant, all of them making a real difference. For example:
 - Another superbly organised working bee
 - The work started last year on the main school entrances was completed with a much more attractive entrance and lighting
 - Curbing and landscaping in front of the TAS block has transformed that area
 - A new electronic school sign on Harbord Rd
 - Improvements to the boys toilets
 - New fans in the hall
- The robotics club started this year goes from strength to strength with the teams achieving success in several competitions.
- Progress has now been made on plans to upgrade the library and installing a covered walkway to the TAS block. These projects, funded by parent contributions to the building and library funds, have been on the drawing board for some time. Very slow moving DEC processes have finally been worked through and we are now much closer to getting the work done.
- ART 61, in Term 3, was the social and fund raising event for the year. A showcase for community art talent, a social evening and much appreciated funds raised for the P&C and the Band.

Our canteen has consistently provided a superb service to the whole school and this year, it is fair to say, they have out done themselves. It has scored on all three fronts – great food for the students and staff, rewarding experience for all the volunteers



and significant financial contribution to P&C funds. (This year this paid for the fans in the hall and the new electronic sign on Harbord Rd.) Testament to a great team running the show and the contribution of all the volunteers.

Again this year the P&C has continued its regular support of many school activities:

- Ongoing engagement of Northside Enterprises and the Bushlink to maintain the bushland.
- Financial support for High Resolves;
- Grants through the P&C Excellence Fund which supports students representing the school at State and National levels in any area
- Maintaining contact with past students through the alumni committee.
- Providing input and support on Library, Technology and Finance Committees.
- Running a second hand uniform store.
- Key student/parent events like the Yr 7 welcome, Yr 12 farewell, Orientation day morning tea and School Open Day. The school does a great job in welcoming and celebrating our students through their school experience, but it is important that we also connect with the parents and bring them into the community.
- Over and above all this parents give their time to represent the school on college advisory groups, regional P&C forums, staff selection panels and the student entry selection process.

Whilst not strictly a P&C activity, I would like to mention the extraordinary Band program at the school. This involves so many of the school community and its impact goes way beyond just the students in the band. It enriches the whole school community in so many ways.

This year will see Alison Auld, Vice President, Angela Aguam, Secretary and Sandra Salmon, Second Uniform Store move on from the P&C. Thank you from all of us for your amazing contributions over the years.

...and then there is all the staff in the school who support the P&C activities in many ways and do such a fantastic job teaching, leading and inspiring our students. The school executive are always available to help out and guide and the admin team led by Judy Boylan do a priceless job too.

...and, of course, the members of the P&C Exec and the regular contributors, who fulfil vital roles in making sure this all happens without too much mishap and that the responsibilities of the P&C are met. Thank you to them all.

Finally, I would like to make a personal thank you to everyone I have had the pleasure to work with over the last 5 years as P&C President. I will not be continuing in the role next year, although I will still help out where I can. It has been a real privilege to have the opportunity to get involved with the school and the people that make it all work and have a chance add my bit. The openness of the school leadership and readiness to discuss ideas and support various projects has been, in



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my view, exceptional. It is one of the reasons the school is as good as it is and has an exciting future ahead of it.

As I feel is important each year, I would like to pay tribute to all the efforts of the many and to thank everyone for their continued support. Every day time and experience and funding are generously contributed to the school by so many. It is this support for our students, their teachers and the school which makes such a difference to the whole community here at MSC and it is enormously valued and appreciated.

All the best,

Bill Hawkins
P&C President