

## UC High School Kaleen P&C Association President's Report for Annual General Meeting 2017

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Thank you to the committee members, and to all our hard working volunteers. It has again been a team effort over the past year.

Key highlights in 2017 include:

1. P&C presence in supporting the school community at events such as the school open night, incoming year 7s information night and presenting the P&C Citizenship Award at the end of year awards assembly.
2. P&C initiated social events – eg the January get together in the park for incoming year 7 students (2018 is now the fourth year we have done this), and parent forums on the topic of sex and body image. These events were again small but worthwhile and we intend holding more of them over the coming year.
3. Developing a sensible approach to fundraising – ie choosing a small number of activities spread out over the year which contribute to funds for the school. Fund raising activities in 2017 included:
  - a. The model railway show in March, with parking attendants and a sausage sizzle / food stall. The parking is a very useful fundraiser for us and the sausage sizzle also contributed. Adding baked goods prepared by the school's hospitality students to the food stall worked well.
  - b. The bulb fundraiser, also early in the year, was successful and raised funds with a relatively low effort, although some work was required by key organiser Alison Brake.
  - c. The P&C was approached by a parent to run a jewellery fundraiser with Park Lane in Term 4. This involved minimal work on behalf of the P&C, but produced only very small results. .
4. Funds raised by the P&C were not allocated. Although we had input from the student leadership group to suggest the money was spent on improvements to the student entrance to the school, no proposal was finalised or put before the P&C for consideration before the end of the year.
5. The P&C's financial management was again quite straightforward, with one bank account and minimal complications. This was a significant change from previous years where the P&C had managed several accounts, including the library trust account. The P&C appreciated the efficient work of our treasurer, and our annual accounts were audited by the treasurer from another school P&C (Giralang Primary School).
6. As with the previous year, I think one of the most useful aspects of the P&C meetings was the opportunity to hear from the Principal and/or her representative about things happening in the school, and a formal avenue to provide feedback from parents to the school leaders.
7. Using the school's Facebook page has continued to provide us with a straightforward and efficient way to communicate with some parents and others in the school community.
8. Not all parents and carers see the Facebook posts, and not everyone either receives or pays attention to emails. Increasing our effective communication with the school community is something to consider for the future.
9. We received information from the ACT P&C Council and utilised their online resources. Our P&C representatives rarely attended the P&C Council meetings, which is also something to consider for the future to tap into the broader community of schools in the ACT.

This year I intend to step down from the role of President. 2018 is our family's last year in the school and allowing someone else to take the role now should allow for an effective transition process. I have been involved in the P&C since 2014 and President since early 2015. I have been really pleased to see our small but effective team move towards a smooth and efficient operation, one which is realistic about the resources we have and thoughtful about how we prioritise our time and energy. The P&C committee and members have been eager to support the school moving forward.

I appreciate the fact that I have had the opportunity to put my own stamp on the role of President, and hope that the next incumbent feels confident to put his or her own stamp on the role, and feels welcomed and supported by the committee.