

*“It takes a village to raise a child.”*

*~African Proverb..*



## **Getting involved at School**

**With the Carlingford Public School  
Parents & Citizens Association**



## What is a P&C?

We all want the very best for our children. We want them to have the best education, to be happy, and to feel safe. At Carlingford Public School, delivering these things depends on a strong partnership between Parents and the School.

The Parents & Citizens Association (The P&C) is how we build and maintain that strong partnership. It is a forum for parents to connect with each other, keep informed about relevant issues, and support the activities of the School.

Together we form a strong voice for the parents of Carlingford Public School and can accomplish a huge amount for our children.

That's where you come in. By getting involved, you can play a part in supporting the education of not just your child, but all the children in our 'village'. When mothers, fathers and grandparents are involved in the School, everyone benefits.

The P&C run important School services such as the **Canteen, Uniform Shop, Class Parent Program, Fundraising Events and Bands**. You can get involved in the P&C by attending meetings, serving on the Executive or a Committee, or volunteering.

## Membership & Meetings

Getting involved is easy and whether you have a lot of time to give, or only a little, your contribution will make a real difference to our children. Financial Membership (just \$1), lets you vote on all business decisions made by the P&C.

P&C meetings are attended by the School Principal and members of the School Executive as well as the P&C. This great relationship is key to the success of our P&C and gives all members access to the top decision makers at our School.

Both the Principal and the P&C will provide updates on key activities and seek feedback and decision making for new opportunities, how to spend & invest as well as other important topics.

We meet monthly (except December & January), and all roles in the P&C are available for nomination for every year at our Annual General Meeting in March. This gives everyone the opportunity to contribute in whatever way they are interested in.

## How does everyone benefit?

Our P&C:

- Has a say in defining priorities for the future
- Represents and Champions the values of the School to students and the wider community.
- Delivers a range of services which support the school and allow it to focus on excellent educational outcomes
- Builds strong, diverse networks of parents and students whose relationships and benefits will outlive their time at our School
- Uses fundraising and grant opportunities to enrich the culture of the school and fund a wide range of projects to improve the Schools resources and infrastructure
- Helps new parents and students understand School better
- Strives to make the School and the community a better place every day

## P&C Services

Continue reading below to understand the wide range of important services our P&C runs every year, thanks to great teamwork and our wonderful volunteers.

### Class Parents



The Class Parent program exists to help parents get to know the school, and each other.

Each class from K to 2 has a volunteer Class Parent who, in conjunction with the teacher, will email reminders and updates about class and school activities. The Class Parent is a contact point if you need help and they may also arrange class picnics or other events. The Class Parent can also provide a parent buddy for new families or for families with English as a second language.

If you are interested in becoming a Class Parent or would like to get in contact with our class parent committee please contact them at [cpspcclassparents@gmail.com](mailto:cpspcclassparents@gmail.com).

### Uniform Shop



The Uniform Shop is a service provided by the P&C for the School community. The Uniform Shop is managed by Linda Xu with the assistance of volunteers.

We sell all compulsory uniform items required for your child as well as optional accessories. We also have a partnership with a high quality school shoe supplier who specialises in getting the perfect fit. Please see the School Website for opening times and how to order.

Volunteering in the Uniform shop is easy and on-the-job training is provided for all volunteers. If you prefer to volunteer "behind the scenes", there are many options available which don't involve serving in the shop.

If you are interested in becoming a Uniform Shop Volunteer, email Linda at [cpspcuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:cpspcuniformshop@gmail.com) or fill out a form at the School Office.

### Canteen

The School Canteen is a service provided by the P&C and is managed by Belinda Sultana with the assistance of volunteers. The Canteen is open every day during school term, and any changes will be communicated via ClassDojo. You can volunteer as often or as little as you like – every month, once a term, on a specific day of the week, or even part of a day. Online order is also available for our Canteen through our app: QKR!.

Children get very excited when they see their parent or grandparent at the Canteen – this is a great way to show them you are involved in their school. No training is required.

If you are interested in becoming a Canteen volunteer, or have any questions regarding QKR, email Belinda on [cpspccanteen@gmail.com](mailto:cpspccanteen@gmail.com)



## Fundraising

Throughout the year, the P&C holds events to raise money for additional resources for our children. Our Fundraising opportunities cover a huge range of events across the year, and we absolutely rely on great volunteers for success.

Events include Mother's Day and Father's Day Stalls, Trivia Nights, School Disco's and Open Day Sausage Sizzles. These events are always fun and help build our school community as well as raising funds.

There are many resources that Government funding and fees alone cannot provide. In recent years, the P&C has achieved a wide range of outcomes for the School:

- Classroom Technology such as Smartboards and other learning resources
- Musical Instruments and other Band Equipment
- Sports equipment, new playgrounds, and outdoor learning upgrades
- Future Focused furniture and Laptops for the Library
- Upgrades to our Sports Oval, sports equipment and beautification of the School Grounds
- Sponsorship of key student events such as representative sport, camps, farewells, and Discos
- Representative uniforms across a range of disciplines and programs

If you'd like to volunteer to help with any fundraising activity, email [cpspcfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:cpspcfundraising@gmail.com).

## Bands

The band program is provided by the P&C for the School community. It is run with professionals from Key Music Australia, in coordination with the P&C and the School. The P&C also manages equipment hire for Band students to help make entering the band a more affordable experience.

The bands practice one morning before school, and Key Music Australia provide individual and group music lessons for students after school.

As part of our Band program we hold an annual Performance Night at the school, and our bands also perform at assemblies and special presentation days during the year. Please contact the band committee at [cpspcbandcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:cpspcbandcoordinator@gmail.com) for further information.

## Interested in Volunteering?

Volunteers are key to our success, and even a little time can go a long way for your school. We have a program called "Just One Thing", focused on how everyone making just one commitment, can make a significant impact to our School and Children.

You may be thinking "I work full time", "I don't speak English very well", "I wouldn't know what to do", or even "I'm shy". Don't worry! We are very welcoming and there are many different ways for you to get involved in the life of our School. For us to succeed, we need our P&C to represent the diversity of our community, so of course; Everybody is Welcome.

## Get in touch!

For more information about any of these activities or the Carlingford Public School P&C Association, please email [CPSPCWelcome@gmail.com](mailto:CPSPCWelcome@gmail.com), or contact a member of the P&C Executive listed below:

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