



**Randwick Boys' High School  
P&C Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday 19 March 2019**

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**Chair: Birgit Schickinger**

**1. Attendance:**

Birgit Schickinger	Rachel Daly	Mandy Gibbens	Heike Pashley
Michelle Bradley	Emma Digan	Rebecca Saad	Louise McNeil
Sarah Brill	Ngairé Smith	Alison Bell	Kelly Kershaw
Sarah McLean	Helena Whalebone	Dacre England	Lance Raskall
Laura Tamir	Jane Knowles	Leanne Bergan	Nicola French
Lyn Swinbourne	Kate Bice	Suzy Forrester	
Sean Loughman	Melinda Jollie	Julie Smith	

**2. Welcome** to new financial members, observers and guests.

**3. Apologies:** Natalie Keledjian, Linda Nawava, Adriana Skleparis, Roger Whalebone, Caroline Windsor

**4. Determination of quorum:** Quorum reached (quorum is 5 if under 50 members and 11 if over 50 members).

**5. Confirmation of the Minutes for February 2019:** Confirmed: Leanne Bergan.  
Seconded: Alison Bell.

**6. Business arising from February 2019 Minutes:**

Linda Nawava was an apology but not mentioned on the minutes.

*Harlequin school bags*

It was noted that Harlequin are quite expensive. LR asked students who said they would not use a branded school bag. Some parents have a preference for a proper school bag however LR is not willing to make it compulsory. There was some discussion as to whether it is possible to have the bags unbranded. BS to have another look at the website and this will be discussed again at the next P&C meeting.

A letter was sent to Labor asking that they honour the budgeted upgrades if elected. The letter was sent to Marjorie O'Neil, Michael Daly and Jihad Dib. The reply received states that NSW Labor would honour the commitment to upgrade the school and would continue to work with community on the co-ed consultation.

Thanks to everyone who helped at the Meet the Teachers night and Open Night.

The State Election will be held on Saturday 23 March, and volunteers are needed.

## **7. Correspondence:**

Certificate of Incorporation received. This enables the P&C to apply for more grants and makes it possible to apply for charity status. Incorporation also means the financial statements need to be submitted to the Federation. RBHS P&C is now covered by the Constitutions Act. There is a need to look at the P&C by-laws at future meetings. It was requested that the Constitution and By-Laws be made available on the P&C website.

## **8. Reports**

### *President's Report*

Thanks was expressed to everyone who has helped out in last few weeks.

### *Principal's Report*

See attached. The following was noted:

No communication has been received from School Infrastructure. The school has decided to spend money on some upgrades that can't wait. The indoor basketball court needs work and a tree near school office needs to be removed. The tree removal will hopefully be carried out in the school holidays. The school is looking to make this area a COLA.

Open Night was fantastic. Evaluations were high. Thanks to all involved.

The Meet the Teacher event was well attended. Thanks to the members of P&C who helped on the night.

Year 7 camp was very successful.

Summer sport finals have taken place. Two teams were successful.

Thanks to Yiota Loizou for the parent study skills session.

Assessment tasks are building up as it is the end of term.

Staffing update: The school will contact P&C representatives when positions are released by the Department.

Purchasing a school bus is still being investigated. The school would like to ask the P&C to consider contributing towards the cost of the bus this year.

A number of excursions have taken place.

The Colour Run has been rescheduled.

Walk the Talk is a new program currently being discussed. The program would involve the students working with a women's refuge in the area.

LB noted that she attended a Council information session on what Council can offer in terms of support to the School.

#### *Treasurer's Report*

An invoice was paid for Book Packs that will appear in next meeting report. Bank Balance is \$32,781.82.

#### **9. Agenda Items:**

##### *Election Day BBQ*

Roster being passed around. P&C will be there from 7am until 3-4pm.

##### *Fund Raising - Trivia Night*

Proposed date 21 June 2019 however Coogee PS Trivia on 22 June. Date to be looked at in August. Date will be communicated via email. Leanne Bergan to coordinate the event.

### *School Bus*

The School has settled on a Toyota Coaster. The cost is \$160k. It is a 22 seat bus with seatbelts and other extras. The School is asking for a financial contribution from the P&C. It is estimated that it will take 7 years to recoup the money. Sponsorship is possible but restricted. \$15k has already been set aside by the P&C to contribute. LR has spoken to other schools re leasing and found that other schools are moving away from this model. The School is asking for \$20k for the past two years with a commitment of that P&C contribute another \$10k next year.

#### **10. General Business:**

A discussion was had in relation to the P&C Facebook page and whether this page is or should display political views. This matter is to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. LR stated that he has not had an issue with anything on that has been posted on the P&C Facebook page.

There was a discussion on the value of banning mobile phones from the school. Louise noted that when walking around the school grounds not all boys are on their phones. No phones are allowed in class and there is a process in place for discipline around phone misuse. Members of the P&C expressed interest in knowing what other schools do and what strategies work best and LR and LM agreed to explore this further.

Mandy Gibbens spoke about the Black Dog Institute app trial in relation to the prevention of depression. The Black Dog Institute is looking for feedback from parents in relation to consent and a short survey was handed to the parents present.

#### **11. Next Ordinary Meeting**

Tuesday 21 May 2019, 7.00pm

#### **12. Meeting closed: 9.00pm**

## **P & C Meeting**

**Tuesday 19th March, 2019**

1. Upgrade update. No communication from Schools Infrastructure.
2. Open Night – Fantastic event. Very popular. Thanks to staff, students and parents for showcasing our school in such a positive light.
3. Meet the Teacher/Welcome BBQ – Tuesday 26th Feb. Well attended. Nice to meet the new parents. HUGE – Thank you to P & C for the BBQ and also speaking so highly about our school.
4. Year 7 Camp – on the whole, very successful.
5. Summer Sport Finals. Two teams were successful. Well done to players and coaches. 15 A's Oz Tag and Opens Oz Tag.
6. 6pm this evening – Study Skills parent session. Thanks to Yiota Loizou for organising
7. Assessment Tasks galore before the end of Term 1. As parents, be prepared!
8. Staffing – no update
9. School Bus – still investigating. Visiting Kogarah HS before end of Term.

Would P & C contribute a substantial amount to the bus in 2019? Due to the fact there is no other major project to contribute towards.

Excursions:

Tennis knockout –lost round 1. G Burke i/c

Basketball knockout – beat Fort Street, lost to Carlingford HS. P Noreika i/c

Engineering excursion. D Sharma i/c

Sydney Symphony Orchestra – first of four performances. M Olsen i/c

Coding opportunities. A Kounsai

Beach Volleyball to Manly Beach – 3 teams. One gold medal and one Bronze. Well done to all. D Sharma i/c

Zone swimming carnival – Thursday 7th March. P Noreika i/c

Touch Football knockout. J Austen i/c

Year 12 Legal Studies to Law Courts. M Harris i/s

Peer Tutoring Orientation. D Halliwell i/c

Waterpolo knockout. J Bladwell i/c

Upcoming:

Thursday 21st March – World of Maths. Y Loizou i/c

21st March Year 11 and 12 Art – Art Express T Cassar i/c

Fri 22nd March – School Photo day. T Cassar i/c

Mon March 25th Volleyball knockout. D Sharma i/c

Mon March 25th – Duke of Edinburgh training day. J Dimopoulos i/c

Tues 26th March – Debating incursion. D Beaumont i/c

Thurs 28th March – School photo individual and small group catch up day

2nd April – Australian Geography Competition. Y Karam i/c

Marine Studies Resuscitation and Emergency Care training. Library. J Wallis i/c

4th April – Year 8 History incursion. N Benson i/c