



**Randwick Boys' High School  
P&C Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday 26 November 2019**

**Chair: Michelle Bradley**

**1. Attendance:**

Birgit Schickinger	Lance Raskall	Michelle Bradley
Caroline Windsor	Laura Tamir	Nicola French
Emma Digan	Leanne Bergan	Philip Booth
Helena Whalebone	Louise McNeil	Roger Whalebone
Jane Knowles	Lyn Swinbourne	Sarah Brill
Janine Beck	Mandy Gibbons	Suzy Forrester
Julie Smith	Melinda Jollie	

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

**3. Apologies:** Dacre England, Heike Pashley, Natalie Keledjian, Ngaire Smith, Rachel Daly

**4. Determination of quorum:**

Quorum reached (quorum is 5 if under 50 members and 11 if over 50 members).

**5. Guest speakers:** *None noted.*

**6. Confirmation of the Minutes for October 2019: (BS, LB)**

Minutes confirmed as amended.

**7. Business arising from October 2019 Minutes:**

The Game Changers Program will be addressed under Agenda Items.

**8. Correspondence:**

The following items of correspondence were noted:

- A letter from the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission confirming that RBHS P&C has been registered with them, meaning donations are tax-deductible.

## 9. Reports

### ***President's Report (BS)***

BS has been on leave due to family matters.

### ***Principal's Report (LR)***

LR presented the Principal's Report. Among the items noted were:

- Thanks to the P&C for changing our meeting date to accommodate the Year 12 Formal.
- There will be three Year 11 students joining elective classes at RGHS in 2020 due to timetable clashes: one each in Dance, Ancient History, and Visual Arts. No girls have expressed interest in classes at RBHS at this stage.
- The visit of RGHS Year 12 students to speak with RBHS Year 7 students as part of White Ribbon Day was a great success.
- The Minister, Sarah Mitchell, toured the School, along with Marjorie O'Neill and BS. Staff made a presentation and the Minister was shown areas of the School in urgent need of repairs and upgrades. There is no follow-up from the Minister to report as yet.
  - *Action:* BS to contact Marjorie O'Neill's assistant regarding obtaining the promised copy of notes of the meeting.
- LT and SF were thanked for representing the P&C on the selection panel for the Head Teacher (Administration) position.
- Thanks to the P&C for the Colour Run BBQ.
- The School hosted 300 Year 4 boys today. A lot of students in the area are drawn out of the public system at Year 5, so we are hoping to interest them before this point.
- Thanks to Therese Boutros for her work on the Year 7 transition program.
- Thanks to JK and Callan and Aidan for representing RBHS at LR's talk to parents at Coogee Public School. The number one question was about going co-ed. The feedback from Coogee P&C was very positive. LR reiterated that he is always happy to give Principal's Tours of the school to interested families.
- The Leadership Camp at Milson Island was a great success. The boys would like to come to the P&C to pitch their plans for 2020.
- Around 117 students are expected for the Year 7 2020 Orientation Day on 7 December. It is possible that the decision against going co-educational may be contributing to somewhat lower enrolments for Year 7 in next year, with numbers at our nearest co-ed, South Sydney, growing dramatically.
- The last day of school for students will be Wednesday 18 December.
- The minibus is awaiting sign-off with the Department and will be here next year.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

LB tabled the Treasurer's Report and bank statement. The current bank balance is \$53,184.24. This month's outgoings were a \$0.55 bank fee, and \$935.60 to reimburse BBQ-related expenses.

## 10. Agenda Items:

### ***Book packs update (MB)***

The book packs have arrived in time for the Year 7 Orientation Day. They will include a list of NESA approved calculators printed by the School Office. The packs will be available through the School Office for \$40 each.

### ***End-of-year BBQ***

The end-of-year BBQ was held on 21 November in conjunction with the Colour Run organised by Year 10 to raise money for Bayside Women's Shelter. \$288.95 was donated by students on the day for charity.

*Motion:* That the P&C contribute the \$288.95 donated at the end-of-year BBQ to Year 10's fundraising efforts for Bayside Women's Shelter (SF, LB).

*Motion carried.*

### ***Game Changers Program (JB, LB)***

JB presented a proposal developed with LB for a new program at RBHS to recognise students demonstrating growth in skill sets related to success in the workplace and beyond: creative and critical thinking, teamwork, and interpersonal communication. The name "Game Changers" refers to the students themselves, as game changers of the future. The awards would complement the existing sports and academic awards, being similar to "best and fairest" awards, with individuals or groups of students nominated for effort in skills that complement the curriculum either in classwork or out-of-school activities. Winners could be recognised in the weekly School newsletter, with an overall prize for each year group at Presentation Day. The intention is to develop a tangible, branded program that is attractive to students while acting as an opportunity to promote the School and providing a focus for fundraising. The program may be linked to the work experience program or the HSIE "future of work" curriculum. Possible future activities may include something along the lines of an RBHS Tournament of the Minds, in which teams would be given a problem and asked to generate novel solutions, perhaps with prizes from the P&C. There was general support for the proposal, so JB will liaise with LR and LM regarding initial implementation, including clear guidelines for staff and students.

### ***Funding request: English Faculty***

Emma Payne presented a proposal requesting support for the purchase of film-making equipment for the use of the English Faculty, and other faculties as required.

*Motion:* That the P&C provide funding up to a maximum of \$5,000 towards the purchase of film-making equipment as outlined in the English Faculty's proposal (LB, SF).

*Motion carried.*

### ***Funding request: Presentation Day***

It was noted that a contribution of \$2,000 for the purchase of prizes to be awarded at Presentation Day was approved in the forecast expenditure at the May meeting.

**11. General Business:**

- The P&C will add support for a World Teachers' Day morning tea run by the SRC to the budget proposal for 2020.
- Year 7 will be starting on Wednesday 29 January 2020. Their parents have been invited to drop their sons to the School Hall, then come up to the Staff Room for morning tea. Please bring baked goods on the morning any time from 8:30am, and stay to welcome our new parents.
- Next year's Welcome BBQ will be held on Meet the Teacher Night, the Tuesday of Week 5 in Term 1. Please come along to help out and make our new families feel welcome.

**12. Next Ordinary Meeting**

Tuesday, 18 February 2020

**13. Meeting closed:** 8:20pm