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September 2017

Share Learn Network: P&C Federation 2018 Conference

Registrations close 15 October 2017

The P&C Federation Conference is being held on the 2 & 3 March 2018, for its members across New South Wales to attend regardless of their location whether it be in metro, regional or rural areas.

2018 Conference Proud Community Partner



Each P&C Association can send 2 representatives from their P&C Association to attend. To gather information, knowledge and resources and be able to share, learn and network with other P&C Associations. On return they can share the information and what they have learnt to assist their P&C Association achieve their goals and better support their students and school community. Please note that places are limited, so register now. For more information go to [P&C Federation 2018 Conference](#)

NSW Youth Advisory Council (YAC) 2018

Nominations close 31 September 2017

The 12-member YAC provides a direct avenue of communication between young people and the NSW Government. The YAC meets regularly throughout the year to provide advice to the Minister responsible for Youth, The Hon. Ray Williams MP and to the Advocate for Children and Young People, Mr Andrew Johnson on issues, policies and laws that affect children and young people in NSW.



Council members are sought from diverse locations, backgrounds and life experiences.

For more information on the NSW Youth Advisory Council and application forms, click [Here](#)

Design Competition for NSW Children's Week

Competition closes on 13 October 2017

The Advocate for Children and Young People has launched a design competition. Everyone up to the age of 18 is invited to draw, paint or digitally create a design.

Encourage children and young people in your networks to engage their creative side with an opportunity to draw, paint or digitally create a unique design. For more information, click [Here](#)



AVCAT Scholarships for tertiary studies

Nominations close 31 October 2017

The Australian Veterans Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) scholarships for tertiary studies at a TAFE College, Registered Training Organisation or University are now open. AVCAT is a national independent charity which aims to help the children and grandchildren of ex-service men and women to a better future through tertiary education. For more information about scholarship eligibility, please click [Here](#)



Introducing Guest Speakers for the P&C Federation 2018 Conference

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Introducing Mandy Weidmann

Mandy Weidmann, is Australia's 'Fundraising Whisperer' – publisher of the Fundraising Directory and author of the Practical Fundraising Handbook for School and Club Volunteers. Mandy believes that parent volunteers shouldn't have to reinvent the wheel all the time and is passionate about providing resources to make fundraising easier (and more fun).



Introducing Andrew Johnson

Andrew Johnson, has more than 20 years of national and international experience working in senior leadership positions NGOs, and international intergovernmental organisations.

He has been requested to present to the UN Security Council, US Congress and the Australian Parliament on issues pertinent to children and young people. He was an Adjunct Professor at NYU, developing and teaching courses on child and human rights.



His work as a children's campaigner has included senior roles with, Plan International, Save the Children, ChildFund Alliance, UNICEF, UNCHR and the Australia Council of Social Service (ACOSS).

For more information, please visit [P&C Federation 2018 Conference](#)

Merit Selection Panels

Merit selection panels can be formed during the process of selecting permanent school staff like a classroom teacher, principal or an executive position and the school's P&C Association is included in the DoE procedures as a key partner in the selection of new staff. When permission has been given for a merit selection process to be run, the schools P&C Association, if one exists, must be contacted in order to nominate a P&C representative for any merit selection panel.

The Department of Education must ensure that all panel members are trained in merit selection procedures by the time the panel begins. However, a P&C representative doesn't need to be trained prior to being nominated to be the P&C representative.

More information on merit selection can be found in [P&C Federation's Merit Selection Guide](#), or in the [Merit Selection Procedure for School Teachers](#).