



Quick Member Info

QUORUM

What is a quorum?

Quorum is a term that simply means the number of members of a group required to be present.

Does a quorum apply to our P&C Association?

Yes.

What is the quorum for our meetings?

This is found in your Constitution. The rule is as follows; *Where the association has a current membership of 50 or more, the quorum at all meetings of that association shall be 11 members. Where the association has a current membership of less than 50, the quorum shall be set according to the rules of the association but shall not be less than five.*

We cannot achieve quorum at our meeting what do we do?

If after 15 minutes of the advertised start time you do not have quorum then you cannot meet. At the next meeting if you don't realise quorum again contact P&C Federation and have a discussion about increasing parent engagement.

If we don't have five members in total are we still a P&C Association?

No. The Constitution your P&C Association operates under states; *your association shall be dissolved if the number of members falls below the quorum or the school to which the association is attached is closed.* Keep in mind closure or dissolution is the last resort! Please exhaust every strategy available to you before taking this dramatic course of action.

What can we do to get quorum?

Promote the benefits of the P&C Association. Try an open letter to the school community highlighting the need for members and meeting attendance.

The letter should be a positive and proud statement about the leadership parents can exercise as partners with teachers in the schooling process. It should also identify the benefits that children directly receive by their parents and greater school community being involved in the P&C Association.

It is important that school communities are reminded of the contribution that P&C Associations make. People are always pleased to provide assistance where they can so keep the meetings to a reasonable amount and don't commit to more than what can be successfully managed by your volunteers at any one time. Be sure to also look at different mediums to engage potential members such as newsletters, social media, e-bulletins and the like.

If you require further information or clarification contact P&C Federation's Member Services Team mail@pandc.org.au or 1300 885 982