



# Quick Member Info

## **P&C Associations in NSW government schools**

### **Does my school community need a P&C Association?**

Yes. Every school community should have a P&C Association.

### **Why does a school community need a P&C Association?**

A P&C Association enables parents and citizens to meet to determine the needs and aspirations of the school community.

### **Can every school have a P&C Association?**

The Education Act 1990 ensures that a P&C Association may be established at any government school.

### **What does a P&C Association do?**

The objects of a P&C Association are to; promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, pupils and teaching staff into close co-operation; assist in providing equipment required by the school; report to the Minister the material requirements of the school; assist the teaching staff in establishment of school policy and management in all facets of school activity.

### **Who can be a member of a P&C Association?**

Membership of P&C associations is open to all members of the school community: parents, teachers and citizens.

### **I'm interested in forming a P&C Association at our school.**

The suggested steps in the formation of new P&C associations are: notify the Principal of your intention to establish a P&C Association, call a public meeting of parents and community to form a provisional committee to draft by-laws which will accompany either constitution (the standard or prescribed one as decided by your provisional committee). Circulate the constitution and by-laws to interested parents and citizens of the school community. You shall then call a meeting specifically for the purpose of formal adoption of the constitution and establishment of the P&C Association. At this time an election of Office-bearers as set out in the constitution occurs.

### **Can our P&C Association be members of P&C Federation?**

Yes. Once the P&C Association has adopted its constitution and by-laws this meeting would be an appropriate forum to discuss becoming a member of P&C Federation.

### **What if the Principal does not want a P&C Association?**

This is highly unlikely scenario as all educational stakeholders recognise the importance of parent and community engagement. Further, a Principal does not have the ability to obstruct the establishment of a P&C Association at your school.

If you require further information or clarification contact P&C Federation's Member Services Team  
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