

Time to Hit the Ground Running

P&C Federation's ambition to be a voice of value and leading advocate for public education in New South Wales was bolstered at our most recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 25 August. At the meeting, P&C Federation endorsed motions on numerous matters that directly impact the well-being of students in public education.

"The AGM was encouraging", said P&C Federation President Susie Boyd. "Our motions come directly from our members and it's important to have increasing levels of engagement. With State and Federal elections on the horizon, engagement will be invaluable, and this AGM has given us scope to push mandates for students and parents that our elected representatives can act upon. This will help deliver substantial service and support to public education."

Following the AGM, some of the actions that we urge our political representatives to implement include:

- An extension to 'Free School Opal Card Travel Scheme' to all children in Years 3 to 6. Currently, only children who live within a certain distance from their school receive this free travel.
- Aiding schools in Remote Rural and Regional areas the installation of bores and solar power initiatives.
- Funding technology and technical support to all NSW public schools.
- Implementing a Federal capital grants program for public schools, not just private schools.
- Confirming ongoing funding of the Rural and Remote Blueprint Strategy, focusing on infrastructure, technology, transitions, transport and wellbeing.
- Ensuring there is adequate provision of before and after-school care for all public schools K-6 with a community need.

With multiple elections approaching, political changes could be on the horizon, so it is important to speak to those in opposition who aspire to govern, as well as to those who are currently in government.

Ms Boyd commented "These AGM motions allow us to hit the ground running in securing a better public education system for our children. We encourage all school communities to play their part in securing the resources our public education system needs."

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