

Welcome to 2018

P&C Federation welcomes you to 2018 - a new school year, a new beginning.

P&C President Susie Boyd commented, "A new school year brings new opportunities and 2018-2019 will be no exception. I take pride in welcoming all students to this school year and particularly the new students who will commence their first year of formal education."

"As the peak parent advocacy group in NSW, P&C Federation will continue to advocate for a well-resourced public education system that meets the learning needs of every child in NSW."

Ms Boyd went on to say, "Children are our country's future leaders and our politicians need to stop devaluing our public schools and letting our children down. It's time they stepped up and addressed the discrepancies in education."

"The heating crisis, causing students to learn in 40-degree temperatures; the unanswered questions as to why students cannot engage in meaningful learning activities during time reserved for special religious instruction or lessons on ethics – which routinely results in students watching cartoons or other such activities during potential learning time; or how they are going to address the fact that our public schools do not meet the minimum resource standards – as opposed to the private sector schools, who by average are receiving above the minimum needed for their children to receive a quality education."

Ms Boyd added, "Parent collaboration and engagement fosters valuable educational outcomes, we need parents advocating for our children and our schools."

An opportunity to learn more on advocating for our children will be at the 2018 P&C Conference to be held in Parramatta on the 2nd and 3rd of March this year.

"More information is available on P&C Federation's website: www.pandc.org.au. We will have speakers from the Department of Education, Fundraising Experts and numerous fellow P&C members, with whom you can make connections and share information."

"Let's make sure this year provides every opportunity for our children to prosper in an equitable, safe and welcoming learning environment – by standing up for our children and our education system!"

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