**Post conference media release – Principal of Year and joint Member of the Year**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**NSW P&C Annual Conference and Awards a huge success**

Jerrabomberra Public School P&C had extra cause to celebrate after taking out two awards at the NSW P&C Federation Annual Conference on Saturday 26 August.

School Principal Chris Hunter took out the inaugural Principal of the Year Award, while President Kylie Prescott was named joint Member of the Year with Rachel Garner of Waratah Public School.

Mrs Hunter said she was particularly honoured by the award.

“I was even more honoured that Kylie got it at the same time,” she said.

“All good public schools try to work really hard with their community to make their school a [place] that serves the needs of the adults and the children in the community.

“Education is a service industry, and we need to keep all of our customers happy and work together.”

Ms Prescott said she was surprised and delighted by the award.

“I’m also very appreciative of the Jerrabomberra Public School P&C for nominating not just me, but our principal, Chris Hunter as well,” she said.

“I am grateful, and I think it is testament to the hard work of our entire P&C, not just myself, and I share this award with them.”

NSW P&C Federation President Yvonne Hilsz congratulated both winners.

“Chris Hunter's remarkable 44-year career as an educator, with an impressive 21-year tenure as principal at Jerrabomberra Public School, exemplifies her unwavering commitment and outstanding leadership in the field of education,” she said.

“She identified the importance of an active school community and working in partnership with parents and citizens to build a school that is the heart and soul of the local community.

“Chris’ unwavering commitment to excellence permeates every aspect of the educational experience.

“From the playground, where teachers and students engage with respect, to the eloquent language she employs during school assemblies, her influence is palpable.

“P&C presidents under her speak of the genuine mutual respect and ‘no problem too small’ attitude she has always demonstrated.”

Ms Hilsz said Ms Prescott was not only President of Jerrabomberra Public School's P&C but Vice President of Jerrabomberra High School's P&C.

“Her dedication and leadership have been instrumental in building community across both schools over more than six years and through challenging times,” Ms Hilsz said.

“Kylie's leadership, hard work, and advocacy [are] testament to her dedication and unwavering efforts in safeguarding the interests of the local community.

“Additionally, her tireless work in securing political commitments for the construction of Stage 2 at Jerrabomberra High School, expanding its capacity to accommodate 1,000 students, has had a positive impact on both schools and the broader community.

“Kylie effectively engaged with the school community and took the lead in a grassroots campaign.

“She engaged with school community members, community leaders, political representatives, and government officials to advocate for positive change.”