

CALLING PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF CHILWELL!

SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO CREATE A NEW 'FRIENDS OF CHILWELL' ASSOCIATION IN 2026

The School Council, on behalf of the Chilwell community, is seeking expressions of interest to form a new parents and friends association, beginning in the next school year.

What is the purpose of 'Friends of Chilwell'?

The purpose of 'Friends of Chilwell' would be to bring parents and community members together to contribute to the wellbeing of the school community; to encourage participation and involvement among parents, friends and family members of students; and to provide opportunities to deepen relationships and a sense of community.

If established, Friends of Chilwell would not operate as a sub-committee of the School Council. It would have no legal powers, functions or responsibilities.

Friends of Chilwell would also remain separate and distinct from the School Fair Committee. It is acknowledged that many parents and friends already contribute significantly towards making our annual Chilwell Fair a success, and that should remain the focus for Term 1, 2026.

What are some possible activities that 'Friends of Chilwell' might undertake?

There is an opportunity for inaugural members of the association to come up with new ideas and set the agenda for the future.

Some ideas might include:

- Welcoming new families to the school community
- Arranging social events
- Promoting inter-cultural events and celebrations to acknowledge the diversity of our community
- Arranging working bees around the school grounds
- Coordinating special breakfasts or simple after school events, celebrating Mother's Day, Father's Day or Special Persons Day.
- Coordinating fundraisers, for example, to support the initiatives of Junior School Council

A Friend of Chilwell Association would provide opportunities for different families to bring new ideas and offer their unique passions and skills to the whole community.

What is needed to begin a new 'Friends of Chilwell' association?

In accordance with the Department of Education [Policy](#), in order to establish Friends of Chilwell, we need **at least six parents** of children at the school to sign a written request for the establishment of the new association.

If you are interested in driving or joining this new initiative, please submit your expression of interest via the google survey here. <https://forms.gle/NwEm9dijSy1hpd7s8>