

Performing Arts Parents' (PAPA) Report

2021 up to 21 July

PAPA & SPX Parents & Friends (P&F) Meetings

Two General Meetings were held in Semester 1: one entirely online, one hybrid (combination of online & onsite) with many new families in attendance in addition to the core PAPA team.

PAPA's President & Treasurer has represented the Club at SPX P&F Term 1 & 2 Meetings.

Funding & Acquisitions

The PAPA team has funded the following three acquisition initiatives:

- i) 32 student violins, to be used in the Year 6 Music program in providing benefits of fine motor skills development and expertise building for future Strings & Orchestral Ensemble(s).
- ii) Artist-in-residence Program – Onsite NIDA qualified Dramaturg supporting junior and senior Drama boys in the writing and production of various Climate Change movies.
- iii) New Staging infrastructure & Drapes to support a myriad of future SPX performances.

Performances

PAPA Meetings supported the Performing Arts Coordinator, Mr Timmins in promoting:

- i) Twilight Concert 1 streamed
- ii) Twilight Concert 2 streamed and onsite
- iii) Upcoming Year 12 Drama Showcase, COVID-safe catering for all students and visiting markers.

Plans are afoot to support a combined Twilight Concert 3 with the traditional Year 12 Splinters, Splashes, Sounds & Stage event, including a commemorative Program for the Year 12's and Ms Bradley kindly supporting provision of images.

ANZAC Day Commemoration Instrument

PAPA has corresponded with Mr Cunneen, SPX Head of Publications, to investigate liaison with the SPX Old Boys network in a bid to secure donations to procure a commemorative ANZAC Day bugle and display cabinet to be employed by SPX Brass players of excellence at future annual ANZAC Day memorials.

Clubs Hub Initiative with SPX P&F

PAPA, together with the SPX Football, Rugby, Cricket & Basketball clubs worked together in a 2021 Clubs Hub initiative to jointly host a SPX Cocktail Party, inclusive of a Luxury Raffle.

PAPA secured and donated one of the lucky door prizes and 3rd prize for the Luxury Raffle. The Luxury Raffle prize was gratefully won by the Hocking family, whose son James attends St Pius X College.

Collective funds of more than \$12K were raised, with PAPA receiving a \$2.8 K transfer.

In a similar vein to the SPX Cocktail Party, SPX P&F invited PAPA to jointly participate in planning & hosting a Trivia Night, scheduled for 14th August. Active planning is currently on hold owing to restrictions arising from the present COVID lockdown.

Pastoral Care – Singing Up Country

PAPA President represented SPX at the Singing Up Country Concert held at St Anthony in the Fields, Terry Hills on Sunday, 23rd May. This event was promoted by SPX Pastoral Care and included a fantastic line-up of diverse Aboriginal musicians from across Sydney who shared many heartfelt messages, including: the precious gifts of community, nature and the valuable resource of water to be shared by all, emotions of the stolen generation and the value of yarning.