



## Welcome to the P&F Press!

### What do we do?

The P&F is a joint association made from St Xavier's Primary school and St Mary's College. The aim of our association is to generate an open forum where you can contribute your views or bring up any issues you feel should be addressed by the parent body of your school.

The P&F has a broad fundraising program in place and provides financial support for a variety of school priorities, providing much needed equipment and resources that will nurture your child's academic, spiritual, physical and social well being.

Over the years the P & F have contributed to many resources and developments around St Xavier's and St Mary's which help to improve and enrich students' experiences.

Throughout St Xavier's money raised has helped with playground equipment, ChromeBooks, Reading Books, refrigerated water bubblers and shelter over the Kiss & Drop area.

P & F funds at St Mary's have been used to purchase lockers, outdoor furniture for students to use during breaks, umbrellas for shade, new instruments for Music, sporting equipment and a trailer for the new school bus.

The P&F is a really valuable way for parents to get involved in the school community and to be better informed about what is happening. It is also an opportunity to have access to the Principal and to be able to give school administration valuable feedback from a parent's perspective.

## A big, big thank you in helping us raise \$40 000!

Thank you to all that have helped and contributed in anyway to help us raise over \$40 000. Each school received \$20 000 to purchase new equipment and resources. This is just an amazing achievement that we are so proud of and we would not have achieved this without your help!

The 2019 Deb Ball was a fantastic night and a huge success, raising over \$15 000. We are so grateful for the students, families and volunteers that help bring the night together to make it such a truly special and memorable night for all involved. The Deb Ball has definitely been reinvented and such a fun night for all. We look forward to seeing what 2020 brings!

Thank you to Jacinta Mannion and her team of helpers that pulled together another brilliant Fun Fair. A lot of hours and organisation goes into the fair and with the help of all, whether it was from baking, to donating a jar, to buying a raffle ticket or coming on the night, it all helped in raising over \$25 000 - what a fantastic job!

All in all, 2019 has been such a fantastic and fun year so far. Thank you to our families, staff, volunteers and organizations that have donated and sponsored our events. Everyone together has achieved this result and we are so grateful and lucky to be apart of such an awesome community!



**THANK YOU**

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## FAQ

### How do I become a member?

There is no need to sign up, everyone is already part of the P&F - just come along when you can! Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm at St Xaviers. Children are welcome.

### Is it just a fundraising committee?

No, it is also a forum to bring parents, citizens, students and teaching staff together. It gives a chance to keep up to date with all school activities and have a say in any issues that concerns them or their child. The P&F committee is a parent voice that is instrumental in making changes and suggestions that benefit our schools.

### Why do we fundraise?

Schools have their own budgets - but invariably they need more than the budget allows. That's where the parent committee becomes a really valuable partner. Fundraising is a powerful way in which to help your school get much wanted additional resources. All money raised by the committee must be used for the benefit of the schools but as a member, you get to make suggestions or vote on how funds are used.

### Do I have to have a job?

No, if you come to a meeting, it doesn't mean you will end up with a job. We are always looking for new members and volunteers to assist in different ways and any contribution is greatly appreciated however there is definitely no pressure to do so.

### Where do I find out more information?

You can contact the P&F via email at [gunnedahcatholicschoolspandf@gmail.com](mailto:gunnedahcatholicschoolspandf@gmail.com) or follow Gunnedah Combined Catholic Schools P&F page on Facebook for up to date notifications and information.

## COMING UP...

Our first meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 19th February at 5:30pm!

All welcome to join and meetings are kid friendly! We Are always looking for suggestions and feedback for exciting new fundraising and community events. Trivia Night, wine tasting, Casino Night? Ninja Warrior? ..... Looking forward to making 2020 a fun year for all!