



## 2025 St. Agnes' Primary School Highett

### Parents & Friends Committee - President's report

It has been another strong year of community-building events and fundraising for the St. Agnes' Primary School Highett Parents & Friends Association (P&F). It is our privilege as co-presidents to share the following report, showcasing the highlights and impact of our collective efforts across 2025.

#### Overview of the Year

Throughout 2025, the P&F was focused on continuing to nurture a strong sense of community while fundraising to supporting key school priorities. Our efforts contributed to upgrading necessary IT infrastructure and advancing plans to redevelop the main playground. The events we hosted for families and students reinforced the connections that make our school community thrive.

#### Key Events and Achievements

We delivered and supported in a range of events and activities across the year that both raised funds and reinforced the strong sense of community that St. Agnes' is celebrated for, including:

**Mother's Day Event:** A fun relaxed social event in celebration of the women of St. Agnes'.

**Mother's & Father's and Special Friends Day Breakfasts:** Heartfelt mornings dedicated to celebrating and appreciating the parents, carers, and special friends who make St. Agnes' such a wonderful community.

**School Disco:** A highlight in the student's year that brought fun and excitement in a safe and familiar environment for all.

**Parents' Social Night:** Another successful annual social event where parents were able to enjoy a night out and strengthen relationships within the community, whilst raising funds to support the school.

**Walkathon:** An energetic morning where students, staff, and families came together to raise funds while enjoying the outdoors.

#### Financial Summary

This year, the P&F raised \$20,961.90, thanks to the incredible support and generosity of our school community. These funds paid for an upgrade to the internet routers and the balance will contribute towards the **main playground upgrade** in 2026, providing a new and engaging outdoor play space for our students to enjoy.

#### Looking Ahead

As we look ahead to 2026, the P&F is excited to support the playground redevelopment and explore new opportunities to enhance our school's facilities. Building on the success of our 2025 events and fundraising efforts, we will continue to engage families, students and staff, and strengthen the sense of belonging that defines St. Agnes'.

With our school community continuing to grow, we are committed to fostering inclusion and connection. This includes hosting welcome events for new families, maintaining communication channels to keep everyone informed, and offering flexible volunteering opportunities to suit different schedules and interests. By deepening these relationships, we will continue to make St. Agnes' a vibrant and supportive environment where every family plays an integral role. This is particularly important as we move into 2026, welcoming Tom Hartney as the new Principal to St. Agnes'.

## Thank You

We would like to express our deep gratitude and thanks to everyone who supported the P&F this year, including:

**Our parent community** for their ongoing support, time and financial contributions. Your generosity drives the success of our fundraising efforts, helping us reach our goals and create meaningful improvements for our school and students.

**The incredible volunteers, class reps and P&F committee members**, whose dedication, time, energy, and expertise made this year such a success.

**A special shoutout to Georgia Sotiroski** who has been an integral part of our school community for 7 years. Her dedication, commitment and leadership to the P&F is unmatched and we are incredibly grateful for her contribution to the school. Georgia, you will be greatly missed by the students, staff and families.

**The staff** at St Agnes' for their continued support. Their collaboration and enthusiasm has been instrumental to the success of the P&F this year.

And, last, but certainly not least, we thank **Lachie Foott** for his support, leadership and commitment to the P&F and St. Agnes'. His dedication to growing and fostering our incredible sense of school community and pride has been inspiring to be a part of, and we will greatly miss working alongside him. Lachie leaves behind an incredible legacy and we wish him all the best for his new role.

## P&F Committee 2026

We welcome back our returning executive team for 2026:

**Co-Presidents:** Bree Walsh & Sarah Gardner-Bibby

**Treasurer:** Gerry Murphy

**Secretary:** Lauren Karpathakis

**Class rep co-ordinator:** Laura Stewart

It has been a privilege to serve as co-presidents of the P&F this year. We are proud of all we've accomplished together and thank you for your commitment of our school. We look forward to another successful year ahead and wish you all the best for the holiday season.

Best regards,

**Bree Walsh and Sarah Garnder-Bibby**

Co-Presidents, P&F Committee 2025