

Merewether High School P&C Association

Minutes Summary for Meeting on 3 June 2025

The meeting opened with reports from the Principal, President, Treasurer, and Canteen.

Principal's Report

Ms Rochelle Dooley shared key insights from the Department of Education Secretary's Roadshow:

- **Professional Learning Focus:** 2025 will prioritise Gifted and High Potential learners; 2026 will focus on neurodiversity and inclusive practices.
- **Sector Trends:** Public schools are experiencing enrollment declines compared to private schools. Schools are encouraged to highlight their strengths to retain and attract families.
- **Promotion & Outreach:** MHS is exploring ways to strengthen visibility, including through its Opportunity Class (OC) program.

Treasurer's Report

- Available funds were outlined for new initiatives.
- **Canteen Performance:** Revenue down 9%, Qkr! sales down 20%, gross margin below budget.
- **Equipment:** Motion to pre-approve up to \$4,000 for a replacement turbo oven carried.

Canteen Report

- Cost pressures from staples such as eggs and milk continue.
- Gross margin goal set at 20%.
- Equipment replacement needs highlighted.

Executive & Committee Roles

At the AGM, the following were elected:

- President: Claire Methven

- Secretary: Anna Gravenor
- Treasurer: Kerrie O'Brien
- Vice President (Canteen): Karen Hillard
- Assistant Secretary (Canteen): Abhishek Paspuleti
- Assistant Treasurer (Canteen): Emily Hewitt

Canteen Committee members: Alison Washusen, Eithne Healy, Karla Karinen, Maryanne Cooley, Kati Tildesley.

Nomination received for Vice President role: Chantelle Pritchard.

Informal roles remain vacant for Fundraising, Events, Grants, School Projects, Volunteers, Website, and Socials.

Fundraising & Sponsorships

- **Representative Sports Uniforms:** Indigenous design confirmed; uniforms planned for Term 3 Sports Assembly. Motion to contribute \$5,000 carried. Four more sponsors required.
- **Cookbook:** Led by Melinda Holme with additional volunteers joining. Recipe contributions are still being collected.
- **Mango Drive:** Planned for December, led by Camelia Meleka.
- **Lamington Drive:** On hold pending volunteer.
- **Grants:** AB Lawn application unsuccessful; smaller projects being explored. Future priorities include COLA development and library refurbishment.

New Business

- **School Working Bee:** Suggested but subject to Department OH&S restrictions.
- **School Scarf:** Prefects proposed a graduation gift scarf; to be discussed at a future meeting.
- **Domino Cutter:** Request from Design & Technology for \$2,150 cutter approved.
- **Acknowledgements:** Congratulations to the Student Leadership Team for achieving the highest fundraising total in NSW public schools for the World's Greatest Shave. Thanks

extended to Ms Borrelli for her support of leadership opportunities.

Meeting closed at 6:42 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 26 August 2025, 5:30 PM