



3rd December 2024 SSC Balmain P&C Meeting Minutes #8

Attendance	
P&C Committee	Clare Donnellan (CD) (Chair), Emma Driver (ED) Karina Martin (KM), Nicole Swanson (NS), Kate Reid (KR), Kathryn Reynolds (KR)
P&C Members	Leigh Morgan, Helen Davies, Marika Kalyuga, Shadi Jalinsor
School & College Executive	Ingrid Koodrin, Julie Ross, Sandy Laga'aia
Other	Connor Maglis
Apologies	Jill Butler, Kim Bachelor, Ilana Fisher
Venue	Balmain Common Room

6.30 pm Meeting called to order

Past Meeting Minutes	Minutes accepted by KM, seconded by NS
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Business arising/actions from Minutes	Motions passed
	Annual bursary system: Setting up an annual payment to the extracurricular clubs at the school – a 'standing order' per year or term – to support the clubs.
	(1) Girls STEM club: \$1000. CD proposed, seconded NS.
	(2) Sustainability club: \$1000. CD proposed, seconded KB.
	Agreed that funds will be provided at beginning of Term 1, 2025.
	Year 10 formal: Community have asked whether the P&C would consider \$300 donation for a photo booth or a photographer at the forma etc. KB proposed, seconded KS. Students are to report to the P&C re how the money was spent
	Students didn't require funds; photo booth was funded by the Year 10s. \$20 request to be forwarded to them for printing.
	World Teachers Day. CD proposed \$1000 to be made available to teachers to spend in recognition at a time appropriate to them, seconded JB
	Money to be used to finance an end-of-term lunch. Ingrid will organise.
	End of school awards \$300 proposed KM, CD seconded. Going ahead.
	P&C Xmas drinks \$500, date to be determined. Proposed CD, seconded JB. Date TBC.
	Open Items • Determine a date for the P & C drinks.
School Principal's Update (IK)	School Principal Report can be accessed here
	 Capital works update After hours school access issue; responsibility of community hirers if parents' cars are locked into carpark after a community event e.g. basketball
	 Sincere thanks to Kathryn Reynolds for her work over 15 years in the P&C Update on dedicated bus route from Pyrmont; IK's letters have not had any impact; Pyrmont Action Group has met with IK and will be getting involved in the issue, and on development generally in Ultimo/Pyrmont and its impact on schools
	 New behaviour support management plan, 2025 Feedback period until the end of the year.
NSW Teacher's Federation	12 December: rally for full funding for public school outside Prime Minister Albanese's electoral office
College Principal's Update (JR)	College Principal's report can be accessed here • IMP events; concert 9 Dec • Leichhardt principal job; interviews end of term





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	 Teachers moving to Blackwattle for a year: Renee Dunne, Paul Flanagan Ultimo/Pyrmont development; 'moderate' increase in demand for schools by 2036 predicted College presentation day: 18 Feb 2025, 5pm, Sydney Town Hall:
President's Report (CD)	 The President's report can be accessed here Capital works; Kobi Shetty to agitate School turns50 in 2025; school will have a new promotions person to help with events etc. Early Term 3. Welcome Year 7 parent date needed; avoid 24 February (Year 11 parents' event at Blackwattle). Suggest possibly Week 4 2025 = week of 17 February. (Note college presentation is 18 February, so not two nights in a row). Date TBA. CD raised motion for \$1000 spend on Year 7 parent event; ED seconded Thanks to Kathryn Reynolds for her service Note committee vacancies next year
Treasurer's Report (KM)	Treasurer's Report can be accessed here Healthy cash position; need to remit some funds before Xmas Report accepted: CD, seconded KR
Conor Maglis	 Thanks to the P&C 2 x 3D printers last year. Very popular with STEM students. CAD subject enrolment has doubled. 4 electives, six classes; 3 clubs. Marine also involved in 3d printing (3 classes)
New Business	 Request for ISTEM ELECTIVE FUNDING. 2 x \$2,772 Prusa-i3-mk4s 3D Printers @ \$5,544 Total \$5,000 From P&C \$544 From Blackwattle Bay (Permission given by HT Tas Julie McBride) Moved CD; seconded NS Select a date for the Yr 7 parents welcome drinks - Date TBC CD moved \$1000 spend; ED seconded
	Last day of school year, 18 December Return to school 6 February (Week 2) (teachers return Fri 31 Jan = Week 1) Open items for discussion in 2025: • First P&C meeting of the year? See below • School capital works: science lab upgrades to be lobbied for • 50th celebrations in 2025: what sort of events • School bus from Ultimo/Pyrmont: how best to lobby Transport NSW
Correspondence In/Out	The NSWTF SSCBC committee has created a statement SRS (School Resource Standard) funding. Please have a read and reply with any edits, suggestions, criticisms etc. They would like to send it off to the Prime Minister and the Balmain State MP and would appreciate it if the SSCBC P&C could also share it amongst parents.



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Next General Meeting:

To be decided: Week 3 is early next year. 11-week term.

Week 1: Friday 31 Jan (teachers return)

Week 2: Begins Mon 3 Feb (kids return Thursday 6 Feb)

Week 3: Begins Mon 10 Feb (too soon after kids return?)

Week 4: Begins Mon 17 Feb (College Presentation on 18 Feb, Year 7 drinks possible clash)

Delay to week 5?