



Your P&C Voluntary Contributions Explained

Dear Parents and Carers,

You'll notice on your Term 1 and Term 3 invoices each year that there is a provision for 'P&C Voluntary Contributions'.

While the contributions are voluntary, families encouraged to pay this fee, which is used to support valuable educational initiatives within the school. Contributions are an essential part of the valuable additional resources, both physical (staff) and material (educational aids), that we are able to provide at Willoughby Public School.

The funds raised from these contributions and from our fundraising events throughout the year, allow the P&C to continue to provide these resources to the School to supplement the money they receive from the NSW Government.

Where does my money go?

Over recent years, the P&C has used its funds to:

- **Provide teacher support for Kindergarten classes** - we pay teachers' aides salaries to ensure our Kindy teachers have enough support to get our children off to the best start at school
- **Provide additional teaching resources** – we pay salaries of learning support teachers for children with reading and other difficulties.
- **Contribute to classroom resources and technology** - such as iPads and readers.
- **Ensure all classes have smart-boards and air-conditioning** – your P&C made a huge contribution towards these items.
- **Build new playground equipment**
- **Build the COLA** - Covered Outdoor Learning Area and sun safe play area for our children.
- **Purchase plants and equipment for working bees**
- **Host school events** – including our Family Fun Day and Starry Night Movie Night.

In Term 4 of each year, the P&C sets its budget and decides how to allocate the money raised during that year. The budget is discussed and voted upon at the Term 4 P&C meeting (at which everyone is welcome and encouraged).





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Our teacher support staff are an integral part of our Kindy learning program at Willoughby.

What is the P&C Association?

Willoughby Public School P&C Association is a school-based organisation consisting of parents, teachers and interested citizens.

The P&C is established to:

- Promote the interests of our school, by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation.
- Assist in providing facilities and equipment for our school, and to promote the recreation and welfare of the students at our school.
- Encourage parent and community participation in curriculum and other educational issues in the school.
- Assist and co-operate with teaching staff at public functions associated with the school.

It is the responsibility of our P&C Association to conduct the election of parent representatives for the School Council, and to administer the class parent representative system. Our P&C is an incorporated member of the Federation of P&C Associations, and abides by the rules and guidelines of this body.

A copy of the P&C constitution can be viewed [here](#).

All families at Willoughby Public School are welcome and encouraged to participate in the P&C Association meetings and activities. There is a membership fee of \$1 per year which is usually paid via the Term 1 account. This membership fee ensures your voting rights at meetings.