



Parents and Citizens Association Incorporated

Beacy PS P&C welcomes you and your family to our school.

We encourage you to find out more about our activities, and to participate!

What is a P&C Association?

P&C Associations are set up to provide a forum for parents and citizens who are interested in the welfare of students at government schools.

P&C Associations are formed under the *School Education Act 1999* and they must be incorporated under the *Association Incorporations Act 1987*. P&Cs must comply with various obligations under each Act, eg. in relation to activities, expenditure and book keeping. They must have and follow a Constitution, approved by the Minister for Education.

What P&Cs can't do

P&C Associations are not permitted to intervene in the control or management of a school, or educational instruction of students. They cannot exercise authority over teaching staff or other people employed at the school. They can cover their administrative costs, but they can't otherwise spend their funds unless it is for the benefit of students at the school. P&Cs cannot deal with issues relating to specific students or teachers.

What P&Cs can do: BEACY PS P&C

Our P&C discusses and has input into educational issues and school policies, we raise funds to support and supplement school projects and resources, and we provide a conduit between parents and the classroom.

The P&C operates through its Executive Committee and through various sub-Committees who are responsible for specific projects. P&C activities rely heavily on support from parents, whether they are members of the P&C or not.

AIMS of the P&C

Our aims are to promote the interests of the school, by:

- fostering cooperation between parents, teachers, students and members of the general community;
- assisting in the provision of resources, facilities and amenities for the school;
- fostering community awareness and involvement in educational matters;



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- providing a forum in which parents can become informed and engaged in issues pertaining to the school and its educational policies; and
- having representation on the School Council.

Membership and meetings

- Our P&C is made up of parent volunteers who are passionate about helping the school. It comprises parents and guardians of children attending Beaconsfield Primary & other interested persons over the age of 18 years who have paid an annual subscription of \$1. The Principal is an ex-officio member by right of their position.
- Some members take on a formal position on committees, and others volunteer their time for specific tasks and events. Parents decide their level of involvement. If you want to vote at a meeting, you must be a financial member.
- P&C meetings are held regularly (approximately every six weeks) and provide an opportunity for parents to become informed, engage in discussion and contribute to decision making on various topics, including raising and spending of funds. Some meeting formalities are required (and assist in getting through business on time), but don't let this put you off!

The P&C fundraising

- Our P&C is an autonomous 'not for profit' body. It is able to provide resources to our school as it sees fit but is not "required" to do so.
- A number of fundraising events are held throughout the school year to enable the P&C to achieve its aims. Parent participation in these events is voluntary, but it is critical to their success. Examples of events include: Sausage Sizzles, Cake Stalls, School Community Events, Annual Raffle, Quiz Night, Discos. Not only are these events fundamental to raising funds for school projects, they provide an opportunity to meet other parents in the school community.
- The P&C is not simply there to fundraise.

Beacy PS P&C is also responsible for:

- **The School Canteen:** Run by the P&C with a mix of employees and volunteers. We are always seeking helpers. Please contact the P&C if you can assist.
- **The School Uniform Shop:** The co-ordinator and other parents volunteer their time to provide this service. Can you help?



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- **The Scholastic Bookclub:** Run by a volunteer P&C member. Brochures are regularly distributed and orders can be placed. The school library benefits from resources provided through Scholastic.
- **School Banking:** Part of the worthwhile Commonwealth Bank School Banking program, coordinated and run by P&C volunteers. Help is always needed.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Without parent volunteers, we could not function. Every parent can offer different skills and energy to P&C activities, and without these contributions the P&C cannot enhance the students' learning environment and educational experiences or meet its other objectives. There are many ways in which the P&C contributes to life at Beacy, but none of it can be done without people willing to give a little of their time.
- ***Please consider volunteering some of your time and taking an active role in supporting your P&C.***
- We invite you to attend our next meeting or participate in our next events, if you can. Keep an eye on the noticeboards and school newsletters for dates. If you want to know more, please email the P&C at r.mcdougall@curtin.edu.au or contact the school office on 9430 7055.