

## P&C Meeting Tuesday 8 August 2023

Financial members of the P&C Association should submit their request to the Secretary in writing. The Secretary will place the item on the Agenda where it is most appropriate to be discussed.

Minutes	
<b>Meeting opened</b>	6:03pm
<b>Acknowledgment of Country</b>	Glenn Sproule
<b>Attendees</b>	Jen Jones, Joe Williams, Mel Kilby, Paul Baxter, Kate Warner, Lindsay Hodgson, Nadine Dellow, Michelle Edwards, Belinda Shaw, Rechaelle Sylvester, Melanie Boniface, Glenn Sproule, Trent Colley
<b>Apologies</b>	
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	No guest speaker
<b>Confirmation of Minutes</b>	Jen Jones
<b>Business arising from previous minutes</b>	Tamburlaine fundraising money, \$500 transferred to the Support Unit? No. Mel to transfer on Wednesday 9 August. Congratulations to Kate Warner continuing as President and Mel Kilby as Treasurer. Have the audit report mistakes corrected? No, Mel to follow up.
<b>Correspondence</b>	Nil
<b>Treasurer Report</b>	Mel Kilby. Current balance \$6034.74
<b>Principal's Report</b>	<p>Paul Baxter.</p> <p><b>Assets</b> CCTV outside of the toilets - 50% of CCTV has been installed.</p> <p>Plan for bathrooms to be open long-term, clean, and operational. THS has been given commitment by School Assets to have all toilets upgraded. Currently sitting at design phase. Completion by May/June 2024.</p> <p>Sports Courts – Currently through the tender phase, contract has been awarded and will start end of August 2023.</p> <p><b>Additional Administration funding</b> \$100,000 Grant. This has secured the position at THS for a <b>Workplace Transition Coordinator</b> currently filled by Charlie Elias. Charlie will support students from Years 10-12 in pathways transition and develop a strong network of business and community contacts. Charlie and Careers Advisor currently working on THS pilot event 'THS Local Jobs Connect': connecting local business with local kids for opportunities including jobs, work experience, apprenticeships, traineeships.</p> <p><b>Uniform</b> Girls' shorts and pants have been ordered. Student Aboriginal design has been finalised ready for Struddy's shorts order. Will film the story behind the design and share at the next meeting (Joe Williams).</p>

	<p><b>NAIDOC</b> THS Aboriginal Education Team lead by Deputy Trent Colley, ran a successful week of activities across the school. The outcome was students participating in new experiences and learning about Aboriginal stories and culture.</p> <p><b>Education Week</b> Tomaree Learning Community came together to celebrate 175 Years of Public Education at an Awards ceremony hosted by THS. We received a special mention in the Secretary's (Murat Dizdar) Newsletter.</p> <p><b>Technology</b> Heading towards the end of Term 3 into Term 4, schools accumulate money that needs to be spent (\$50000 - \$100000). Would like input from the P&amp;C for areas to spend in. Suggestion: survey to parents/carers.</p>
<p><b>General Business</b></p>	<p>Addressed by Deputy Glenn Sproule and discussed with P&amp;C</p> <p><b>Mobile Phone Ban Term 4</b> Two options:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. OFF AND AWAY</li> <li>2. LOCKABLE POUCHES</li> </ol> Ban is from Years 7-12.  Ban goes all day including before school, break times, at the canteen, excursions, and camps. Includes watches and air pods.  *Phones can be used in the classroom with explicit teacher permission.</p> <p><b>LOCKABLE POUCHES</b>  Yondr Pouches are expensive - \$10000- \$20000 cost to the school. Sufficient magnets would be needed to unlock phones if needed for educational purposes.  Comment: Pouches mark a change for students and reinforce that the school is taking the ban seriously.  Suggest: Phones away Friday for Term 3.</p> <p><b>Feedback</b>  THS has run working groups and consulted with staff – initial feedback in favour of using pouches to be able to manage and remove grey areas.  Feedback from other schools who use pouches has been positive but lacks data.</p> <p><b>Questions</b>  How will students access timetables? Front office, paper copies in their bags.  Will phones be left in bags sitting outside of classrooms? No, all bags are taken into the classroom.  What is the issue? Students using phones to film other students and promote antisocial behaviour. The correlation between mental wellbeing and the impact on learning.  What will the consequences be for having phone out?  1<sup>st</sup> offence = phone sent to office for student to collect at end of the day.  2<sup>nd</sup> offence = phone sent to office and parents called to collect at a time that suits.  What is your policy on laptops if students aren't using their phones? Same as phones. Devices are not to be used inappropriately. 50-day ban for devices being used inappropriately. We are not a BYOD school. THS continue to invest in more banks of laptops.</p>

	<p>How will kids pay at the canteen? Spriggy, Card, Cash. How will teachers' police this on the playground? It will be very difficult, impossible to police. Relying on most students doing the right thing.</p> <p><b>Survey</b> Discussion: Is a survey needed to gain feedback from parents/carers/community/students. P&amp;C consensus: NO. The P&amp;C Meeting was an opportunity to voice concerns. The government has outlined the ban.</p> <p><b>Concerns</b> Anxiety from not having phones. Not being able to use phones on excursions to contact parents, particularly with an update on ETAs for pick-ups. The Department of Education has given verbal advice to school staff to use a common sense approach in these circumstances.</p> <p><b>Question asked to P&amp;C: Are you happy to trial OFF AND AWAY for Term 4?</b> Consensus – YES. Ultimately it is the teacher's decision and the P&amp;C is happy to support their decision.</p>
<b>Meetings days and time</b>	<p>Meeting times for 2023 have been changed to the first Tuesday of every month. Option to join the meeting via a teams link will be available. AGM needs to be called during Term 2.</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>Tuesday 5 September 2023 6pm to 7pm.</p>
<b>Close Meeting</b>	<p>Time of close 7:15pm.</p>