



Good Counsel College P&F PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025



With another new school year well underway, a warm welcome, and thank you for setting aside the time to attend our 2026 Parents and Friends' Association Annual General Meeting. Forever the optimist, a brief introduction for the number of new families I have envisioned joining us whom may not know me ... my name is Tania Spagnolo. I am a mother to three boys: one a 2025 GCC graduate and two current GCC students. I have been president of the P&F for the past two years.

The P&F is an integral part of Catholic schools. Its aim is to represent the interests of the whole parent body, help parents engage with the school and the education of their children and work to support the school. It should be noted that all parents and carers whose children are enrolled at the school are automatically members of the P&F.

We adopted this informal meeting model in 2024 in hopes to increase parental involvement and we have seen a small growth in numbers. Thank you, Paul, for your continual support, Leigh for your reports, fellow executive member Tamara McLaughlin and Tanja, Tamara and Jamie who boosted meeting numbers in 2025. Please note, it is not a requirement to have the same name as us to attend.

Likely the most substantial contribution the P&F made in 2025 was a 20k donation towards the school bus. What an asset for the college. I have personally seen the bus 'out in the wild' and it does look great.

We purchased a medium sized Marist Heart. The Marist Heart is a significant symbol within the Marist tradition representing community and the deep love Saint Marcellin Champagnat and his brothers had for Mother Mary. St Marcellin would place the names of his brothers inside the heart to symbolise their connection and solidarity even when they were far apart. The school has a large Marist Heart with all students and staffs' names, but this new purchase is more suitable for travel and intended for use at events such as the Marist Student Leaders Summit and Marist Basketball and Netball carnivals.

The P&F sponsored prizes for the Junior Sportsperson, Rick Stephenson, and Senior Sportsperson, Tyrell Forbes, on awards night. Bursaries for Dux, Xavier Sutton, Proxime Accessit, Cooper Ingram, and students achieving an ATAR of 90+, Saskia Haberman, were awarded at a special awards assembly during week 3 this year. \$1200 in total for our schools' elite athletes and high achieving students.

Varying amounts of donations were approved for staff welfare (School Officers Day. World Teachers Day. World Tuckshop Day) event catering (Sports Academy launch) and graduation (Dinner. Morning Tea). In the 2026 budget we look forward to supporting more Student Immersion Programs with \$5000 allocated and a further \$2000 for learning resources and \$1000 for miscellaneous items. These allocations are a guide only – our budget remains fluid and funds may be dispersed for other activities as required by the college.

This money all comes from the P&F Family Levy incorporated into the school fees. In 2026 the levy has had a minimal increase of 50c per term per family, from \$60 per family per year to \$62. Increased enrolments will provide additional income for the P&F. As a GCC alumni myself, it is great to see the college grow and I am hopeful the P&F grows alongside it. Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much. I look forward to working with each of you this coming year and thank you again for your time today.