

## **A Message from Your School Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association**

The move from primary to secondary school marks a developmental milestone for your child. They are moving from the freedom of being a little kid on to the establishment of their adult 'character'. This is a hard time for everyone especially the parents who have to slowly let go of control. As a parent of a child entering High School, you can feel like you are 'left at the gate lest you embarrass your teenager' as they become more independent. We understand this and accept the reality of it all.

However, being involved in your child's education does improve their outcome (see Reference below) and joining the P&C is a great way to support your child without smothering them. At our meetings we hear what is happening at our school.

Meetings often commence with a presentation from different teachers. For example at on recent meeting Mrs Forbes and Mr Pavone shared the school plans to improve the physical learning environment.

At each meeting the Principal and Deputy Principal give a quick update of the recent happenings at HHS. There is opportunity for parents to ask questions about school activities and put forward suggestions.

The SRC also send at least one representative to present a report on the student body progress & plans. They also help provide a student's perspective on issues raised at the meetings.

The P&C encourage you to come and join us on Monday 21st March 6pm. If you can't make it please contact the school and you can be added to the email list to receive minutes.

Be assured that new members are made welcome and we encourage you all to support your children's school in this way.

\* Reference - 'The Evidence Continues to Grow: Parent Involvement Improves Student Achievement. An Annotated Bibliography - National Committee for Citizens in Education Special Report.'

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