

FACT SHEET 2: P&C MEMBERSHIP

All parents and carers of students enrolled at the school are eligible to be members of the school's P&C Association.

All citizens living within the boundaries of the school are eligible to be members of the school's P&C Association.

The Principal is an ex officio member of the P&C Association. That is, they are a member of the P&C Association by right of their position as Principal of the school and do not have to pay a membership fee. The Principal has the right to move motions and vote like any other member, except when acting as Returning Officer at the Annual General Meeting (see below).

Members of the school staff are eligible to be members of the P&C but are required to pay the membership fee.

Parents, carers and citizens must pay the membership fee to become a financial member of the P&C.

Payment of the membership fee must be made by the close of one meeting so that the member is eligible to exercise membership rights (e.g., vote) at the next meeting.

It is in the members' interest to obtain a receipt at the time of payment.

Due to the fact that the membership register is not updated until after each general meeting, new members are not eligible to vote at the meeting at which their membership has been paid.

If a new member pays their fee to the Treasurer in between meetings, they are still not deemed financial until the close of the next general meeting.

All financial members have the right to stand for office, move motions and vote.

1. Can the Principal vote at the AGM?

No. The Principal, as a general rule, acts as Returning Officer for the election of officers and is therefore not entitled to nominate or vote at the election.

2. How much is the membership fee?

The annual membership fee for the following year is decided, by majority vote, at the AGM and is recorded in the by-laws. The fee cannot be less than fifty cents.

3. Who updates the Membership Register?

The Secretary has responsibility for maintaining a register of financial members. The Treasurer issues receipts when membership is received.