**What is the P & C?**

The P&C plays an important role in today's schools. P&C stands for Parents and Citizens. This means we work with both the School and also Parents and Citizens of the School Community.

The P&C is run by a dedicated team of Parent Volunteers, just like you – parents, past parents, grandparents and caregivers and teachers who want to help our school. The P&C helps in:

* Providing Feedback on school policies and activities
* Additional resources that can be used to enhance student learning;
* Greater educational experiences and
* Involving parents and caregivers to become more involved in their children’s education.
* Operates the school Canteen with the help of parent volunteers.
* Operates the Uniform Shop also with the help of parent volunteers.
* Performs fundraising activities to raise funds to donate to the school. This enables much needed equipment and extra resources to be purchased. Many parents donate their time and skills to help our fundraising team.

It's not just the school we work with. Parents are very important and crucial to our success in raising funds. We encourage contact from Parents – especially if you have suggestions or concerns. You can even remain anonymous and we will present your information for you.

**The P&C helps our school and the community by:**

* Providing good quality school uniforms
* Back to School resources
* Sports Day – Food Stalls
* Parents voice in school matters
* Enhanced learning environment
* Special Projects – improving the terraces along the main oval
* School Discos.

These are just a few of the activities that the local P&C does to help make the school a better place, to help bridge the gap for our children and parents, past parents, caregivers and teachers to work together.

**What does joining the P&C involve?**

**Being a P&C member does not have to take up much of your time.**

Everyone is invited to attend our P & C meetings – you don’t have to attend every meeting or be involved in every activity. It’s completely up to you how much time you want give whether a little or a lot; The more help equals light work – all is welcome and valued!!

Without our Parent Volunteers, the P&C wouldn’t exist - that means the School and its Students miss out on much needed resources.

As part of the school community you can:

* Volunteer in the Canteen or Uniform Shop (with shifts to suit you).
* Support special events like carnivals and stalls.
* Help with preparation for fundraising activities – Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stall.
* Add your voice to decision making which affects our school.
* Hold a position on the P&C committee, such as treasurer or president.
* Or just come along to meetings to listen and be updated about what's going on at your child's school. You meet some fantastic people as well!!

**What are the benefits for my Family and I?**

By being involved you will get a CLOSER CONNECTION WITH YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION through:

* Direct access to the Principal and other members of staff.
* Information and explanations about what's happening in the School and what's coming up in the future.
* The chance to vote on how fundraising money is spent, how the canteen operates and what the school uniform looks like.
* Having your say about issues of concern and school policies.
* With more input from parents – we receive better and varied ideas coming through to benefit the school and your child! Plus- children just love seeing Mum or Dad getting involved at their school! It makes them feel more secure and excited about School.

**So how can I get involved?**

Just come along to any meetings.  Meeting dates are advertised on the noticeboard at the front of the school, in the school newsletter, and on the school's website’s calendar.  The meetings are friendly and relaxed, and you will get the opportunity to ask questions and discuss issues of interest to you. Please contact the P&C on the following address: pandc@mtwarrenss.eq.edu.au