

Welcome everyone to the first Bob Hawke College P&C meeting for 2022.

I would especially like to welcome all the new students, parents, teachers and staff to the college and encourage you all to get involved with the College and the P&C for the upcoming year and hopefully many more to come.

Despite the continuing challenges with Covid, the P&C continues to do lots of fantastic work. I reflect on the survey, which we sent out in our first year. The big question on the survey, I believe, was "What do you believe should be the main role of the P&C?" and the overwhelming response by over two-thirds of the respondents was "Connect parents to the school". I think the P&C has done a great job to satisfy that role over the last two years by providing opportunities for parents to connect with the College and in turn their children's education. I am confident that the P&C will continue to focus on the connecting role in the years to come.

The P&C has focused on connecting parents to the school by setting up sub-committees for Events, Music Parents Collective, Fathering Project, Social Media and inclusion. These sub-committees all have great ways for the P&C to provide opportunities for parents to connect with the College. As the College grows this year and in the years to come, the P&C will need more people to help organise the connecting opportunities. Therefore, I encourage you all to get involved by volunteering a small amount of time at an event or by being on a committee.

Our next meeting in a few weeks will be the P&C's AGM. At the AGM, all positions on the P&C committee will be vacated and elections will be held to appoint all positions again. I know several of the committee members will not be nominating again, so I encourage everyone to nominate if you feel you can add value to the P&C, especially the new members. So if it is something you are interested in, then please nominate for the opportunity to help set the agenda for the P&C for the coming year.