

Presidents Report for 2019

Cherrybrook Technology High School had another very successful year in 2019. The school continues to showcase the results that can be achieved by public education when driven by the high expectations and dedication of parents, teachers and students alike. The P&C would like to extend its thanks to the principal, Gary Johnson, and his executive, academic and support teams for their continued passion and dedication to providing an environment that so strongly supports our children.

The P&C continues to work very closely and productively with the school, both in delivering support and services to students, as well playing our part in the selection of new executive staff. I would like to thank every member of the P&C executive, and other members of the P&C who have contributed their time in what has been a very busy year. I would also like to thank our team of employees and volunteers who support the Canteen and to those volunteers that do an amazing job in providing refreshments at the many school events over the year.

Many thanks to our canteen managers Vicki and Chris who have successfully had the canteen approved under the Healthy Canteen strategy, no easy task. The P&C introduced a trial of tap and go into the canteen late in the year and judging by the response of students its popularity exceeded our original estimates. We are now looking at ramping up the service over 2020.

The Alumni Association continues to grow and increase its visibility at many of the school activities and events. It continues to be a great source of inspirational speakers for special assemblies and we would like to offer our thanks to those alumni that take time out of their busy lives to help support and inspire our students and staff. Many thanks to Erin Cockerton for continuing to drive this initiative.

With the completion of the building program, we are already thinking about the next big projects. These are likely to be in the areas of a cover for the piazza and the upgrade of canteen facilities. I extend a welcome to parents to get involved in these initiatives.

The main sources of funding for the P&C are through parent contributions and the canteen. We continue to see strong support from our parent/carer community which enables us to provide targeted support for the school.

As in previous years the P&C continues to support:

- Canteen services with the new focus on healthy food;
- Student cultural, academic and welfare support;
- Support and/or sponsorship for school awards and presentation functions;
- Catering at school events;
- Significant funding for key learning areas to supplement academic activities;
- Technology related support;
- Provision of capital and minor equipment;
- Facilities improvement in the school;
- Attendance at events and functions such as prize giving, orientation for new students, and cultural events;

- Direct support for student welfare and development programs such as 'Rock and Water', Duke of Edinburgh awards and musicals/plays;
- Assistance to students who are exceptional achievers by defraying travel costs for state, national and international events;
- Providing more information to parents about school syllabus content and connections to academic staff.

The P&C remains in strong financial health. Nevertheless, there is always more we can do and we welcome parents and other members of the community who are keen to join in. The P&C will continue to work closely with the principal and staff to provide important services to the school.

Finally, a big thank you to Gary Johnson who has always worked closely with the P&C and continues to convey an overwhelming passion and optimism for the school and act as a standard bearer for public education.

Tim Spencer – P&C President

(On behalf of CTHS P&C)