



The Willows State School P&C

Welcomes you!

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THE WILLOWS STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

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Why join the P&C?

P&C members make a difference by:

- consulting on school policy
- contributing to facility upgrade decisions
- financial planning and budgeting
- managing on-site businesses (Tuckshop and Outside School Hours Care) through sub-committees
- assisting with school functions
- applying for grants
- building school communities
- making the school a happier and more connected place

Get the inside story on what's really happening in the school (not the gossip).

The school admin team usually is available to answer questions, and teachers sometimes attend our meetings too.

Have your say

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the TCBC Conference room.

And yes, you can bring the kids! If you are thinking of attending a meeting, why not bring a friend? It is always easier to have some support in a new environment.

Did you know?

- Children who have actively engaged parents have better education outcomes!
- Working with your P&C provides you with valuable work experience and new skills.
- Volunteering improves your health and wellbeing.
- Joining your P&C creates life-long friendships

Can you help?

You can volunteer as little or as much time as you like.

Just one thing can make such a difference!

Perhaps you might be interested in...

- attending meetings once a month (and you can just sit and listen if you want to!)
- helping at functions or volunteering in our tuckshop
- applying for grants
- learning new skills
- an executive committee role (President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer)
- a subcommittee role (Tuckshop, OSHC or Fundraising)

Perhaps you have a special area of interest or skill that could be useful? Or maybe you have some great ideas?

We'd love to hear from you!

How has the P&C contributed to the school?

The Willows State School P&C have contributed in recent years:

- \$25,000 for wellbeing programs to continue in the school
- \$130,000 for IT upgrades
- \$250,000 for new playgrounds (aren't they fantastic!)
- \$30,000 annual contribution to the global budget of the school
- \$20,000 for musical instruments & equipment
- \$80,000 contribution towards updating technology, including classroom projectors and learning technology
- \$10,000 contribution towards the school's new multi-purpose learning area
- \$10,000 contribution towards upgrading our school home readers
- And much more!

How do I become a member of the Willows State School P&C?

The following persons are eligible to be members of the Association:

- a) a parent of a child/student attending the School
- b) staff member of the School, or
- c) an adult who is interested in the school's welfare

A person must apply for membership by completing and submitting an application for membership form to the Association. These are available at our meetings or via email.

Structure of the Willows State School P&C

At each annual general meeting (AGM) of the Association, members of the Association at the meeting must elect Officers of the Association. Our current executive officers are:

- **President:** Rachel Ratten
- **Vice President:** Darian Williamson
- **Secretary:** Belinda Barattucci
- **Treasurer:** Wanda Austin

Subcommittees

We currently run the following subcommittees and are always looking for interested people to join.

- Tuckshop
- OSHC
- Fundraising
- Uniforms
- Safety

The Willows State School P&C Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)

Experienced Staff deliver a fun, educational program within the guidelines of the National Quality Framework - My Time, Our Place.

This service offers before and after school care, as well as vacation care during school holidays and pupil free days. Located on the school grounds (near the staff car park), giving parents ease of access for drop off and collection of their children. Waiting lists may apply, so contact the Co-ordinator on 4723 7748. Email: willowscare@bigpond.com

Tuckshop

The Willows State School Tuckshop operates 5 days a week at both break times.

Volunteers are always welcome and are necessary to ensure the smooth operation of the Tuckshop on a daily basis. If you can help, please see the Convenor on duty.

Orders may be placed via Flexischools (preferred method), in person at the Tuckshop counter before school or through the classroom Tuckshop box. Cash and EFTPOS are available at the Tuckshop. Correct money is needed if ordering through the classroom tuckshop box to ensure that change is not lost in transit.

Save time, order online!

Order at a time convenient to you - in the morning, night before, or weeks in advance! No more searching for cash. It's so easy! To view a demonstration, go to the Flexischools website at

www.flexischools.com.au

Birthday Cupcakes

Our tuckshop also offers Birthday Cupcakes for the whole class!

Local Business Partnerships

The School Locker

Our school receives a rebate for absolutely every purchase you make in store! The School Locker is a one stop store (at Domain Central) for all your school needs, including music and sports equipment, shoe fittings, stationery, uniforms and technology. The School Locker are The Willows State School preferred supplier for the uniform polo and the only supplier of school sports polos.



Rebel Sport

Thanks to our partnership with Rebel Sport Community Givebacks 5% of what you spend at Rebel comes back to us to spend on sports equipment and teamwear. Simply link your Rebel Active Membership to our school next time you shop at Rebel.



The Athletes Foot (Willows & Castletown)



The Athlete's Foot

\$5 from every pair of shoes purchased for pupils, staff members and their families is donated back to our school.

Bright Star Kids

Personalised and custom designed products for kids. At checkout, click "Link a Fundraising Account", enter "Willows" in the search and select our school.



Stuck on You



Quality personalised kids name labels, tags and iron on clothing labels. At checkout, click "Have a Crew/Fundraising Code?" link, type in "thewillowsstateschool"

EZ Covers

An easier and cheaper way to cover school exercise books. No more contact! Use the code – EZ15 at the checkout and select The Willows State School.



Return It

Donate your 10c refund to The Willows State School. Just quote our Scheme ID: C10185045



We are a dedicated group of parents and citizens who want to contribute to building our school community.

Can you be a part of it?

Of course you can! And we'd love to have you.

How to contact us:

Email: pandc@thewillowsss.eq.edu.au

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