



Newcastle High School
P&C ASSOCIATION

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President's Report NHS

P & C Meeting Term 1 2022 – 21.2.22

Appreciation and Thanks



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- Sincere thanks and appreciation to Janene and the staff at NHS for the distribution of RAT tests for our children. We are so very well informed about the process and feedback has been very positive about this distribution to parents and carers. Thanks also for the very positive start we have had to the school year - it's so great to know that our young people are able to be back in the classroom learning despite all of the challenges we are dealing with at present.
- Sincere thanks to our P&C members who have dedicated their time to our P&C committee and the staff merit selection process at NHS. We are always very committed to this process and highly recognise the value of having a P & C voice on these panels for staff recruitment.
- I would like to personally acknowledge the fabulous team of P & C executive we have had this year - always willing to support in any way they can. A wonderful bunch of people - thanks so much for all that you have contributed over the past 12 months.



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Rebecca West - Vice President
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Jo Hanley - Out of Zone Enrolment Officer
Kylie Cowling - Assistant Secretary
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Finance Committee



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Finance team representation at NHS

- I have represented the P & C on the finance team over the last 12 months and I would like to report to our community the very high level of financial transparency that results from the process.
- A large team of Senior Executive, Executive staff members, School Administration Managers, our Aboriginal Education representative and P & C representative make up the team where careful consideration of faculty budgets and whole school budgeting is assessed and discussed.
- Thankyou Janene and NHS staff for making this such an inclusive and transparent process. It is very much appreciated by the P & C Association.
- Being the representative on the finance team requires a commitment to be in attendance at 1 - 2 early morning meetings per term and a whole day commitment in Term 4.

NSW Teachers Federation Communication to P & C



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The NSW Teachers Federation has sent correspondence to all P&C Associations across NSW to make us aware as parents and carers of the report titled 'Impact of Enrolment Growth on Demand for Teachers'. As the President it is requested by NSW Teachers Federation that this information be shared with our P&C community.

The main points shared with us are that

- Teacher shortages are a growing issue across NSW. Shortages of full-time and casual staff
- Unless the Teachers Federation acts - the situation will get worse as enrolments in public schools are set to soar in the next two decades
- The Gallop Enquiry warned early in 2021 that it will not be possible to recruit the amount of teachers required without action on teacher workload and salaries.
- Federation calls on teachers and parents to work together to ensure there are fully qualified teachers in every classroom to ensure that no child misses out.
- The full report by education economist Adam Rorris is available at nswtf.org.au/files/rorris-report.pdf
- Register your support for action at: nswtf.org.au/signup



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It certainly is an exciting time at NHS - we look forward to working together as the building developments begin and very much keep in mind the collaboration needed to balance the needs of the current students at NHS while these plans progress.