

GCC PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020 YEAR

Firstly, I'd like to welcome you all here tonight. It makes me happy and proud to see a group of dedicated parents showing their interest in our community and college. Our role as the P&F is to foster a strong sense of the school community. This can be done by being involved in school events, volunteering in the tuckshop and giving back to the students and school by ways of donations and purchasing resource items.

Well what an interesting and challenging year 2020 was. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our school community for your support of our school and P&F during such trying circumstances. Who would have thought that we parents would be redecorating our homes to accommodate makeshift classrooms and helping our children and the school to continue with education learning during a pandemic?? I know I thought my education years finished many moons ago, but it just proved there is always the opportunity for change, even if we don't agree at first. The children showed resilience during this time and I admit there were many times of frustration shown, but we all got through this even our year 12 students of whom I am proud of every single one of them. Watching them struggle throughout the year to celebrating their graduation and leaving the college with fond memories and great friendships was the biggest reward for myself, a mother of a graduating student.

It never ceases to amaze me what we can do when we all work together. A big thank you must go to the College leaders, teaching staff, assistants, tuckshop ladies, groundsmen, support aids and administration team for keeping GCC on track and running smoothly throughout the school closure during the Covid-19 shut down and for the remainder of the year.

Although many of our usual school events had to be cancelled, postponed or held differently to what we have been used to in the past, we still achieved many things during the 2020 year that we can all be proud of.

The P&F were still able to contribute towards the following events for 2020. These are not exact costs.

- Anti Ice Campaign \$1500
- Annual Sports Awards \$500
- Annual Dux Awards \$500
- Tuckshop Day Cake \$60
- World Teachers Day \$100
- Several Sausage Sizzles
- Graduation Cakes for individual senior students \$1000
- Graduation Assembly morning tea \$500
- 3 x Simulation Dolls for Childcare students \$7500
- C'wealth Census Payment P&F Assoc \$2327

We, the P&F association have put together a budget that outlines projects that we support each year and other allocations that may arise which requires financial

assistance. This of course will not always go to plan, but our main objective is to assist students and the college with equipment and finances to better their education whilst at GCC.

I am proud to have been associated with the GCC P&F and have been on the committee for the past 7 years. Our wonderful group of mums who hold executive positions on the P&F, thank you. The P&F are a wonderful group of parents who are all busy, but we will always find the time to put our students and the school community first, by attending the monthly meetings and helping out at our sausage sizzles.

Lastly, I cannot finish without thanking Leigh. Not only are you a mother to students at the college, but you are also our treasurer and staff member at the college. You are a woman who wears many different hats and whom has many wonderful talents and I personally want to thank you for everything that you do for GCC.

Kind regards

Lina Calleja
President P&F
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