

SUMMARY OF & NOMINATION FOR ACT COUNCIL OF P&C ASSOCIATIONS COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS IN 2017-18



Before/After School Care Working Group

This working group aims to provide a forum for P&CS/schools with such programs to exchange information and ideas, to discuss problems and solutions. It operates by email or meets as needed.

Canteens Working Group

The Canteen Working Group promotes Council's canteen policy and takes all necessary steps to identify and resolve issues around school canteens. The working group is open to all ACT government school P&C interested parents. This group includes representatives of other stakeholder groups eg ACT Health, Nutrition Australia and Healthy Kids Australia. The Canteen Working Group will meet and operate by email/web forums and occasional face to face meetings.

(School) Canteen Sub Committee

This subcommittee specifically aims to provide canteen co-ordinators, canteen committee members and canteen managers with a forum to share information, menus, recipes etc and to address particular issues at a working level, eg finding suppliers, alternate products, working the traffic light system, preparing for menu assessments and operations audits, bulk ordering etc. It meets only when required.

Clothing Pool & Uniform Shop Working Group

Meets on demand or by email to share information and discuss issues concerning co-ordinators of school clothing pools/uniform shops.

Disability Working Group/Special Education Reference Group

The Disability Working Group (DWG)/Special Education Reference Group (SERG) of Council connects ACT parents with an interest in special education issues. It provides nominated members to represent Council on the Disability Education Reference Group set up by the ACT Government to advise the Minister. The DWG/SERG has been involved in preparing the Council's submission to the government on special education and disabled students, and development of the Disabilities resources booklet. It operates by email and meets as required about twice a year.

Election Working Group and Sub Committee

Provides advice to the Council Executive on ACT and Federal election strategies, priorities and lobbying. The subcommittee oversees the implementation of the approved election plans. Operation is by email.

Gifted & Talented Students Working Group

Operates mainly by email but may meet once or twice a year to provide input to Council policy and submissions on G&T issues.

IT Committee

This operates mainly by email and provides advice to the Council Executive on IT matters in schools.

Parent Support Group on Violence in Schools

Given the more than 40,000 public school students in the ACT, the incidence of violence by students is relatively very low. However, following discussions with a number of parents, Council has formed a support group for parents of children involved in violence in schools, both as victims and instigators of violence. The Support Group provides a forum for parents and carers to share their experiences.

Schools and Communities in Partnership (SCIP) Sub Committee

The subcommittee looks at ways of promoting productive relationships between schools and their communities. The subcommittee concentrates on increasing the skill set of representatives and helping P&Cs with effective management of their P&C. This has been achieved by giving talks at P&C association meetings on managing your P&C, responsibilities and liabilities of officers, sub committees and constitutions. Also, a program of Effective P&C workshops has been conducted to train P&C officers in managing their P&Cs. Operation is by email and face to face meetings as required.

Sustainable Schools Team

This subcommittee aims to help implement the Sustainability policy of Council; develop related materials; promote the concept that schools can be educators and leaders within their community in sustainability issues. It operates mostly by email and its activities include:

- Writing and sourcing of Sustainable Schools News in issues of Parent ACTION;
- Linking Council with AAEEACT, SEE Change, ACTsmart and other environmental organisations relevant to parents and education for sustainability in our schools.
- Continue supporting every school to reduce its environmental footprint and teach the cross curriculum perspective of education for sustainability;
- Look at Council practices to reduce our carbon footprint;

Social Media & Communications Committee

This operates by email and provides advice to the Council, its office and P&C associations on all communications (IT) and social media activities of the Council and use of social media by P&Cs.

NOMINATION FORM for ACT Council of P&C Associations Committees and Working Groups in 2017-18

Name: School/P&C Assoc:

I wish to nominate for the following Committee(s)/Working Group(s):

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Signature: Date:

My email address is:

Or phone number is:

When completed please return to the P&C Council office by email, fax or post.

Email: contact@actparents.org.au

Fax: 6241 8839

Post: You can use the school's mail courier service at no cost to send letters to the P&C Council or post to 100 Maitland St, Hackett ACT 2602.