

Parent Update

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IMPORTANT DATES

6th February

- Year 12 Awards Assembly

10th February

- Year 12 Ball

15th February

- Year 11 Parent Evening

15th - 17th February

- Year 7 and 8 Tennis Camp
- Year 10 GATE Curtin Art Conference

20th February

- School Tour

21st - 24th February

- NAPLAN Practice Test

22nd February

- Year 11 River Cruise

23rd February

- School Board Meeting

27th Feb - 3rd March

- Year 11 OLNA Testing

1st March

- House Swimming Carnival
- Year 7 and 8 Summer Carnival

2nd March

- Tennis Testing Year 5/6

7th March

- Year 10 Parent Pathway Info Night

8th March

- Music Parents Welcome & Music Support Group AGM (PAC at 7.30pm)



School Activities and Student Achievement

Keep up with all the exciting activities and student achievements that occur in the school by regularly checking our webpage, Facebook or Instagram pages.

Website <https://applecross.wa.edu.au/>
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ApplecrossSeniorHighSchool/>
Instagram https://www.instagram.com/applecross_shs/
School Calendar <https://applecross.wa.edu.au/parents/calendar/>
Parent Update <https://applecross.wa.edu.au/parents/parent-update-newsletter/>

Update from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians

A warm welcome to the new school year, especially to those parents new to the Applecross Senior High School community. Despite the very hot weather, the year has begun very smoothly with a great deal of positive energy and enthusiasm. We have commenced the new school year with just over 1850 students, over 400 of whom have joined us for the first time.

The Parent Update is distributed weekly or fortnightly and provides important information and reminders (and reduces the need for additional individual communications). Previous copies of the publication are available on the school webpage for your reference.

I am confident that 2023 will be a very positive and successful year, and I look forward to meeting as many parents as possible over the next few months.

P&C AGM/Sundowner

The first P&C event for 2023 will be the Parent Mixer/AGM on Thursday, 9th March, from 5:30 pm -7:30 pm in the Art Agora (see P&C Flyer on [page 11](#)). This meeting will be mostly social, with a very brief discussion/meeting occurring. All new and existing parents are welcome to attend, but you must register for catering purposes. RSVP via [Trybooking](#) by Monday 6th February.

Congratulations on Year 12 Student Results - "The gong for most-improved"

The following extract from an article on the 2022 Year 12 Results appeared in the West Australian on 13th January 2022.

"Applecross Senior High School, which zoomed into eighth place, also took the gong for most-improved performer after nearly doubling the number of subjects it excelled in, from seven to 13. Applecross principal Paul Leech said it was a "fantastic" result and a reflection of the school's dedicated students and staff. "The excellent results are a recognition of the high level of commitment of our students who maintained focus throughout the year and studied courses that reflected their interests."

Change in Measure of Comparative Year 12 Data

After 15 years of releasing an annual league table, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority decided it would no longer compile a top 50 list based on median ATAR scores. Instead, SCSA hopes parents will focus on data it provides on schools that excelled, **based on the percentage of students with scores in the top 15 per cent of all students studying that course.**

Applecross SHS believes that no single measure can reliably provide parents with the information they require to judge the relative effectiveness of schools in terms of their ability to deliver excellent student outcomes for all students.

Best Year 12 Results Ever

The great news is that the Class of 2022 excelled across all measures used to judge Year 12 achievement for students in ATAR General and VET courses.

Our Median ATAR of 91.20 is our highest ever achieved and would typically place us in the state's top 4-6 schools, based on previous years' rankings. Our VET results are also our best achieved, with four students awarded Academic Certificates of Excellence for VET achievement.

While the data looks great, the most satisfying aspect is hearing from students who improved their ATAR significantly enough to get into their preferred course in university or students who have been offered fabulous jobs or exciting opportunities for further training.

Congratulations once again to the Class of 2022. You have achieved your personal best, and your families and school are very proud of you.

More detailed information on the Year 12 results will be published in our Annual Report later in Term 1.

Great team effort

The excellent results are based on good quality teaching and learning and high levels of commitment by our teachers. It means that most of our students received great value for their effort and achieved their preferred post-school pathway. As well as the great teaching, our students are also very carefully monitored and provided with timely assistance or intervention by our Student Services team. Well done to Jenny Casserly and Lachlan Silberstein on this important role and the various targeted programs they ran. Congratulations also to Toni Jones, who has worked closely with this student cohort for a number of years, carefully monitored their academic progress and implemented a number of very successful strategies to better cater for their needs.

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Update from the Principal (cont'd)

Mobile Phone Policy

You will be aware that the State Government has banned the use of Student Mobile Phones (and other electronic mobile devices) in Public Schools since the beginning of 2020. The policy requires all public schools to implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive at school to the end of the school day. This extends to the use of smartwatches which require to be on aeroplane (or school) mode, and AirPods/earphones not to be seen during this period. The policy aims to reduce distractions in class and improve student engagement.

Please refer to the [Mobile Phone Policy](#)

Contributions and Charges

I appreciate that the beginning of the new school year is an expensive time for parents, especially if you have more than one child attending secondary school. Your contribution assists us in providing valuable resources and programs to assist your child's education, and we ensure the funds are expended on the students in the current year. We have done everything possible to review our contributions and charges and minimise charges for 2023. I do know, however, that the cost of many textbooks has increased. Unfortunately, this is something that the school has no control over. Please ensure that contributions and charges are paid as soon as possible, or contact is made with the school Finance Office.

Road Safety

The beginning of the new school year is always particularly busy and dangerous on surrounding roads as a higher than usual number of parents drive students to and from school. I urge all parents to use extreme care and patience and try to avoid the most congested areas where possible. In previous years there were concerns about the behaviour of motorists on Ardessie Street. Please ensure that you do not park in the 'drive through' as this holds up other parents and contributes to the congestion and frustration of other motorists. My advice is to get students to meet you in a location away from the school entrances to minimise congestion. The City of Melville and WA Police will be monitoring and patrolling the area around the school in 2023.

Year 12 Students

A reminder to parents that the Year 12 Mock Exams will be conducted in the second week of the Term 3 holidays, and all students must undertake these exams during this time. Students and parents were notified of this requirement last year, but this is a reminder so parents can ensure that students do not make alternative plans during this period.

Ventilation

All classrooms and other school facilities have been assessed for ventilation purposes, and some rooms have had air purifiers installed. Most classrooms were judged to have good ventilation when air conditioning is on and doors and windows are open.

Kind regards
Paul Leech
Principal

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ChatGPT Application Blocked

by Finance Department

As you may have recently learned, a new artificial intelligence application called ChatGP is being used by some students to create content for assessments and assignments as part of their schoolwork.

After careful consideration, the Department of Education has blocked access to this application on all public school networks. This decision has been made with the best interest of students and staff in mind.

While technology continues to develop and evolve and plays a critical part in every child's learning, we need to ensure students can demonstrate and be assessed on what they learn and know.

Users of this technology also need to be 18 years and over.

The Department of Education will monitor this application, as well as other new technology available to staff and students and will respond to any that do not meet the best interests of our students.

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Financial Matters

by Finance Department

Thank you to all parents and caregivers that have paid the Contributions and Charges 2023. If you have not made a payment, your prompt attention is requested in finalising your account for 2023. Please contact the Finance Department at your earliest convenience if you wish to discuss payment of your children's school fees or to negotiate a payment plan.

Please be reminded that applications for financial assistance via the Secondary Assistance Scheme close strictly on 6 April 2023. If you hold a current concession card (Health Care, Pension or DVA), you may be eligible to claim up to \$350 toward your school fees. Please complete the claim form and present it to the Finance Office along with your concession card. Information and claim forms can be found on our [School website](#).

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Congratulations, Class of 2022

by Toni Jones - Associate Principal Year 10-12

The results achieved by all Year 12 students across all course pathways are to be celebrated by our school community. Our VET achievements placed us as equal Top school in WA alongside one other Public School. These results demonstrate the validity of these courses and how important it is to provide opportunities for all students to achieve their personal goals as well as their level of personal success.

In a year where COVID-19 placed enormous pressure and stress upon our students, they exhibited core qualities that will hold them in good stead, moving into the next phase of their lives. Resilience, adaptability, flexibility, patience, kindness, and persistence were evident in this year's group. We hope that the Class of 2023 use this template of success as their roadmap as they navigate their way through their final year of secondary schooling.

On Monday, 6 February, we welcome back our 2022 high achievers to recognise them for their outstanding achievement at the Awards Assembly for our 2023 Year 12 students.



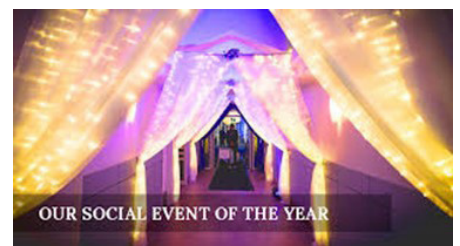
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Year 12 School Ball – Friday 10 February Optus Stadium

by Toni Jones - Associate Principal Year 10-12

A reminder that our Year 12 School Ball is scheduled for next Friday, 10 February, at Optus Stadium. I am sure everyone is looking forward to this event.; however, please note that Friday is a normal school day for all students.

Please ensure you read the relevant CONNECT and SEQTA notices with the finer details regarding arrival times, gate entry and expectations of student conduct. Please contact [Ms Lennie Cornejo](#) in Student Services if you have any specific enquiries.



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NAPLAN (Years 7 and 9)

by Donna Levar-Uppill – NAPLAN Coordinator

The National Assessment Program testing period will be held much earlier this year and will fall between Wednesday, 15th March (Week 7) – Monday, 27th March (Week 9), 2023.

The NAPLAN Online 2023, Practice Tests will take place from Tuesday, 21st to Friday, 24th March (Week 4). All Year 7 and 9 students will formally complete one practice test, the Omnibus (Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy), in the same fashion as the official NAPLAN testing period. Please note: Students are required to bring plug-in headphones (no Bluetooth headphones) to school in Week 4, Term 1. Applecross SHS students will not be permitted to sit NAPLAN Online on a Chromebook, iPad or tablet device. Additionally, Android devices are not supported by NAPLAN Online. Parents of Year 7 and 9 students will receive an email with further details.



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OLNA, Round One, 2023

by Donna Levar-Uppill – OLNA Coordinator

Some students in Years 11 and 12 are about to sit the OLNA. OLNA stands for the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment, which some students will use to demonstrate they have achieved the required standard of literacy and numeracy for their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE).

- **Writing Test: Monday, 27th February**
- **Reading Test: Thursday, 2nd March**
- **Numeracy Test: Tuesday, 7th March**

Please ensure that you and your child are familiar with their individual test requirements, dates, times and locations. The OLNA has three components – writing, reading and numeracy. I am working with Anna Edwards (Literacy Support Coordinator) to ensure all students are prepared for OLNA, as are the teachers. Please feel free to email either of us if you have any queries or concerns: Anna at anna-mary.edwards@education.wa.edu.au or me at donna.levar-uppill@education.wa.edu.au.

To prepare our students for the sorts of questions they can expect and familiarise them with the online assessment software, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority provides access to practice and example tests on a secure website.

The link to the secure website for practice and example tests is as follows:

Website: <http://assess.scsa.wa.edu.au/>
Username: 4002
Password: prac14

If you want to know more, go to the Authority's website (www.scsa.wa.edu.au) and look under Senior Secondary > Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment. You will find more information, answers to frequently asked questions and a brief video.

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Students Late to School

by Student Services

Students late to school are expected to report to the Student Services Centre with a note or alternately send an SMS to 0437 280 794 or email Applecross.shs.attendance@education.wa.edu.au, have their name recorded and receive a docket which enables them to enter their class. The Student SmartRider is used to record their attendance through the attendance kiosk. If there is no acceptable reason (see list of acceptable reasons below), the student will be given a detention for lunchtime that day.

1. Medical Appointment (must be accompanied by a note/SMS/email or phone call from a parent)
2. Illness (verified by the parent)
3. Approved Educational Activity

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Friday Breakfast Club

by Student Services

All students are invited to the Breakfast Club before school from 7:30 am outside C108 every Friday. This is run by one of the Chaplains, Andy Saxton. Students can either turn up and get a free breakfast or volunteer to be one of the helpers. Students should see Andy for more details.



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School Based Immunisation Program

by Student Services

The 2023 School Based Immunisation Program is transitioning to an online platform.

- Please use the VaccinateWA online platform to complete your child's consent.
- For detailed instructions on how to register your child, including information relating to the relevant disease transmission and symptoms, please visit the [School-based immunisation program \(healthywa.wa.gov.au\)](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au).

OR COMPLETE

- A paper-based immunisation consent form was obtained through the school or the Healthy WA website.
- Please sign and return to the school even if consent is declined.
- **NOTE:** Paper-based consent forms will be entered into VaccinateWA, and you will receive an email confirming this.
- All vaccines provided will be recorded in the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).

How to Access Your Child's Immunisation Records

Parents/guardians can check their child's vaccination (up to age 14 years):

- via their own existing Medicare online account [myGov \(external site\)](#)
- using the [Express Plus Medicare mobile application \(external site\)](#)
- asking their doctor or immunisation provider

Parents will not be able to view their child's immunisation history once they turn 14. Parents can assist students in creating their own My Gov account to view their immunisation status.

- via [myGov \(external site\)](#)
- using the [Express Plus Medicare mobile application \(external site\)](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support in delivering this important Public Health initiative to protect West Australian adolescents from vaccine-preventable diseases.

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EYES on VET

by Melinda Kennington - VET Manager

Welcome back to the new school year and to the first edition of 'Eyes on VET' in the Parent Update for 2023. 'Eyes on VET' will continue to showcase the fabulous opportunities taking place in the VET space, both within our school and externally. It will include a regular 'spotlight' on a program being delivered at our school or externally, 'Snapshots around the Workplace', as well as a range of other exciting VET opportunities and achievements which take place throughout the year.

The first week back is extremely hectic, as we have to work with a lot of speed to finalise all the final paperwork so that all our VET Connect and P2C (Pathway to Careers) students can all attend their external courses and work placements as scheduled.

Exciting updates over the holidays...

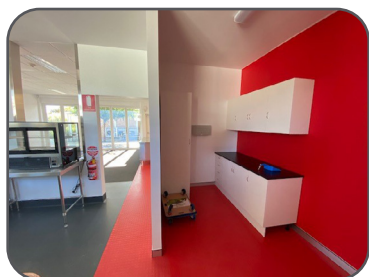


...our new Hospitality Café is finally coming together, which is very exciting! This will further support the delivery of Certificate II in Hospitality, which is really popular at our school. Please see the first photos of the café below and look out for future updates.



...our 2022 Year 12 VET Connect students Bianca-Lillie Clack, Sophia Pitaro, Annikka Postlethwaite and Jaz Reynolds were awarded a prestigious **VET Certificate of Excellence** in the SCSA VET Awards.

I wish all the VET students an enjoyable first term... it's great to be back 😊



Spotlight on on the P2C (Pathway to Careers)

The P2C is enables students who have specific interests to pursue a career through courses which are not usually available to them at school. Students attend school for 4 days per week and spend one day in external training. The program also suits students who wish to retain a mainstream timetable of certain electives in Senior School, while gaining a qualification at an off-site location.

The P2C is only available to students who have been given special consideration to undertake an external course at TAFE/Private Registered Training Organisation (RTO) or a School Based Traineeship (SBT), where they are not able to be enrolled in the VET Connect Program at school. A limited number of P2C places are approved and students need to meet selection criteria which demonstrates a capacity to undertake an external course.

ATAR students will not be able to qualify for the P2C due to the requirement to miss one day of school per week. However, a student with one ATAR course can apply for the P2C if their ATAR course is not timetabled on the external training day. Students completing a Certificate IV through the P2C will find themselves well-placed for entry to TAFE for further training or alternative entry to University. Already this year, we have 9 students who have been accepted to undertake an external course through the P2C. Application details are available from the VET Office.

EYES on VET

by Melinda Kennington - VET Manager

Snapshots around the workplace....

I look forward to sharing some photos of our students at their work placements in upcoming editions, once students have time to settle in...



Congratulations

...to all our **P2C students**, undertaking a variety of external courses one day per week.

...to **Bianca-Lillie Clack, Sophia Pitaro, Annikka Postlethwaite and Jaz Reynolds** (2022 Year 12 VET Connect Students), for being awarded a VET Certificate of Excellence in the SCSA VET Awards.



2022 SCSA COURSE AWARD RECIPIENTS

			
Bianca Lilli-Clack Business & Financial Services ICT Technology	Sophia Pitaro Sport, Recreation & Public Safety	Jaz Reynolds Retail and Personal Services	Annikka Postlethwaite Retail and Personal Services

VET Certificates of Excellence (Interview and Evidence Submission)

Please keep your **EYES on VET** in the next Parent Update.

Best wishes
Melinda Kennington - VET Manager 😊

Learning to Learn: Years 7-9

by Sue Kovacevic - Teaching and Learning

Just as you aim to equip your children with the ability to lead happy, independent lives, we aim to provide them with the skills to learn throughout and beyond their secondary schooling. One way we do this is by teaching your child how to keep an **Interactive Notebook (INB)** in their 7-9 MESH subjects (Maths, English, Science and HaSS).

The notebooks are called *interactive* to emphasise the importance of maintaining notes in way that promotes frequent revision. In viewing your child's INB, you will notice a contents page, vocabulary list or glossary, note-taking and various learning activities designed to process, practise and consolidate concepts and skills. Any handouts should be glued, taped or stapled into the notebook. No pages should be loose or removed.

INBs help students to:

- organise and take pride in their learning
- learn revision and study skills
- connect the information from classroom notes with other learning and real-life experiences
- process their thinking and understanding in a variety of ways
- revise and remember subject content

You can support your child's learning by:

- Asking to see your child's INB.
- Asking your child to tell you about something they have learned today or this week.
- Encouraging them to revisit their notes, add to their vocabulary list or update their content page.
- Quizzing them so that they practise retrieving information.

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From the Canteen

by Cre Millar and the Canteen Team

We are thrilled to be back, serving our wonderful ASHS community with healthy, yummy foods from our kitchen. Unfortunately, we have had to increase the price of some of our menu items which we never enjoy- but it is unavoidable, so we hope everyone understands. We are not here to make a profit, but a certain amount of financial buoyancy is required to continue, as I'm sure you all understand.

We have also changed some menu items for the same reasons, but we have added old favourites, such as our 'street tacos' for lunch and a new, hopefully soon-to-be favourite - potato curry puffs for recess - coming to Tuesday's menu!

AS usual, we are DESPERATE FOR VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE!!! The canteen is one of the few places you can volunteer in a high school, you get to meet all our wonderful students and teachers, and we feed you!

So please consider giving us whatever time you can spare between 9:30 am - 2:00 pm any day of the week - it is worth it to your students, as all of the money we raise goes to purchasing items such as play equipment, table tennis tables and even the CORE camp - so even if your young adult doesn't use the canteen, chances are they use what we are able to provide!

You can call 9314 9373 or 0449 808 008 or email cremillar@gmail.com to have a chat and join us!

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Welcome Back & We're Sorry!

We have tried to absorb the costs of the COVID crisis for the last three years and have been very successful, but we have had multiple price rises from ALL of our suppliers AGAIN, and the canteen cannot sustain these increases internally.

So, unfortunately, our canteen will not be viable without passing these rises on - please know that we understand some of them are quite substantial, but we have made them as little an increase as we can afford.

We hope you all understand and appreciate our position and continue to support us with your dollars and hungry bellies!

Please remember 100% of any funds we raise also go to assisting our AXSHS community in sports equipment, play equipment, camps and more!

Once again, we are very sorry that this has been forced on us and hope for your understanding.

With gratitude, the Canteen team

SchoolTV

by Ebony Morrison - Program Coordinator Years 7-8

Today parents face a multitude of modern day challenges in raising happy, well and resilient young people. Whilst a great deal of information is available, this can often be confusing and overwhelming for parents looking for guidance.

SchoolTV addresses this as a new online resource designed to empower you as parents with credible and sound information with realistic, practical ongoing support strategies.

Find your subscription on our school website: [SchoolTV – Applecross Senior High School](#)



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SchoolTV offers parents a fresh approach to the growing issues and pressures faced by Australian youth. SchoolTV is a unique online resource delivering powerful and credible information to empower parents with the skills to address these issues and raise happy, well and resilient kids.

The purpose of SchoolTV is to provide a single resource for parents, about a specific topic, to streamline reputable information from leading specialists. Content is based around major topics of influence and are delivered via a series of videos presented by leading youth health specialist, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg.

SchoolTV is accessible via mobile, tablet and desktop and is designed especially for Australian schools.

SchoolTV will be presented as a monthly eNewsletter which will be emailed to you from your school and/or accessible via your school's website. Each month a new topic will be presented and introduced by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. Some topics will include:

- Youth Anxiety
- Depression
- Digital Reputation
- Screen Addiction
- Drug and Alcohol use
- Cyberbullying
- Social Networking
- Self-harm and Suicide

Credible and independent information presented by leading experts such as Professor Ian Hickie, Professor Pat McGorry and Dr Liz Scott.

Want to know more?

To discuss any issues relating to topics covered by SchoolTV, please contact your school counsellor.

To contact SchoolTV, email us at SchoolTV@ondigital.com.au

Snapshot of Young People in Australia

- 99% of young Australians are online
- 75% of parents feel digitally disconnected and concerned about their kids online*
- 1 in 7 children experienced a mental disorder**
- 1 in 3 girls and 25% of boys report being depressed***
- 10% of youth are self-harming*
- 15% of 16-17 year old girls have suicidal ideation, 1 in 13 actually attempted it.

* Young and Well CRC, 2015.

** The two-year survey of 6300 families - Mental Health of Children & Adolescence Report, 2015.

*** Resilient Youth Report, 2014.

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Your child will learn with like-minded peers and be taught by expert teachers and mentors who will extend and enrich their studies.

If your child is in Year 5 in 2022, you can apply now for entry into Year 7 in 2024. Limited places may also be available for children entering Years 9, 10 and 11 in 2024.

Apply online:
education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented



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P & C Parent Mixer and AGM

by P & C Association



APPLECROSS SHS P & C COMMITTEE

Cordially Invites You to Our

PARENT MIXER & AGM

Thursday 9th March from 5.30pm
With the first P&C meeting of 2023 afterwards

Refreshments in the Art Agora- entry off Ardessie St

*This is your chance to come along, meet new
parents and see what your school is all about!*

RSVP via www.trybooking.com/CEQHG

by Mon 6th March 2023



to be acquired, as it is essential for such a large P&C budget to be administered with good governance. This role includes all correspondence and supporting the board members and sub-committees to carry out their roles. Strong written communication skills and basic computing skills are helpful.

Treasurer - this is perhaps the most important role of our particular P&C, as we have such a large budget to administer and disseminate according to the P&C member's and the school's wishes. We have a large canteen, accounted electronically on MYOB, and excellent knowledge of that system is essential for our Treasurer. Our P&C has chosen to employ a bookkeeper to support the Treasurer, making the role much more manageable.

Other roles - there are plenty of different positions in our P&C to be filled if you don't feel like putting your hand up for one of the 'Big 4'. We have a number of committees (Special Tennis, Special Art, music, Fathering Project) and another unofficial role that we have been wanting to fill for a number of years - PR liaison. This would suit a person very familiar with and able to write social media posts, newspaper articles and Parent Update articles for the P&C and any sub-committees that require this service and submit them to the Principal's PA for submission to the various outlets the school has online and in the media. We aren't sure how involved this role might get, but we would love to hear from anyone interested in giving it a go. We would also love to hear from anyone who has grant writing experience, as that is an area that we are needing more expertise in as well. We must stress ALL press of any sort has to be vetted by the school first, with no exceptions.

General membership - being a member of our P&C allows you to have meaningful input into the decisions made about what we do with the funds we generate each year, which in such a large school is substantial. We allocate most of the yearly funds to projects the group hopes will benefit the most students, and you can have a role in those decisions.

This is not only an AGM but a social get-together where you can meet other P&C members and the current committee members, ask questions and think about how you can support our school. The P&C has supported many programs, including the CORE Camp, Chaplain, the Fathering Project, building the bike enclosure and running the Bike Safety Inspections, as well as contributing towards the Hospitality Café (construction starting soon).

The AXSHS P&C are looking for Parents and interested Community members to work as part of our dynamic team to support the school community. We are looking for new general P&C members and those who might be interested in taking on a more specific role for 2023, including President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

As high school P&Cs are quite different to primary school P&Cs, a quick overview of their roles is as follows:-

President- this role involves chairing general P&C meetings (only four each year) and chairing Executive Committee meetings only when necessary. An excellent grasp or quick learning of the WACSSO and our constitution is imperative to success, and knowledge of basic IT and social media would be beneficial. Our President is also a part of the banking signatory team, needing to be able to sign off on payments when necessary electronically. Leading a busy team of volunteer members, you will need to have the ability to be able to oversee all of our sub-committee's work, without being responsible for it, along with an ability to run succinct, productive meetings without necessarily rushing people through and try and engage the P&C group as a whole to support our school community.

Vice President - this role involves supporting our President and being available to chair any meetings should the need arise, along with being the WACSSO Liaison and attending the annual WACSSO conference. Being another electronic payment signatory is also necessary, along with a good grasp and familiarity of ours and WACSSO's constitution.

Secretary - this is the meeting minute taker role and is suited to whoever can concisely and accurately take all meeting minutes, along with the ability to collate and disseminate them in a timely manner after each meeting. An excellent grasp of the rules and procedures that govern a P&C needs

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