

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to you from the Fort Street Public School Parents and Citizens Association (P&C).

### **What is the P&C?**

- We comprise a community of parents whose children attend Fort Street School, and our shared goal is to foster an optimal learning environment. Our vision is to create a joyful atmosphere that nurtures both academic and personal growth. We aim to provide our children with diverse opportunities for learning, enjoyment, friendship, participation in extracurricular activities, and the building of cherished childhood memories.
- We hope to build a school community that is harmonious and respectful of the more than 50 different nationalities at the school.

### **What Do We Do?**

- We coordinate enjoyable events within the school community and conduct fundraising initiatives to support the school with additional resources and enrichment activities. For instance, we've procured musical instruments, laptops, literacy readers, and more through our efforts.
- We manage the school canteen ensuring it offers a sustainable selection of healthy menu choices.
- We serve as representatives for parents in discussions with the school executive regarding strategic plans and the redevelopment of the school at Observatory Hill.
- We coordinate class representatives (parents within each class) to act as a central communication hub connecting parents, teachers, the school, and the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C).

### **What Can You Do?**

The benefit of our modest-sized school, housing over 280 students and representing more than 180 families, lies in fostering a close-knit community where mutual support and familiarity thrive. In contrast to larger institutions where students and families may seem insignificant, our school is characterised by a sense of connectedness. However, the challenge is that our smaller scale necessitates a greater reliance on parental involvement, given the limited pool of parents available for active participation.

### **Your Next Steps**

- Install the Sentral for Parents app
- Through this app, each week you will receive the Fort Street Focus newsletter with school and P&C news
- Provide your contact details to the P&C via one of the following:
  - using the form below (to be returned to the school office)
  - text your name and child's name to Luke Lee (0402 484 778)



- Download WhatsApp and scan this QR code →
- WhatsApp class chat groups are created each year. These class chat groups are a good forum to ask questions, share information, arrange play dates and for communication between the school, P&C and parents.
- Become a class representative for your child’s class. Please contact me if you would like to find out more about this role. It’s a great way to get to know the other families in your child’s class!
- The P&C oversees the canteen, and we depend on parent volunteers for tasks such as cooking and food preparation. While the canteen is primarily managed by two part-time employees, there are openings for both volunteering and potential employment opportunities.
- Explore the option of volunteering at Parents and Citizens (P&C) events. Numerous opportunities are accessible, allowing you to find a role that aligns with your schedule, skills, and level of commitment.
- Every year, the P&C votes for the Executive committee at the AGM. As a member of the P&C, you are eligible to join the P&C Executive.

Reach out to me if you're interested in joining the P&C and influencing our initiatives. I look forward to collaborating as we strive to cultivate a supportive, productive, and inclusive school community.

Warm regards

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**Family Contact Information for the FSPS P&C**

Child’s Name .....

Mother/carer ..... Mobile .....

Father/carers ..... Mobile .....