



Crestwood P&C Voluntary Levy

Information Sheet

What is a P&C anyway?

Not everyone knows what a P&C is or what its role is at the school. Put simply, we are group of mostly parents, but some other caregivers too, who like to help out around the school in lots of different ways. Some of us are around during school hours, some of us help out from home. Some of us lend a hand for specific areas (like events or canteen), others help out with things like writing news articles or making sure our important messages are easily accessible through different forums.

Providing funds for school resources

One of our core objectives is to raise money to provide important resources around the school. We know how hard it can be to commit time to lots of activities with many families with full time working parents, as well as commitments outside of school hours to other activities. So at Crestwood, the majority of our funds are not raised by specific fundraising activities, but instead through an annual levy (per family) which appears on your Term 1 invoice.

How much is it?

P&C members decide as part of each year's Annual General Meeting (in June) the levy for the year ahead and this year, it has been set at \$100. While it is wonderful if families can afford to contribute this amount, we recognise that everyone's circumstance is different. Every little bit helps, and if you contribute a smaller amount, that is great too.

Anyone can bring forward suggestions as to how we allocate this funding, and P&C members vote to agree on how the money should be spent in any given year. Our March meeting is where these options are presented and discussed, with voting taking place in the April meeting.

What do we do with the funds raised anyway?

Well, that really depends on you! Each year the P&C will set a budget for expenditure, and members (parents and teachers alike) can submit proposals for items they would like to see around Crestwood.

As an example, last year the P&C members approved funding of brand new PSSA uniforms for all our representative sports. Other projects funded in 2018 include the roofing over seats in lower quad, memorial garden for Mrs Houston, and cupboards and storage in B Block. In previous years, large scale projects have also been undertaken such as air-conditioning in all classrooms.



What proposals for funding have been brought forward this year?

At our March meeting, we discussed the funding requests that have been submitted by the school community. At our April meeting, financial members will be voting on the allocations. This year, the requests included:

- Drainage and retaining walls to prevent grounds being swept away (from top oval to middle playground and beyond)
- Teacher recognition and reward
- Canteen equipment upgrades
- Basketball and netball hoop upgrades
- BBQ specifically for vegetarian cooking only
- Kickstarter funding for our 'next big thing' – which will be subject to separate consultation with the school community.

Additionally, Crestwood P&C provides annual commitments to assist the school with providing a learning support officer and to purchase resources associated with future focussed learning program.

I'd like to learn more or be involved

Great! We are always looking for fresh ideas and contributions from across the school. Drop us a line at crestwoodpspandc@gmail.com or come along to one of our monthly meetings. These are held on the second Tuesday of the month (during term time) at 7.30pm in the School Library.

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On behalf of Crestwood P&C