



# The Hutchins School Parents' Association Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday 10 February 2026

**Location:** Board Room

**Meeting opened:** 6.30pm

## **Present**

Courtney Bell  
Shirlene Badenach  
Laura Machin  
Michelle Cong  
Michelle La Roche  
Kezia Mellers  
Danielle West  
Rowena Salter  
Pip Bartlett  
Robert McEwan  
John Padas

## **Apologies**

Kate Woods  
Lynn Redwig  
Krysta Brocklehurst

## **Acceptance of Previous Minutes**

Moved – Rowena Salter  
Seconded – Laura Machin

## **President's report**

President's Report – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Welcome everyone to a new year for the Hutchins PA.

It will be an exciting year to be involved in the PA. We look forward to the opening of the NJ Edwards Building next Month. We plan to hold a celebration in the new building to celebrate the 180 year anniversary of the school later in the year.



Important dates for this term: The New Parents Dinner on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2026; the AGM on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2026; and the Opening Day BBQ on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.

Shirl Badenach

### **Treasurer's report**

Documents sent separately.

### **Principal's Report**

#### **EVENTS**

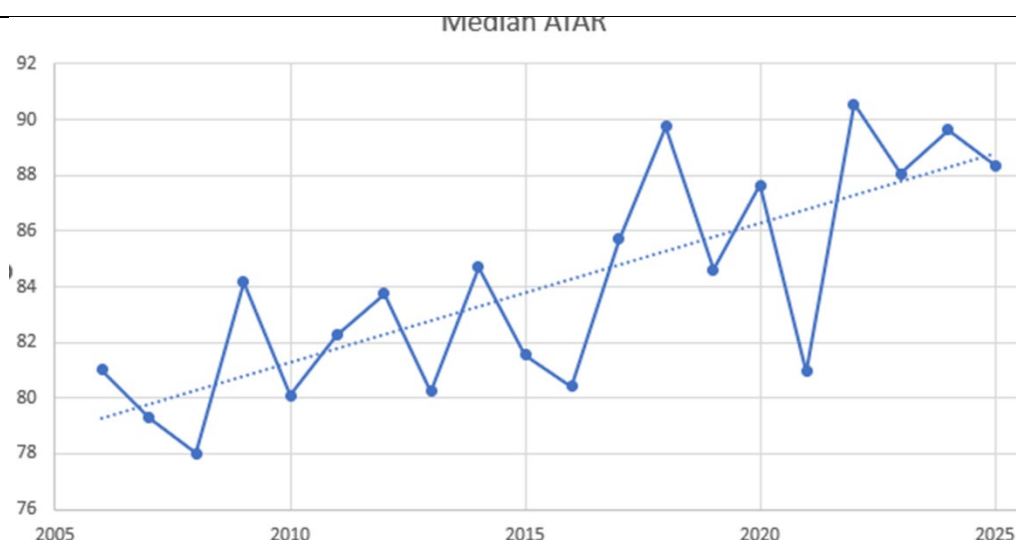
- 20 January – 2026 Prefect Camp, Southport
- 27 to 30 January – Staff Professional Learning Week, inc. Combined Commencement Service at St David's Cathedral
- 29 January – Meeting with Mayor Anna Reynolds and Meg Lawson, re. Derwent Ferry
- 30 January – TASC Awards, Government House
- 1 February – Boarding Dinner
- 2 February – Term 1 commencement & 2026 Leaders Induction Assembly

#### **STAFF**

- Reverend Lee Weissel has advised of his decision to resign at the end of Term 1. Lee will be appointed as the Parish Minister at the New Town Lenah Valley community. This is an exciting opportunity for Lee that recognises his exceptional gifts in ministry, pastoral care, and community leadership. Rev Lee has been an integral part of our school for 10 years and will be sorely missed.
- Mrs Kezia Mellers has been appointed to the position of Community Engagement and Events Manager, replacing Jenna McPhie. Kezia is a highly experienced in events management and acted in this role previously during a parental leave cover in 2020/21.

#### **STUDENTS**

- TASC Awards - 2025 leavers; Lucas Baumwol, Tian Li and Kevin Shen were each awarded a TASC Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for attaining an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 99.5 or above. Joshua Fielding was also presented with a TASC Outstanding Achievement in VET Award.
- Joshua Fielding ('25) received Australian School Based Apprentice of the Year at the Australian Training Awards in Darwin in December.
- The Year 12 ATAR results continue to show a growing academic culture within the School that openly promotes effort. The upward trend is not the result of a single initiative or cohort, rather sustained student effort, high expectations, and a dedicated staff who do almost anything to help students achieve their personal best.



#### Updates

- Anglican Ethos Video for staff, link: [HD Anglican Ethos Staff](#)

#### Correspondence

Incoming- Nil

Outgoing – Nil

#### Matters for Noting

Dates to note for the new Building Opening:

18<sup>th</sup> March – opening of building for staff and students.

22<sup>nd</sup> March Open Day will be at new building.

26<sup>th</sup> March Private Opening for donors/VIPs etc.

27<sup>th</sup> March first Hobart Chargers basketball game.

The New building will be used by the School and Students from this time onwards.

#### Matters for Approval (including actions arising from the previous minutes)

PA branded aprons – Kezia to investigate branding and design and come back to the Committee via email with a quote for cost. It would be great to have the new Aprons for Open Day.

#### Business Arising

Courtney to discuss approach to marketing/branding PA after AGM. Updating letter and information.



The Southport renovation support from the PA was discussed. Rob has noted the need for further information and a manager from the school to take this project on; this is something to be progressed later in the year when the new building is open and completed.

PA function and fundraising for 2026 – to be discussed further. Initial proposal is a function in Anniversary week, mid-August , to celebrate the Schools 180 year anniversary. Possibly a cocktail party/celebration and community engagement event in the new building.

Michelle gave an update on the School equipment/uniform recycling - Repoze project. Hopefully Repoze will be online and ready to go very soon. All information can be found on [repoze.com.au](http://repoze.com.au)

#### **Other business**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Open Day volunteers: Kate Woods, Shirl & co, Pip, Rowena, Danielle + 1.

**Meeting close: 7.25**