

THE HUTCHINS SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Meeting 21st July, 2020, The Global Classroom



Meeting Opened: 6.40pm

Present: Dr Rob McEwan, Krysta Brocklehurst, Alli McShane, Claire McQuillen, Jane Frazzica, Anna Yard-Cumming, Michaela Beckitt, Nick Ledwell, Anthony Gunton, Lou Christie, Alex Kuzis, Dayana Baker, Nic Robertson, Kezia Mellers.

Apologies: Patrice Lawrence, John Groom.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 26th March, 2019.

Proposed Resolution: That the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting be accepted.

Moved: Anthony Gunton

Seconded: Anna Yard-Cumming

Passed

1. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

1.1. N/A

2. President's Report

- Attached

3. Headmasters Annual Report

- Attached
- Service Focus
- Strategic Planning Process – Why Do we exist? Plan published at end of 2020.
- Parents Association has an important role to play in community pillar, it is greatly appreciated by the Headmaster and Dr.McEwan.

4. Treasurer's Report

Proposed resolution: That the 2019 financial statements tabled at the AGM be accepted.

2020 Report

Increase \$20K cash in hand in 2019, closing \$152K in 2020. Term Deposit \$52K, \$205K in total current assets at end of FY20. Increase in total assets, net profit \$21K, increase since FY19, majority of income \$36K, bulk parent subscriptions, \$7K fundraising efforts, tuckshop profits \$6K. Expenses \$15K, contribute to various projects: School TV, ELC Planting Project. Profit higher due to greater project contributions made. Donations – Levy.

Proposed resolution: LEVY for the new Financial Year – already agreed.

Moved: Jane Frazzica

Seconded: Lou Christie

Passed

5. Election of Office Bearers

All positions vacated, Dr Rob McEwan thanked previous office bearers and congratulated the incoming office bearers.

President	Alli McShane
Vice President	Dayana Baker
Secretary	Lou Christie
Treasurer	Krysta Brocklehurst
General Members/Committee Members (4)	Anthony Gunton Nick Ledwell Jane Frazzica Claire McQuillen

All accepted and ratified.

6. Other Business

- None.

Meeting Closed: 7.18pm

The Hutchins School Parents Association

President's Report



2019 was a busy and successful year for the Parents Association. Numerous school community events were held, including open days, community hubs, grandparents' days, and the spectacular Magenta and Blacker. The parents Association members were able to provide assistance and volunteer coordination for all these events, as well as running successful Mother's and Father's Day stalls, The Ladies High Tea at Wrest Point, Blokes and Spokes, and the bar and gate at the Magenta and Blacker. Overall, over \$7000 was raised by these events, no small feat, and our thanks goes to all those who contributed to the success of these events.

2020 started off really well, with Blokes and Spokes again proving to be a popular and well supported event. It was great to see such a wide range of age groups in attendance, with everyone enjoying their day immensely. Unfortunately, the rest of this year has been extraordinarily unusual. With all community and Parents Association events and meeting suspended from March, it quickly became apparent that due to the effects of the global pandemic the opportunity for gatherings such as community hubs, high teas, fairs!! were no longer an option. From that perspective, it is a little disappointing. However, the clarity and regularity of information provided by the school to all parents during this period of uncertainty, and the school's dedication to the health and safety of all students and staff has been commendable. Acknowledging and supporting our school families during this economically difficult time has been very much appreciated by the parent community.

Community building is at the core of the role of the Parents Association. Over the next couple of years as our lives hopefully return to a new normal, we look forward to supporting the school in whatever ways we can, to provide opportunities to encourage and nurture connections between families within our school community.

Thank you to all the committee members, volunteers, and support staff who having given their time to assist the Parents Association in the past year. And I wish you all good health in the coming terms.

Alli McShane

The Hutchins School Parents Association

Headmasters Annual Report



The past year has seen The Hutchins School continue to provide a breadth of opportunity across the academic, co-curricular, service, faith, pastoral care and broader community programmes

Service

Under the leadership of the Year 12, the Middle and Senior School boys committed to supporting The Smith Family, a children's charity helping disadvantaged Australian children create better futures for themselves that involved both reading to children over the phone and raising \$19384 for the organisation.

Boys also raised \$15000 for the Leukemia Foundation and spoke out about important social causes from respect for women, homelessness and the environmental sustainability to name just a few examples.

The past year has seen our character development program expand to include our first ever Year 10 two-week residential program. Boys who elected to enrol, undertook a positive social impact project for the broader Tasmanian community. This saw the boys focus on the homeless amongst our Hobart community, with one outcome being the ongoing regular involvement of boys serving food at the Salvation Army citadel on Sunday evenings throughout the year.

With a clear focus on helping others, George Scott in Year 12, led a new initiative this year to provide support for those amongst us who face mental health challenges. Having identified from a student survey in 2018 that boys were much more likely to tell a friend than an adult when experiencing mental health challenges, a group of Year 12 boys initiated mental health first aid training that saw over 50 senior boys participate. Student mental health contact officers were introduced and supported by Mr Matt Magnus, the Senior School counsellor.

The Tasmanian LIFE Awards acknowledged this groundbreaking initiative when it awarded the School the Outstanding Contribution to Suicide Prevention by young people award. This peer support program was also identified as the most popular strategy amongst mental health professionals that they would like to see adopted by schools and organisations across Tasmania at a recent Tasmanian Youth Mental Health Forum

The past year also saw the introduction of a 24 Hour Giving Day, the first of its kind in Tasmania. Under the leadership of Mr John Groom, Director of Advancement and Ms Clarissa McCoid, Philanthropy Advisor, the Hutchins community came together to raise funds for a need-based scholarship. The generosity of our School community saw over \$227000 raised in just one day. This significant contribution enables the school to provide two scholarships for deserving boys who would otherwise not be able to benefit from the enormous opportunities available at Hutchins. The first scholarship recipient is Christian Senga who started with us this year in Year 7.

Academic Achievement

The year began with news of our graduating Year 12 cohort achieving the highest academic results for the School since the introduction of ATARs in 2006. Year 12 boys completed 32 certificates for vocational education and training and we had a 100% TCE graduation rate compared to the State average of 58% and 78% across Independent Schools. The boys achieved a median ATAR of 89.75, meaning almost every second boy achieved an ATAR above 90, seven of those boys achieved an ATAR above 99 and for the second consecutive year, a Hutchins boy placed first in the State with an ATAR of 99.95. By any measure, the academic achievement of our graduating cohort was outstanding and allowed boys to pursue their chosen post-school pathways.

Outstanding academic achievement was of course not limited to our Year 12 cohort. A small sample of highlights include The Hutchins School winning the Year 9 and 10 division of the International Da Vinci Decathlon, an academic competition that involved some of the best teams from around the world gathering in Venice, Italy to compete across ten disciplines. For the first time in the competition's history, the national individual and team winners of the Business Educators Australasia Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition came, from not only the same state, but remarkably from the same Business Studies class right here at Hutchins.

Boys achievements in mathematics were remarkable, with 23 boys accelerated in mathematics across different year levels with the results showing at the national level. Will Rumley in Year 7 achieved a score in the top 0.01% nationally in the Australian Mathematics Competition Trust (one in 10000) and Harry Sillifant (Year 10), Warren Huang (Year 6) and Arjun Yellap (Year 7) placed in the top 0.3% in the Australian Maths Trust Competition. Seth Homfrey (Year 9) completed two, third year university mathematics courses where he achieved high distinction in both and placed second in the class amongst adult mathematicians.

In team events, Hutchins placed first in the State in the Year 7/8; Year 9/10; and Year 11/12 divisions of the Maths relay event making Hutchins the highest achieving school in mathematic in the State.

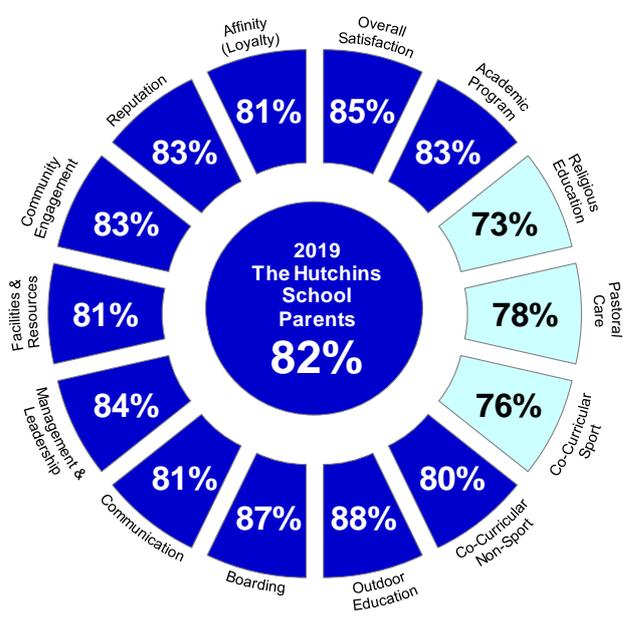
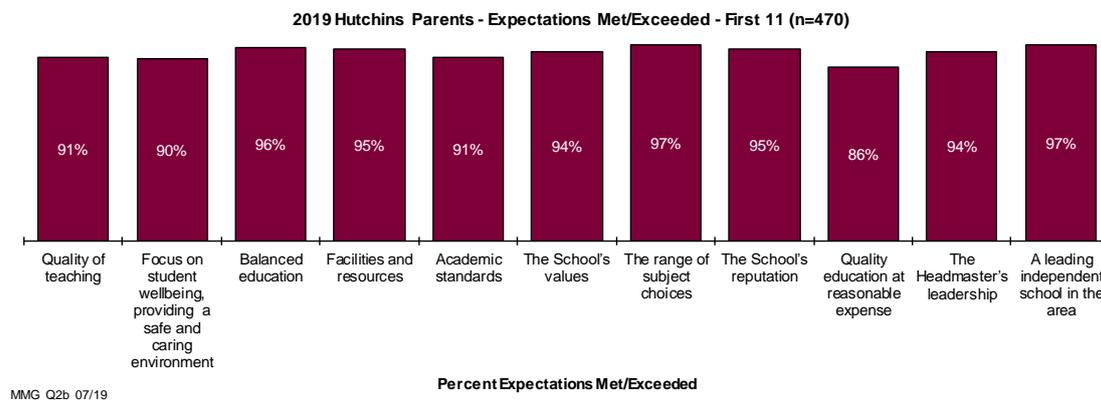
The School hosted the 15th International Student Science Conference, welcoming students from Italy, China, Sydney, Hong Kong and Taiwan, sent a Physics team to the Junior Physics Tournament in New Zealand, placing 5th and Raiden Lemon and Sudhaunshu (Sud ar shoe) Hardikar won the Best Research Investigation of the Year at the 2019 Tasmanian Science Talent Search Awards. Raiden Lemon in Year 12 was also one of only five students selected nationally to represent Australia at the International Youth Physics Tournament in Poland where Mr Peter Crofts, Head of Science, was the teacher in charge of the Australian team.

In English Ben Davies (Year 10), Izac Grantham (Year 11) and Malcolm Ward (Year 12) achieved the highest score possible on the University of New South Wales's International Competitions and Assessments for English and a number of boys placed in the top three for the Alliance Française competition and the Chinese Speaking and Performance Competition.

Strategic Planning

A comprehensive survey was conducted of all aspects of a Hutchins School experience from parents, staff and boys. The findings reveal very high levels of parent satisfaction with the full range of experiences with the quality of teaching and learning, focus on student wellbeing and balanced educational experiences identified as the three highest factors in choosing a school. The graph below

shows the order of importance of the top eleven factors for our parents in choosing a school for their son, together with the level of parent satisfaction for each.



While this feedback is encouraging and affirms many of our efforts, the School is committed to an improvement agenda. The Hutchins School Board of Management and Executive began examining the feedback in detail in November. The discussions generated great optimism, a shared commitment and determination for our School to provide an inspirational education where each boy strives to achieve his personal best and is willing to serve his community. A similar analysis involving staff occurred at the commencement of the 2020 school year.

I thank the Parents' Association for their generous support of the School including volunteering at school events from Grandparents' Days, community hubs, Blokes and Spokes, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day stalls. Much of what we do at Hutchins would not be possible without the generous support and encouragement parents give to the School.