

THE HUTCHINS SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Meeting 26th March, 2019, Boardroom



Meeting Opened: 6.45pm

Present: Dr Rob McEwan, Krysta Brocklehurst, Lou Christie, Jo Bourne, Claire McQuillen, Anna Yard-Cumming, Jane Yarnham, Dayana Baker.

Apologies: Alli McShane, Patrice Lawrence, Caroline O'Donnell, Georgia Burbury, Anthony Gunton, John Groom.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 21th March, 2018.

Proposed Resolution: That the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting be accepted.

Moved: Anna Yard-Cumming

Seconded: Krysta Brocklehurst

Passed

1. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

1.1. Meeting Frequency

- Meetings to stay the same and be scheduled in accordance with frequency noted in the Constitution which provides sufficient amount of flexibility.

2. President's Report

Attached

3. Headmasters Annual Report

Attached

4. Treasurer's Report

- The audit has been completed, but the file is currently still with our audit partner for review, however it is very unlikely that there will be any changes to the accounts.

Proposed resolution: That the 2018 financial statements tabled at the AGM be accepted.

Moved: Jo Bourne

Seconded: Anna Yard-Cumming

Passed

5. Election of Office Bearers

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

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| President | Alli McShane |
| Vice President | Dayana Baker |
| Secretary | Krysta Brocklehurst |
| Treasurer | Claire McQuillen |
| General Members/Committee Members (4) | Jane Yarnham Jo Bourne Georgia Burbury Anthony Gunton |

All accepted and ratified.

6. Other Business

- None.

Meeting Closed: 7:15pm

The Hutchins School Parents Association

President's Report



It has been an honour and a privilege to be the President of the Hutchins School Parents Association this year. In my opinion, The Hutchins School is an incredible environment for our boys to not only be educated by dedicated staff but form life long bonds and importantly learn to be kind and compassionate young men.

Throughout 2018, we have seen a steady increase in volunteering and participation as well as holding a number of events including:

- Four well attended Community Hubs where parents, friends and carers have come together to enjoy a cuppa and meet and hear from Hutchins staff
- Year Group Program, organised by Georgia Burbury, where parent representatives organise events and connect families
- Father's Day and Mother's Day Stalls where some wonderful gifts have been arranged by Anna Yard-Cumming to be purchased by the boys
- The amazing 2018 School Fair, coordinated by Sarah Rowley and a capable team of volunteers that included a huge range of attractions and was enjoyed by the entire school community
- Ladies High Tea organised by Anna Yard-Cumming and Dayana Baker, where over 120 mums, grandmothers, aunts and friends were able to catch up, mingle and meet new people as well as raise over \$3000
- 2019 annual Blokes and Spokes attended by over 100 riders who enjoyed a casual bike ride, BBQ and catching up with friends.

The Association has also proudly been able to contribute funds to a number of initiatives including:

- SchoolTV, a parent resource around building resilience and addressing issues faced by our boys throughout their schooling years
- School Boarding House refurbishment and decoration to make the spaces more homely and comfortable for the Boarders
- \$120,000 for a new Junior School Playground and we look forward to seeing how this exciting project develops.

I would like to gratefully acknowledge the wonderful support and advice received by Dr McEwan and the Hutchins staff throughout the year. The school and the Association maintain a close connection which is a vital link between Hutchins and its wider community that we all need to ensure is enhanced and maintained.

I would like to thank the executive committee, Anna Yard-Cumming, Clair McQuillen and Krysta Brocklehurst for their efforts and valuable contribution over the year. I would also like to acknowledge the dedication and thank all members of the Association for their support and assistance at events as well as your participation and attendance at our meetings. It makes the role of President gratifying and rewarding knowing there is a supportive and enthusiastic group of people keen to lend a helping hand.

The wonderful support of the Communications and Events team, Mrs Jenna McPhie, Mrs Anna Kirkland, Mrs Michelle Mizzen and Mrs Kate Richardson should not go unrecognised as their help has also been invaluable. This team ensures all of our events run smoothly and we are always incredibly grateful for their assistance.

The number of people we were able to invite to our Volunteer Thank You morning tea late last year was indicative of the increased numbers of people putting up their hands to help. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work" and the Association should continue to make community engagement a focus in order to foster a strong school spirit and a willingness from families to contribute wherever and however they can.

Seven years ago, joining the Association was a decision that has enabled me to engage with the entire school community. I am grateful for the opportunity to offer my own time to help the school and as I leave, I look forward to seeing the Association continue to build on the successes throughout 2019 and beyond.

Thank you

Lou Christie

President

The Hutchins School Parents Association

Headmasters Report

The past year has seen boys travel internationally to participate in the International Student Science Conference, Venice Italy; attend the summer camp at the Northeastern Polytechnical University, Xi'an, China; travel to Singapore for the Hwa Chong Institution's Student Leaders Conference, the Kennedy Space Station, Florida to compete in the International Space Design Challenge, 17 boys visited China on our biennial language and culture immersion tour and Raiden Lemon in Year 11 represented Australia at the International Young Physicists Tournament in Beijing, China.

Academic highlights included a median ATAR of 89.75 this is the highest median ATAR in the School's history. Seven boys achieved an ATAR above 99 and 23 boys were listed 37 times for achieving a perfect score in a pre-tertiary subject. Outstanding academic achievement was a feature of 2018 with a number of students placing in the top 1% of the Computational and Algorithmic Thinking Competition, ICAS Science and ICAS English competition, Australian Geography Competition, Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians and the Australian National Chemistry Quiz.

In Mathematics, 7 boys were awarded medals for achieving the highest score in the State for their respective age divisions in the ICAS Mathematics Competition. These outstanding results saw Hutchins boys place first in the State in the Year 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12. Seven students also ranked within the top 1% of all candidates in Australian and New Zealand.

- Hutchins teams placed first in Year 6, 7 and 12 while Years 8, 9, and 11 placed third in their age division in the Mathematical Association of Tasmania's Maths Relay, 5 boys placed in the top 1% and three boys placed in the top 0.3% nationally in the Australian Mathematics Competition.
- In ICAS Spelling, Writing and English, Hutchins boys placed first in the state in Years 7, 10, 11 and 12.
- In sport, 18 boys represented Australia and 69 boys represented Tasmania across a diverse range of sports.
- Hutchins won the State ASX Schools Sharemarket game for the third consecutive year and boys placed first in Year 11 and in the top three in Years 5, 7, 8, 9 and 11 in the Chinese Speech Competition.

In the co-curricular program, Hutchins won the State title in swimming, hockey, athletics, cricket, Match Racing in sailing and the Junior and Senior aggregate trophies for rowing at the SATIS Head of the River. In Dance, boys won the Lyrical section, Musical Theatre section and Judges Choice Award in Hobart Dance Life Unite Competition qualifying for the Nationals.

Over the past year we enjoyed the spectacular Middle School musical, 13, the Senior School production of Treasure Island, Scott-Power Music Recital in the Town Hall and our Dance@Hutchins Showcase to name just a few of our annual arts events. We enjoyed the wonderful Hutchins Fair and admired the tremendous awareness raising initiative of our Year 12 leaders who instigated various initiatives throughout the year to raise not only awareness but also \$15,000 for SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY to help people with mental illness.

Other notable initiatives in 2018 include:

- The planning of a new Middle School wing that will include four additional classrooms and a large, flexible breakout space for boys' learning. The new classrooms and breakout space will accommodate the expansion of the Middle School as Year 6 moves from Junior School to the Middle School. The building will also feature two purpose built large teaching spaces for Middle School drama classes and dance rehearsals.

- The creation of two new leadership positions as Directors of Character Development.
- The inaugural Year 7 boy and male mentor overnight camp that had 80% of the Year 7 cohort participate.
- As part of our commitment to international mindedness, The Hutchins School became one of about five schools in Australia accredited to deliver English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students known as ELICOS. This important school initiative aims to provide high quality English language teaching for international students for whom English is not their first language. We will welcome our first group of enrolments in this course in July of this year.
- The creation of a new leadership position in the early years, Head of Early Years, following an external review of the Early Learning Centre.

I thank the Parents' Association, under the leadership of Mrs Lou Christie, who this year coordinated the wonderful Hutchins Fair, funded the purchase of an electronic scoreboard for the War Memorial Oval, improvements to the Boarding House and supported events throughout the year including and Grandparents' Days and parent community events. Much of what we do at Hutchins would not be possible without the generous support and encouragement parents give to the School.

Dr Rob McEwan

Headmaster

The Hutchins School