

President's report - Annual General Meeting – 1st December 2015

It has been a wonderful first year for Cammeraygal High School. I have been privileged to represent the parents and citizens of Cammeraygal High School as President of this P&C Association and being the part of the School's founding year.

It is a complex role but at the same time it is extremely rewarding. It is not about being seen, to get noticed or feeling powerful and in control. It is about being involved with our children in their high school years and making a difference. The P&C provides a very important function in the school community – it promotes the interests of the school by bringing together parents, citizens, students and teachers into close cooperation. It is essential we, as the only body in the school representing parents, remember that we all must work together to make Cammeraygal High School an engaging learning environment.

At each of our meetings our principal Kathy Melky provided regular updates and sought feedback regarding many aspects of school life at Cammeraygal High School. I would like to thank her for her valuable time and all her efforts.

I would also like to thank Jodi Arrow, Stuart Madgwick, Jacqui Payne, Stephanie Wagner, Anthony McGirr, Peter Barraclough and all the teaching and office staff for being so supportive of the P&C and our work. They show a passion and commitment to their roles that is to be highly commended. Over the year I was involved in a number of panels with the very important responsibility of appointing staff to Cammeraygal High School.

Some of the highlights for 2015 have been:

1. **Parents night-** one of our first events to get to know our community and are parents.
I would like to thank Elyse Sainty for organising this beautiful evening and putting a wish list together. On this night alone our generous parents donated us wish list items worth \$3930, a camera, a Keyboard AMP and many books.
2. **School's official opening** – I would like to thank the entire social and fund raising committee especially Priscilla Freehelly, Deb Lee and Belinda Kent for organising our First BBQ for the year and also organising the celebratory cake.
3. **Sports committee:** I would like to thank Alision Robson, Ting Lim, Christopher Hiraishi Mae and other who helped for doing an incredible job in organising sports programmes like Tennis, basketball, cricket and futsal. We have had more than 30 kids enrolled across all these sports, which is almost 1/3 of the total Cammeraygal High School population this year.
4. **Uniform Committee** : I would like to thank Mr Paul Fletcher for his valuable time and effort In liaising with Noone Uniform and getting our winter tracksuits, scarfs and girls ties organised.

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5. **Music:** I would like to mention the extraordinary Band program at the school. Its impact goes way beyond just the students in the band. It enriches the whole school community in so many ways. The Cammeraygal Concert Band is a joint effort between the P&C Music Committee and Cammeraygal's Music teacher Anthony McGirr. I would like to thank Elyse Sainty and Paul Fletcher for all the work they have done this year.
6. **Community committee:** I would like to thank Elspeth Froude and Anna Warren for the valuable work they have done to get Cammeraygal high school involved in the local and aboriginal community.
7. I would also like to thank Tim Warren for his exceptional contribution for designing the P&C logo.

...and, of course, the members of the P&C Exec and the regular contributors, who fulfill vital roles in making sure this all happens without too much mishap and that the responsibilities of the P&C are met. Thank you to all of them.

I would like to make a personal thank you to everyone I have had the pleasure to work with over the last year as P&C President. I will not be continuing in the role next year, although I will still help out where I can. It has been a real privilege to have the opportunity to get involved with the school and the people that make it all work and have a chance add my bit. The openness of the school leadership and readiness to discuss ideas and support various projects has been in my view, exceptional. It is one of the reasons the school is as good as it is and has an exciting future ahead of it.

As I felt important this year, I would like to pay tribute to all the efforts of everyone and to thank them for their continued support. Every day time, experience and donations are generously contributed to the school by so many. It is this support for our students, their teachers and the school which makes such a difference to the whole community here at Cammeraygal High School and it is enormously valued and appreciated.

All the best,

Naina Gupta

P&C President