



## St Mary's Parents & Friends Association

This is a voluntary committee, made up of parent representatives across the school, commonly known as P&F. The aim of the P&F is to provide services, events and fundraising opportunities to the school children, parents, families, friends and school community, whilst offering an annual monetary commitment of \$5000 to the school for extra resources.

P&F meet twice a term on an evening to suit the committee members. A planner is set at the start of the year which determines the fundraising activities and social events for the year. The Annual General Meeting is held in March each year and officer bearers are declared vacant, this gives interested families an opportunity to become involved in St Mary's School.

Some of the **services and social events** P&F coordinate are the Welcome BBQ at the commencement of the school year; refreshments following the Mother's Day Liturgy; Pie Lunch Order days; Mother's Day and Father's Day Stalls; **Public Relations** - meals or transport for families in need or experiencing difficulties; paid catering for small meetings / gatherings; contribute to the Grade 6 celebration dinner and provide a farewell magazine for the students.

P&F try to limit the amount of fundraising carried out during the year, with a focus on no more than 2 per term. Some **fundraising ventures** we have coordinated in the past have been, Easter Raffle, where families are asked to donate an Easter item; pie drive; bi-annual fete; student social events eg— student disco; parent social events; end of year Christmas hamper raffle.

These events and services would not be possible without the dedication of our P&F committee members and our list of volunteer helpers. Not only is it a way of being involved in your child's school, but is a great way to meet new parents and help to provide those little extra's for our children. Being on a committee may not be for you, but we do encourage families to become involved in some way. You may like to consider coming on board our Public Relations Meals roster or you may choose to be included on volunteer helpers list. We also ask that parents participate and support our ventures throughout the year.

Thank you for your consideration

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