



St Mary's Parents & Friends Association

This is a **voluntary committee**, made up of parent and caregiver representatives across the school, commonly known as the P&F. The aim of the P&F is to provide events and fundraising opportunities for the school children, parents, families, friends and school community, whilst offering an annual monetary commitment of \$5,000 to the school for extra resources. Some of our most recent contributions have been put towards the buddy benches and the table tennis tables situated around the school.

The **P&F meet once 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, which gives interested families an opportunity to become involved in St Mary's School.

Some of the **services and social events** P&F have coordinated in the past, have been a Welcome BBQ at the commencement of the school year; pie and hot dog lunch order days; Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls. We contribute funds towards a farewell magazine and a graduation cookie for all Grade 6 students. We also present a certificate and keyring to all leaving families, as well as a small gift to any leaving staff member at the end of the school year.

In 2023, we ran an extremely successful & popular 'ColorRun' event for the students and hope to continue this in coming years. The students had the best time!

The P&F try to limit the amount of fundraising carried out during the year, with a focus on no more than 2 events per term. Some **fundraising projects** we have coordinated in the past have been the Easter Raffle, where families are asked to donate an Easter item; pie drive using one of our local bakeries; Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser, and our end of year Christmas hamper raffles where families are also asked to donate an item.

These events and services would not be possible without the dedication of our P&F committee members and our 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 volunteer with one of our events throughout the year when you can. We encourage parents and caregivers to participate and support our events throughout the year.

Thank you for your consideration.

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