



What is the Principal's Role?

The Principal is an ex officio member of the P&C Association, which means they are automatically a member of the P&C Association because they are the school's Principal. The Principal is also an ex officio member of the P&C Executive and all P&C sub-committees.

The rights of the Principal, or their nominee, in the P&C Association are the same as for any other member. The Principal, or their nominee, is entitled to vote, move and second motions and engage in debate at a meeting. The exception to this is when the Principal, or their nominee, acts as the Returning Officer for an election.

The Principal should provide a report, preferably in writing prior to the meeting to allow it to be circulated to members, to each meeting of the P&C. The Principal's role at P&C meetings is to respond to questions arising about the school and departmental policies and offer advice on the Department of Education & Communities guidelines.

The Principal cannot be a signatory to any P&C bank accounts as per DoE requirements.

Frequently Asked Questions

➤ **Does the Principal have to pay the membership subscription?**

No. The Principal is a member of the P&C Association because of their position as Principal to pay the membership fee. Called ex-officio

➤ **Can the Principal veto decisions of the P&C?**

The Principal has the responsibility of adhering to departmental policies and any P&C decisions must ensure that these policies are observed. The Principal is the WHS responsible person under the NSW legislation that also cover volunteers. The Principal has no power of veto over a P&C Association; the Principal generally speaking does not allow or disallow any discussion or decision made by the association, with the exception of discussion around individuals, staff or students. Privacy, discrimination, defamation & other legislation must at all times be adhered to.

➤ **Can the Principal vote at the AGM?**

If the Principal acts as Returning Officer for the election of officers they are not entitled to nominate or vote during that election. If the P&C have elected/nominated a Returning Officer other than the Principal, then the Principal shall have the same voting rights as any other member of the P&C during an election.



➤ **Can the Principal stand for Office Bearer positions**

As an ex officio member the Principal, or their nominee, cannot stand for election to an Office Bearer position.

Relevant References

Prescribed (Incorporated) Constitution
Standard Constitution