

## TPS P&C Governance

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In NSW, P&C Associations are governed by NSW legislation in the form of the Education ACT 1990 ("the Law").

This Law provides for the establishment of P&C Associations and regulates the:

- Constitution (governing document) of the P&C and
- Objects and functions of the P&C.

A P&C Association may be incorporated or unincorporated. TPS P&C was incorporated on 7 July 1995.

The Law defines the objects and functions of a P&C:

(1) The objects of an association are:

- (a) to promote the interests of the school by bringing [parents](#), citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation, and
- (b) to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and in promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school, and
- (c) to encourage [parent](#) and community participation in curriculum and other education issues in schools where there is no school council.

(2) The functions of an association are the following:

- (a) to report, when requested by the Minister, on the material requirements of the school and to advise on the subject of maintenance of the school, alterations and additions to school facilities, and the selection of new sites,
- (b) to assist and co-operate with the teaching staff in public functions associated with the school,
- (c) to be responsible for the election of [parent](#) representatives to any school council constituted at the school in consultation with the [principal](#) of the school to ensure consistency with any guidelines for elections issued by the [Director-General](#),
- (d) to assist in any other matters in which the Minister may seek the co-operation of the association and to exercise such other functions as may be prescribed by the regulations.

The Law also stipulates that a standard constitution is used by all P&C Associations and allows P&C's to make rules "for the conduct of its business and affairs".

These P&C rules again are in a standard format and, while they can be changed or added to, it is uncommon for large scale changes to be made.

### The Federation of Parents and Citizens' Associations of NSW ("P&C Federation")

TPS P&C is a member of the P&C Federation. Some of its key activities include:

- Providing affiliates with public liability insurance and a range of other insurance policies for meetings, fundraising events and their other activities

- Providing free advice about local problems, correct meeting procedure, association management, constitutions, by-laws, the rights of parents and students, industrial and legal matters, incorporation, authority to fundraise and what P&Cs' need to do to comply with the GST.
- Expert publications like the Handbook for P&C Associations and the revised Canteen Management Manual.
- Parent and Citizen, a quarterly journal, which is distributed in multiple copies to all members and covers topical issues relevant to NSW parents.
- Lobbying the Department of Education and Training and the New South Wales Government, among other authorities, in the interests of children, the schools they attend, and schools and public education in general.