

The Western Australian Council of State School Organisations Inc.

The Western Australian Council of State School Organisations Incorporated is directed by affiliated Parents and Citizens' Associations to represent the voice of parents and citizens associated with government schools.

WACSSO influences the direction of education through negotiation with federal, state and local governments, the Minister for Education, Department of Education, P&Cs, schools, unions and other agencies.

WACSSO facilitates the participation and involvement of parents and affiliates through developing their knowledge and skills.

WACSSO endeavours to influence the direction of education towards the views held by parents and citizens. These views also include those determined by Annual Conference and State Council.

WACSSO believes the benefits of education encompass the aspects of learning, social, emotional, health and physical education.

WACSSO acknowledges students as being everyone enrolled in government schools.

OUR MISSION

WACSSO influences the direction of education for the benefit of students.



Gosnells
PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Purpose

To encourage the children of Gosnells Primary School to develop the knowledge, understandings, skills and attitudes relevant to individual needs, thereby enabling them to fulfill their potential and successfully continue their education.

School Ethos

Gosnells Primary School has an ethos of working together, caring for others, developing positive community involvement, taking pride in our achievements and maximizing educational opportunities for all children.

School Motto

Pride

**Gosnells Primary
School**
P&C Association

Welcome



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GOSNELLS PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

The P&C comprises parents and guardians of children attending Gosnells Primary School and other interested persons over the age of 18 years who have paid an annual subscription (\$1.00). The principal of the school is an ex officio member.

A statement of the goals and purpose of the P&C Association are specified in the *School Education Act 1999, Section 143*. They enable the Association to:

- act as a formal, recognised parent forum for discussion of educational issues;
- develop community interest and gather community opinion on educational issues;
- elect a representative to the School Council;
- participate in the formulation of the educational policies of the school through representation on the School Council;
- promote the interests and well being of the children attending the school;
- work to bring about greater co-operation between the school and the home; and
- provide additional resources and facilities for the school.

Dates and times of general meetings and sub-committee meetings are advertised in the school newsletters and term planners. General meetings are held on weeks 3 and 8 of Terms 1-3 and week 5 of Term 4. A small joining fee of \$1.00 is asked if parents wish to be a member of the P&C and/or of its sub-committees. It is not necessary to pay this fee to attend the general meetings, only to vote on issues.

There can be no doubt children have benefited from the assistance and support of the P&C Association. The principal, staff and P&C Association cordially invite you to take an active part in the Association's affairs and to co-operate in making the school more progressive. All interested parents and friends are welcome to attend any meeting and are encouraged to become active members.

All P&C matters are to be presented in writing and sent to the Secretary to be forwarded to appropriate persons or sub-committees. Direct criticisms to sub-committee representatives is not appropriate. All matters relating to a child should be handled through an interview with the class teacher/principal, at a time arranged to suit all parties. The P&C is not a forum for discussion of specific issues relating to particular children or teachers.

Please consider our school's creed:

"Many hands build a house and many hearts make a school"

UNIFORM SHOP

The P&C runs a uniform shop which is operated by volunteers. New and second hand uniforms are available. Twice a year an order form for winter/summer uniforms is placed in the school newsletter.

Opening times for the uniform shop are advertised in the school newsletter and on the pin-up board outside the uniform shop.

CANTEEN

The P&C operated canteen is open each school day. It is managed by our Canteen Managers, Lynley Gillies and Monica Dougan, and we rely on volunteers to help daily and on special occasions, eg sports day, etc. Our canteen follows the State Government's policy and standards for Healthy Food and Drink provided in WA public school canteens. We provide "Star Choice" foods from the West Australian School Canteen Association's buyers guide. All foods are freshly prepared and the canteen is also a "Food Safe Canteen".

Other sub-committees include:

- Fundraising Committee;
- Safety House Committee; and
- WACSSO Representative.