



Welcome from the Ainslie School Parents and Citizen's (P&C) Association

Come and join in the fun of our Ainslie School community!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Ainslie School! You are joining a friendly, caring and enthusiastic school community. We look forward to sharing the wonderful school events hosted by the P&C and the opportunities that our school community create for our Ainslie School children.

The Ainslie School Parents & Citizen's Association (P&C) comprises parents, carers and friends of the school. **All staff and parents and carers of Ainslie school children are automatically members of the P&C Association.** As such, we also warmly welcome you to our P&C and encourage you to participate in our many and varied activities and events through the year.

The function of the P&C is to promote parent participation and to enable parents to contribute to the school and to ACT public schooling. We do this by:

- providing a link between the School, the School Board, parents and carers for discussion and feedback;
- providing a canteen, uniform shop and out of school hours and vacation care;
- raising funds to support activities, learning at the school and the school's facilities; and
- providing a forum for discussing issues of interest and providing input to education policies through the ACT Council of P&Cs Associations.

The P&C host and cater for many events throughout the year. These include welcoming new families to the school (called Tea & Tissues!); General Meetings each term where we discuss and present various topics of interest to parents and carers; trivia and movie nights; pancake breakfasts at the end of each term; and our wonderful annual fete. We also help support many school-, parent and student-led projects including the Play Pods, community gardens and chickens, the Japanese garden, outdoor furniture, book fairs, Crazy Camel student art, our student Opportunity and Achievement Allowance, and the Year 6 Graduation and Yearbooks.

While Ainslie P&C employs almost 30 staff, our P&C is volunteer-led and many of our activities are provided by volunteers. We always welcome any help and expertise you can provide, either a little or a lot - it's totally up to you how you contribute to our community.

P&C General Meetings

The Ainslie School P&C meets once a term in Week 9, and all parents and carers are welcome. General Meetings include a report from our School Principal on the significant happenings in the school, discussion of issues and ideas brought to the meeting by the school community and reports from our various sub-committees. We also occasionally invite guest speakers to talk about issues of interest, such as transitioning to high school, parenting, social media/internet, nutrition, and emotional well-being.

P&C Administration Committee

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Term 1, the community elect Office Bearers who are responsible for running the various components of the P&C. The Office Bearer roles consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to six General Committee members. All roles become vacant at the AGM, and any P&C member can nominate for a position. This year, we particularly need volunteers to fill the role of Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President. See our webpage or actparents.org.au/index.php/to-do-list-for-your-p-c/item/117-roles-of-p-c-office-bearers for more information.

P&C Community Support

Support and fundraising services are structured in the form of P&C Sub-Committees. They coordinate their own activities and report to the P&C Administration Committee.

Out of school hours and vacation care

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The Ainslie School P&C run the popular **Afters, Befores and Holiday Program**. Our Ainslie kids love Afters so much they ask to go more! For more information contact Gemma and her team on (6249 1740; info@ainslieoshc.com.au). Enrolment and payment details are available on the P&C website.

Oishii canteen

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We also run our very special school canteen called **Oishii** (pronounced *Ooh-She* - which means delicious in Japanese). Oishii serves delicious, healthy food 5 days a week. Children can purchase food over the counter and order lunches using an online ordering system called Flexischools (flexischools.com.au). Come in and meet our wonderful canteen managers, Ari and Clair (oishiicanteen@gmail.com) and our fantastic team of volunteers. If you have some time to come in and help they are always happy to have an extra pair of hands – especially on Friday mornings (the main lunch order day for the whole school!).

Uniform shop

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The Ainslie School P&C also run the **Uniform Shop**, based in the school hall. The uniform shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:45 to 9:15 during the school term. You can also order online at flexischools.com.au or e-mail the lovely Christina (ainslieuniformshop@hotmail.com) and she will take care of you.

As you can see we have a strong and supportive school community and, on behalf of the P&C, I welcome you to Ainslie School and our P&C and hope you can join us in making our school even better.

If you would like to learn more about our P&C please don't hesitate to contact me, and/or visit our website <https://ainsliepandc.com.au/>.

Kind Regards,

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