NEGS Parents & Friends Association Inc

Annual General Meeting – Minutes

Date: Wednesday 29 July 2026
Time: 6:00pm
Location: WH Lee Room and via Google Meets

1. Welcome and Opening of Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was officially opened at 6:04pm. A quorum was confirmed.

2. Attendance

Members recorded as present were Fi Macarthur, Jess Riemsdijk, Liz Van Genderen, Belinda Keogh, Georgina Franklin, Connie McNeill, Roseanne, Jess, Liz Maniscalco, Sally Packham, Miwa, Peter & Mandy Simpson

3. Apologies

An apology was received from Jenny Chapman.

4. Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting were reviewed and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

***Motion to Accept**: Belinda Keogh* ***Second:** Jess Riemsdijk*

5. President's Annual Report

As we close out another rewarding P&F year at NEGS, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements of our P&F community. This year was defined by energy, generosity and a shared commitment to enriching every student's experience at our school.

In 2025/2026 we contributed to and celebrated a series of standout events that truly showcased the spirit of NEGS: The NEGS Ball brought our community together in style; the NEGS Fair celebrated our commitment to the wider community; the Sports Awards Evening honoured dedication and excellence; the 2025 Speech Day celebrated all our students; and both the Welcome Back BBQ and End of Year BBQ fostered introductions, connections and continued friendships within our school community. Our school community continued to shine at the Swimming and Athletics Carnivals, and this month's NEGS Show Jumping Festival once again highlighted the strength of our equestrian tradition and what our school community can achieve together.

None of these events would have been possible without the tireless efforts of the 2025/2026 P&F Committee. Your commitment and willingness to roll up your sleeves have made this year exceptional. My heartfelt thanks to each of you.

A sincere thank you also goes to the entire NEGS staff. Your support of the P&F and your dedication to fostering a thriving school community, is deeply appreciated.

To our wonderful parent body, thank you. Your contributions, presence at events and ongoing support makes the P&F what it is. You are valued members of this community, and your involvement strengthens NEGS in countless ways.

Lastly, on behalf of the committee I'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our beloved Principal Ms van Genderen as you conclude your time at NEGS this year and step into a new and exciting chapter. Your leadership, dedication and unwavering commitment to our students and school community have left a lasting impact. We are deeply grateful for the guidance, care and vision you have shared with us, and we wish you and Ron every success and joy in the journey ahead.

In closing, seven years ago the NEGS P&F was reestablished and in that time the P&F has grown in strength and contributed in many ways to our amazing school. It has been a privilege to serve the P&F committee over the last 7 years. I am grateful for all those who have been on the committee with me during this time. Special thanks to Belinda Keogh for sharing this journey with me over the last 7 years. Thank you for the contribution you have made to our school community. Our best wishes go with you and Issy as you close a chapter at NEGS and begin an exciting new journey. I also feel it is time for me to step down from an official role on the NEGS P&F committee. It has been a truly rewarding experience, and I look forward to assisting the NEGS P&F to grow in strength and continue to support our wonderful school into the future.

The President's Annual Report was presented for acceptance.

***Motion to Accept**: Liz Maniscalco* ***Second:** Jess Riemsdijk*

6. Treasurer's Annual Report

The Treasurer's Annual Report for the 2025–2026 financial year was presented, including an overview of fundraising activities, expenditure and the financial position of the Association.

The Treasurer's Annual Report was presented for acceptance.

***Motion to Accept**: Jess Riemsdijk* ***Second:** Belinda Keogh*

7. School / Principal's Report

The School/Principal's Report was presented, providing an update on key school developments and the partnership between NEGS and the P&F over the past year.

The school acknowledged the contribution of the P&F Committee, noting that its support is particularly appreciated in a small school community such as NEGS. The meeting also reflected on NEGS's 130-year history and the significant achievements accomplished across the school during the past 12 months.

The Principal's Annual Report was presented for acceptance.

***Motion to Accept**: Liz Maniscalco* ***Second:** Fi Macarthur*

8. Election of Office Bearers and Management Committee for 2026–2027

The meeting called for nominations for the 2026–2027 P&F office bearer and committee positions, noting that all positions had been vacated.

The following appointments were recorded:

- President – Jess Riemsdijk
  Vice President – Vacant / Open

Secretary – Vacant / Open
Treasurer – Liz Maniscalco
General Committee Member – Connie McNeill, Junior School Liaison
General Committee Member – Georgina Franklin, Vice President

The positions of Vice President and Secretary remain open for nominations.

9. Acknowledgement of Outgoing Committee Members

The meeting acknowledged and thanked outgoing committee members for their contribution, commitment and service to the NEGS Parents & Friends Association.

10. Welcome to Incoming Committee

The meeting welcomed the incoming committee members and acknowledged their willingness to support the Association during the 2026–2027 year.

11. General Business

No additional AGM-related matters were recorded under General Business.

12. Meeting Close

There being no further business recorded, the Annual General Meeting was formally closed at 6:30pm.