

## Information Sheet No.38

# Council Policy

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### **Council policy:**

- represents the collective views of P&C Associations throughout the ACT;
- reflects the values and concerns of the members of P&C Council;
- guides the activities of Council and its representatives;
- makes possible representative and authoritative responses;
- guides the position of our delegates to ACSSO (Australian Council of State School Organisations) which is the national organisation of parents in government school;
- informs the community of the views of this Council.

No P&C Association is bound by the policies of P&C Council. They may, however, wish to consider them when making decisions on local school or system issues.

### **Policy Conference**

P&C Council policy is formulated at the annual Policy Conference in August which provides a forum to discuss new policies, update others and review interim policies decided by Council in responding to new developments and issues.

Each year in April, Council advises all P&C Associations of the conference date and seeks proposals to amend current policies and/or introduce new items for consideration. Amendments or new proposals are circulated some months later for the consideration of each P&C Association so that the delegate can participate in debate and vote in an informed manner at the conference. Only affiliated associations have the right to vote.

Council can formulate interim policy at a Council meeting between Policy Conferences but it must be ratified at a Policy Conference.

Updated policy can be read on the Council website at [www.schoolparents.canberra.net.au](http://www.schoolparents.canberra.net.au) Printed copies of the Policy Document are also available from the Council office. Council suggests that this document be kept for reference in a safe place and brought to the attention of the incoming delegate. ★