PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

By definition, the parents of each child attending the school are members of the Parents and Friends Association. The management of the P & F is undertaken by an Executive committee consisting of members elected each year, as well as the Principal and Parish Priest. All parents are encouraged to be actively involved in its activities. On the second Tuesday of each month a General Meeting is held. All parents are welcome to attend. Committees play an important part in developing and communicating the current and future activities of the association.

The association takes an active role in support of the school and the development of the total school community and by doing so plays an active part in your children's development. A statement of the Guidelines of the P & F is given below to attempt to define this role.

Role Statement for P & F

As a living example to our children, the P & F will work towards:

- enhancing the learning environment for the pupils and staff of St William's to optimise our children's life education.
- building a community spirit that allows full participation of all parents at the school.

Key Points for decision making

In considering commitment of P & F resources the P & F key roles should be reviewed.

These key roles are:

- 1. To maintain existing P & F initiatives and assets
- 2. To maintain a long term focus
- 3. To target the support and implementation of special resources for the school outside of either education or parish budgets.
- 4. To promote activities that build the partnership between Parents, the school and Parish.
- 5. To be actively involved in the dissemination of information throughout the school community.

Operating guidelines

- > Formation of committees to deal with specific areas of activity.
- Committees to generate proposals for review in general meetings.
- Monthly general meetings to review current status of existing initiatives and for discussion on future initiatives.
- ➤ Delegates to attend external activities as representatives of P & F.