

2020-2022 P&C Contributions Survey Report

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Summary

The Western Australian Council of State School Organisations (WACSSO) sent the 2022 P&C Contributions survey to all affiliate P&Cs to gather data on their finances, volunteer hours, services and the resources they contributed to their school during 2022. We received a total of 140 responses, which represents approximately 21% of our P&C affiliate base. To make our summary findings more robust for dollars raised and hours spent, we have pooled together the survey data for all surveys completed across 2020-2022 (where the questions were consistent).

Over the 2020-2022 period, on average P&Cs donated an estimated total of just under \$12 million each year to school communities, based on extrapolated results. Averaged out across affiliated P&Cs, this amounts to approximately \$18,400 donated to their school by P&Cs in WA each year.

Alongside their fundraising initiatives, P&Cs volunteered a huge amount of time each year, across the survey period. Data from the survey shows an estimated* collective total of 498,059 hours when averaged across the three years. The individual average hours volunteered per P&C is approximately 766 hours a year, or nearly 20 hours a week each Term.

* As it is very difficult for P&Cs to calculate the exact number of hours, the survey asked P&Cs to give a rough estimate of volunteer hours.

Acknowledgments

WACSSO would like to thank all P&Cs who completed the P&C Contributions survey in 2020, 2021, and 2022. Your responses enable us to provide a strong voice and representation for Western Australian P&Cs.

Survey Objectives

The survey objective was to gain a top-level understanding of how P&Cs contribute – dollars, time, resources and services. The survey also sought to establish trends in these real terms across the years. This activity is undertaken with a view to improving the services and representation WACSSO offers and to assist with advocacy on behalf of our affiliates for improved equity, more resources and better policy.

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Methods

The survey was conducted through online survey platform Survey Monkey each November/December in 2020-2022. While there were some additional questions in the first version of the survey, each year we asked the same five questions, developed to be as simple as possible to ensure high participation in the survey.

The survey was sent to P&C Presidents via an e-mail link and was promoted on our social media channels and via our publications. State Councillors also got involved, encouraging their affiliates directly to respond to the call for data.

In future, it is proposed to brand the survey as a report and make it mandatory. Additionally, it is planned to pre-populate the financial data (where possible) from the financial reports P&Cs submit to WACSSO.

2022 Results

In keeping with the reports of previous years, the following summary provides readers with an overview of the results for each question for this year (2022) only.

Question 1: When considering the total P&C contributions/donations made in 2022 to support school projects, resources and activities, what is the amount the P&C donated?

Respondents: Total survey respondents (140), the number who responded to this question (136)

Total amount of reported contributions: \$2,301,064

Average: \$16,920

Estimated Total Extrapolated to all P&Cs:

$\$2,301,064 \times 5$ (20% of P&Cs responded to this question in the survey) = \$11,505,320

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Question 2: What resources has your P&C donated to your school in 2022?

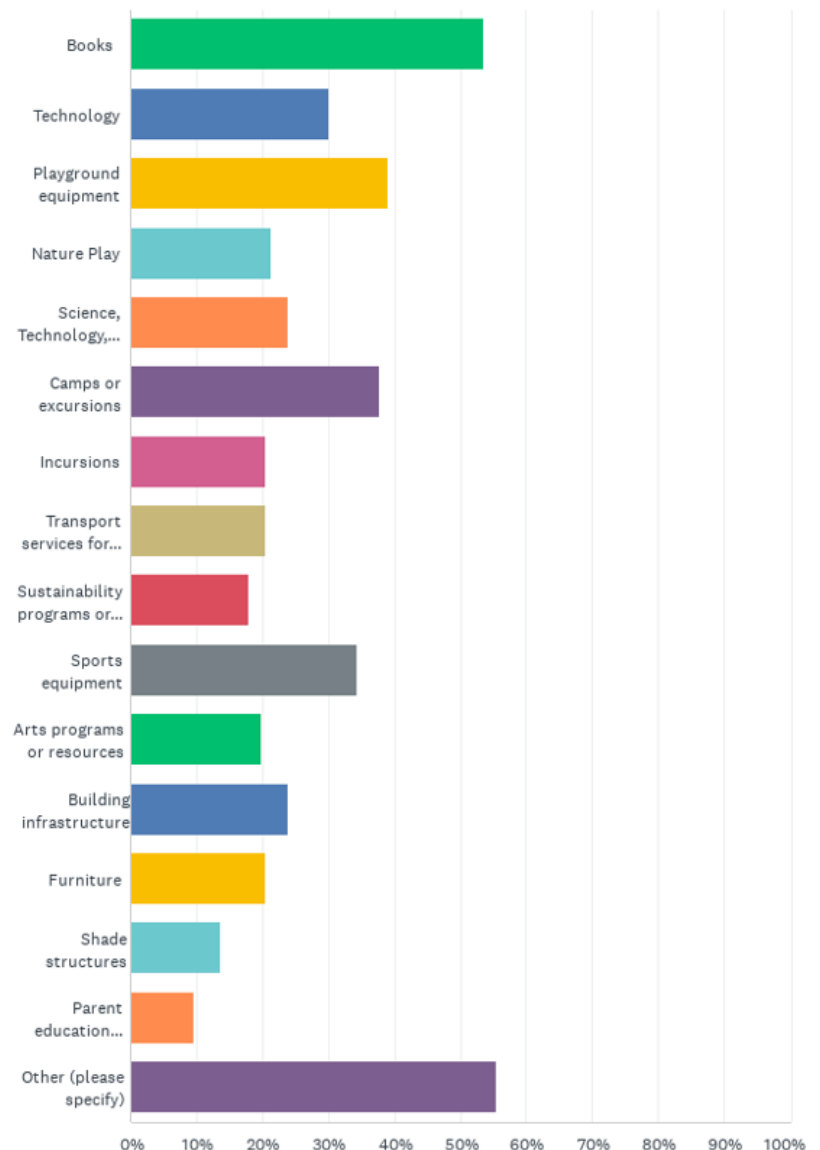
Respondents: 140

Top five most common resources provided:

- Books
- Other
- Playground Equipment
- Camps or Excursions
- Sports Equipment

Common examples of 'other':

- Chaplain / Chaplain Support
- Graduation items
- Breakfast Club
- Gardening / Gardens
- Uniform items



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Question 3: What services did your P&C provide to your school in 2022?

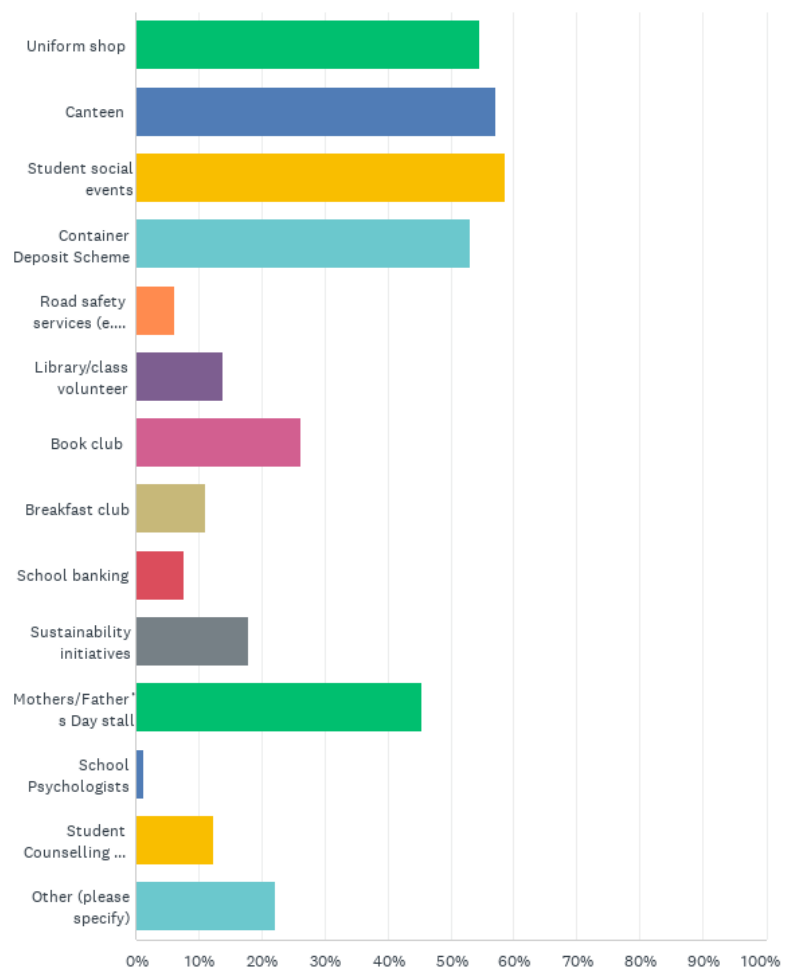
Respondents: 165

Top five most common resources provided:

1. Events
2. Canteen
3. Uniform Shop
4. Container Deposit Scheme
5. Mother's/Father's Day Stall

Common examples of 'other':

- Dad's Group
- Second-Hand Uniform Shop
- Raffles



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Question 4: Estimate the total number of volunteer hours contributed by the P&C in 2022?

Respondents: Total survey respondents (140), the number who responded to this question (123)

Total amount of reported contributions: 83,494 hours

Average: 679 hours

Estimated Total Extrapolated to all P&Cs:

$83,494 \times 5.5$ (18% of P&Cs responded to this question in the survey) = 459,217 hours

Estimated Monetary Value: \$25,725,336

This value was calculated using the volunteering WA Volunteer Benefits Calculator available at: <https://www.volunteeringwa.org.au/resources/volunteer-benefits-calculator>.

Question 5: Issues facing public education (common themes)

- Volunteer participation / P&C membership
- Lack of schools funding (especially for infrastructure)
- Teacher shortages
- Vaping
- Mental Health
- Bullying
- Cyber security

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