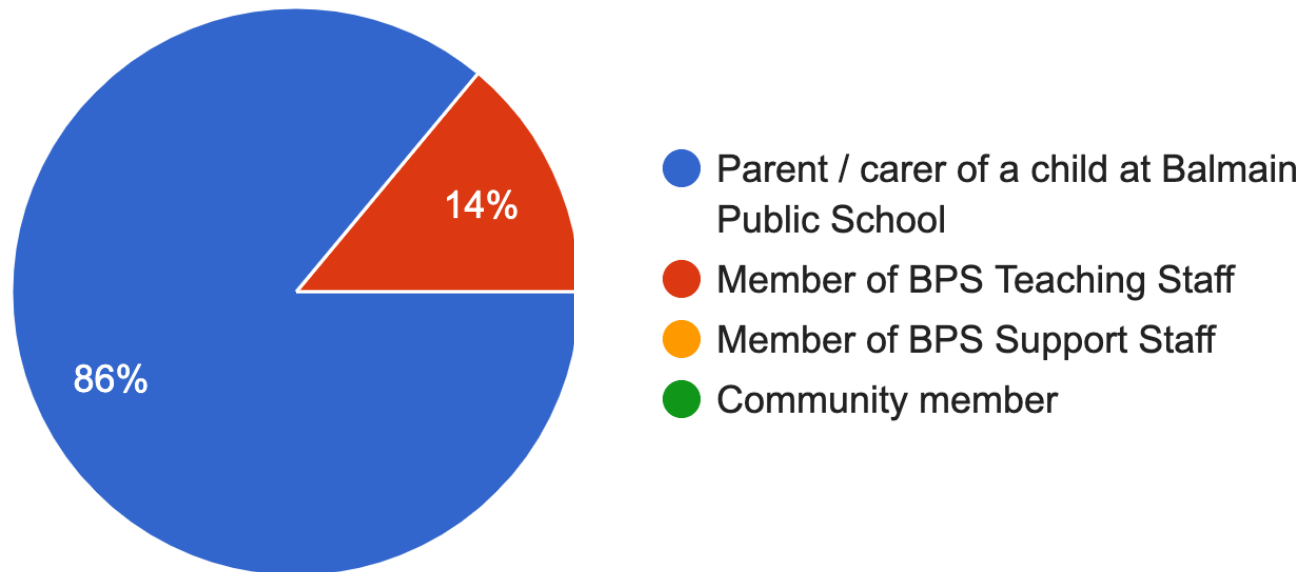


BPS Parents & Citizens

Results of Community Survey 2024



About the survey



Survey was open for 2 weeks
in February 2024

Open to all members of the
Balmain Community

86 responses received

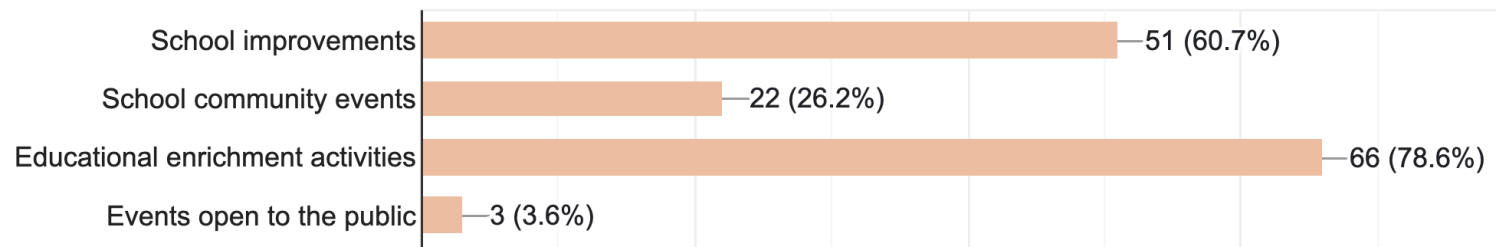
What we asked about

- P&C focus areas
- Funding priorities for 2024
- Volunteers to support proposed events
- Other ideas and feedback



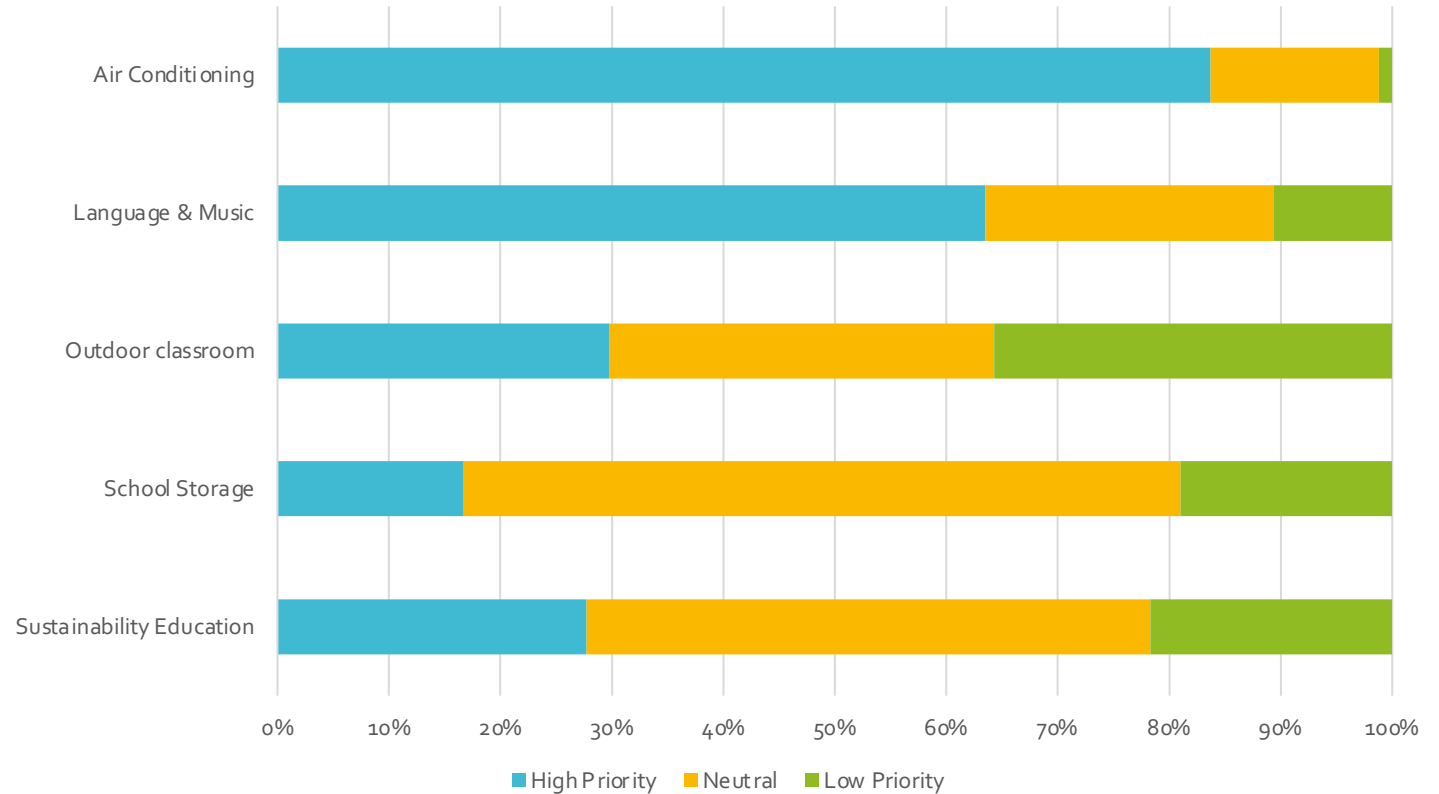
What we heard

Survey respondents indicated a preference for the P&C to focus its effort on school improvements and educational enrichment activities, over events.



Funding Priorities

Funding Initiatives Feedback



The introduction of air conditioning, followed by support for extra-curricular language and music programs, were clear preferred priorities in the feedback received

Supporting Comments

Air Conditioning

"Air conditioning is vitally important to the learning and well being of students. Our classrooms hit 30 degrees (measured and recorded) inside during the day with fans and aircon boxes ON already. Students and teachers alike are uncomfortable and unable to concentrate wholly."

"Think the AC is a priority - I am quite surprised it is not already in place given the temperatures we experience."

Educational Enrichment Programs

"Language programs should be included during school hours for all Stages - the science is clear on the lifelong benefits of starting language exposure early"

"I would love a French class and would be happy to participate organise it and teach it"

Outdoor Classroom

"I love teaching outside, but this can be done with the spaces we already have."

Sustainability Education

"Other sustainable initiatives. Leverage of water tanks. Introducing solar and green walls and blinds for rooms to improve the building efficiency."

Other Funding Priorities

Improved technology

"Every class should have access to iPads or laptops. At the moment, we are sharing but they are old and unreliable."

"Better access to technology (computers) for all students and a dedicated set of computers for the STEAM space."

"Technology overhaul. Many laptops are old and becoming unusable. New tech and enough working tech for a class would make learning much more accessible. Typing skills are essential for NAPLAN now."

"Technology that works so students can practice essential research and typing skills (needed for NAPLAN), should also be discussed."

Library resources

"The library is a terrific resource. It could do with some more enhancements and certainly more books."

"It is vital for the teaching and learning of our students, across all areas of the curriculum, to be fully supported by our P&C. Classes / learning cannot function properly without up-to-date, sufficient and functioning IT in the classrooms, nor without books in our library."

"Our school is looking beautiful however, the priority needs to be the resourcing to assist learning prior to the "big picture" stuff."

Other feedback and suggestions

- *"Programs to celebrate and respect diversity"*
- *"Increased incorporation of multicultural events and themes to our community - starting with languages but moving to key events, food, etc. the Lunar New Year was really good!"*
- *"It would be really wonderful to organise a presentation/workshop on neuro-affirming education for students (and possibly one for teachers), to help them better understand, welcome, value and celebrate contributions of neurodivergent peers at school (e.g. neurotypes such as autism, ADHD, OCD, giftedness, dyslexia, dysgraphia)."*
- *"Students should have a voice in decisions about funding. Listen to the class senators meeting and see what they would really like."*
- *"Better play equipment - one cube in the playground isn't enough. You could paint games on the concrete e.g., hopscotch, noughts & crosses etc."*
- *Animal shelter trips, aged care trips, clean the peninsula days*

Thank you!

Thank you to all our members and supporters. We appreciate the many ways in which you support the P&C's work.

To the 52 survey respondents who have offered to volunteer for our planned 2024 events, thank you! We will be in touch soon.



"Thank you to the efforts of the P&C"

"Thank you for everything you all do. I know it come sometimes be quite a thankless "job"

"A big thank you to all our P&C! You are all amazing fundraisers and so supportive"