

What is the PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)?

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) is a link between the College and home. Although the running of the College is the responsibility of the College Administration, the PTA provides whatever support possible.

What does the PTA do?

The PTA organizes various activities aimed at addressing the educational, spiritual, cultural and social development of both adults and children involved in the College. Some of these activities are also fund-raising events. These events are very important as they help the College work on certain projects which otherwise may take longer to be accomplished due to lack of funds. Information on these projects is given during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the PTA, apart from at various meetings or functions held during the scholastic year.

Who is the PTA?

All parents automatically become members of the PTA when their children enter the College, and teachers are members too. Parent representatives are elected to the PTA Committee by other parents, while teacher representatives are elected by the teachers. The PTA committee coordinates the affairs of the PTA. The Committee is currently made up of fifteen members, eight of whom are elected from among the parents. The other members include the Heads, Assistant Heads and teachers from the Senior and Junior sections of the College, and the College Chaplain. If elected, a parent or teacher serves on the Committee for two years, and then, if he/she wishes, can stand for re-election. The Chairperson is a parent elected by the Committee.

When does the PTA Committee meet?

Committee meetings are held in the evenings, at least once a month. Occasionally Sub-Committees are set up to deal with a specific activity or event. This would not require the attention of the whole Committee, so one or two members together with other helpers from amongst the parents and teachers, take care of it.

How does a parent become a member of the PTA committee?

Any parent of a child in the College who wishes to become a member of the PTA Committee must be nominated by another parent, called the Proposer. The Proposer, together with another parent called the Secunder, fill in and sign the form sent to all parents for this purpose. The parent who wishes to become a member of the Committee must then fill in and sign the last part of the form, to show agreement and willingness to form part of the PTA committee. Only one nomination form for each parent who wishes to join the committee is necessary. The Proposer and Secunder must both have a child in the College.

Is nominating a parent for the PTA committee enough for the parent to become a PTA committee member?

Nominating a parent to become a member of the Committee does not mean that the parent automatically becomes a member. If, for example, the places to be filled on the Committee are four, and five or more parents are nominated, an election must be held. This election is usually held during the Annual General Meeting of the PTA. It is, therefore, very important for parents to attend this meeting in order to vote for the parent of their choice. Both parents/legal guardians of a student of the College have the right to vote in such an election. Each parent/legal guardian is entitled to one vote and each family is entitled to not more than two votes, even if the family has more than one child attending the College.

Why is there an AGM and why should I attend?

The Annual General Meeting is always held during the first term of the scholastic year. Parents and teachers are greatly encouraged to attend to learn what has been done by the PTA during the last scholastic year, to make suggestions or voice concerns in a constructive way, and, in the case of parents, to elect the parent representatives who will form part of the Committee. Attendance and involvement of parents and teachers in the Annual General Meeting and other activities organised by the PTA is important above all for the pupils of the College, because our adult participation and support go a long way towards showing the children that we value their school and to making them feel that school is their second home.

THE PTA STATUTE CAN BE FOUND ON THE COLLEGE WEB-SITE OR CAN BE VIEWED AT THE OFFICE.

THE PTA COMMITTEE MAY BE CONTACTED BY E-MAIL ON sacredheartschoolpta@gmail.com.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO E-MAIL, LEAVE YOUR NAME & CONTACT DETAILS WITH THE SCHOOL SECRETARY.

A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE WILL CONTACT YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.