



Hello and Welcome to LLV!

Friends of the Village (FOTV) is the Parents & Citizens Association of Lindfield Learning Village. We are a community of engaged and enthusiastic parents & carers who work collaboratively with the school to foster connectedness with each other and build a community of friendship.

We are so glad that you have decided to join us on this exciting educational journey with our children. Each of us has made a deliberate decision for our children to attend LLV as we believe that school should be about learning skills and having experiences that will benefit our children for the rest of their lives. Your LLV experience will be different to your school experiences so far but both the school and FOTV will be with you every step of the way.

Just as LLV is a different kind of school, FOTV is a different kind of P&C. We are guided by our values in everything we do: **Collaboration**, **Connection**, **Enthusiasm** and **Welcoming**. Here are a few ways in which we dare to be different:

- we don't run a 'uniform' shop because there is no compulsory uniform at LLV; instead we run a 'multiform' shop that consists of items of LLV-branded apparel that can be mixed-and-matched by students (and parents!), including polo shirts that were designed by the students!
- we don't have 'class parents' but 'Stage Socialites' who keep you connected with other parents & carers in your child(ren)'s stage(s). Your fellow stage parents & carers are an essential hub of information about all things LLV.
- we have plenty of working groups that you can join, if you're keen to contribute your skills, experience and time to help out the school in lots of different ways. Whether it's helping out with one of our many social events, co-creating something awesome with the school or contributing to our fundraising efforts, there's a working group for you!
- our face-to-face FOTV General Meetings (held each term) have attendees numbering approx. 30-50 and are engaging, informative and always include a bit of fun! During lockdown in 2020, we held our first general meetings virtually, setting the standard for P&C Zoom meetings. These proved so popular that we've continued to hold these via Zoom; attendance of parents, carers, teachers and children usually numbers 70+, with a peak of 100+ for one meeting!

For more on what we do (and have done) and how you can get involved, make sure you visit the FOTV website at: <https://fotv.org.au>. It is here that you'll also find information on how to become an FOTV Member (for only \$2) to allow you to vote and more fully participate at our meetings; and to become an official 'friend' of the village!

I truly hope that your time at LLV is amazing, for you and your children, and that you meet fellow 'villagers' that become lifelong friends. I'm confident that FOTV will be the source of many of your positive LLV memories & stories and look forward to meeting you soon!

Cheers

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