

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOTICE OF ELECTIONS AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

All government Schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. An active College Council is very important to the success of a school and the College Council is seeking people who wish to be active participants in what we believe will be an exciting period for Greensborough College.

Nomination forms are available from the Administration Office or the COMPASS portal.

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandatory elected parent category.**
- **A mandatory elected DET employee category.**
- **An optional community member category.**

The term of office for members is two years. Half the members must retire each year and this creates vacancies for the annual School Council elections. Parents and DET employees on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- Standing for election as a member of the School Council
- Encouraging another person to stand for election

If you decide to stand for election in either the parent category or DET employee category the nomination form must be returned to the **Principal** within the time stated on the notice of election.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on Council, a ballot will be conducted after the call for nominations has closed.

COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTION TIMELINE

Notice of election and Call for Nominations:	Tuesday 26 th February 2019
Close of nominations:	Tuesday 5 th March 2019
Display list of candidate's nominator & seconder:	Wednesday 6 th March 2019
Prepare ballot papers and distribute on or before:	Friday 8 th March 2019
Close of ballot:	Friday 15 th March 2019 at 4pm
Count votes & declare ballot:	Monday 18 th March 2019

School Council Membership

A school council's constituting Order specifies the total size of the council and the number of members in each category. Most members of a school council stand for election at the school where they are parents or Department of Education and Early Childhood Development DET employee members. Other members can be co-opted by the council within the limits of the constituting Order. A school council must be between 6 and 15 members in total size and can have up to three categories of membership.

Membership categories

1. A mandated elected parent category. Because parents have such an important part to play in schools, there is an elected parent member category. Parent members must comprise of more than one-third of council's total membership. DET employees are eligible to be parent members at their child's school, as long as they do not work at the particular school.
2. A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. As the Executive Officer, the principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
3. An optional community member category. Its members are co-opted by the decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience, for example parent club representative, student representatives, an accountant. DET employees are not eligible to be community members.

The names listed below in groups corresponding to those that are outgoing some of whom are eligible for re-election:

Elected until March 2020:

Michelle Molinaro	(Parent Member)
Mark Roberts	(Parent Member)
Margaret McNicol	(Parent Member)
Glenn Jenner	(DET Member)
Jahnvi Sharma	(Student Member)
Aayusha Kafle	(Student Member)

Outgoing:

Stella de Vin	(Parent Member)
Ev Stone	(Parent Member)
Jonathan McConchie	(Parent Co-opted)
Rosalinda Manly	(DET Member)
Sheryl Johnson	(DET Co-opted)

Vacancies arising for 2019 comprise:

- 4 x Parent vacancies for 2 year term
- 2 x DET vacancies for 2 year term
- 1 x Community Member Co-opted for 2 year term

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current Greensborough College Council members for their sterling work for the College during 2018.

Please contact me should you require any further information.

Pauline Barker
Principal