

How can I get involved in the Alice Springs Steiner School?

Our School gives people the opportunity to contribute in many ways. We encourage parents to be actively involved in their child's education through supporting the activities of our community. There are a number of ways you can help depending on your skills, knowledge and available time – these include:

- Class Carer – details of what this special role involves are available from the Office
- Helping with class activities such as reading, craft projects, and excursions– your child's teacher will invite you to be part of these activities
- Craft Group – several groups meet informally to make toys for the School and for the School Fair
- School Fair – the School Fair is the day the school invites the Alice Springs Community in to share what we do. It is the School's main fundraising activity each year and we ask every parent to contribute to its success.
- Canteen – help turn the beautiful produce from our biodynamic school garden into nutritious lunches for your children
- Helping out at working bees and behind the scenes at our School Festivals
- Governing Body member
- Sub-Committee member
- Donations to the school

Becoming a TASSA member

TASSA Membership is free for all parents and carers of children at the school. There are membership nomination forms in the Enrolment Pack or ask for one at the Office. Friends of the school may also join.

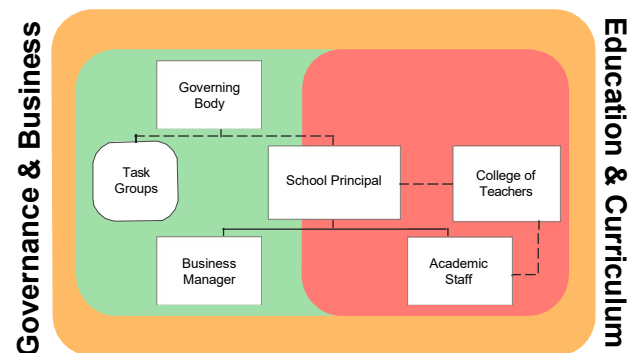
Membership nominations are then approved by the TASSA Governing Body.

Committee Meetings

The Governing Body meets monthly during the school year and the Sub-Committees meet as needed.

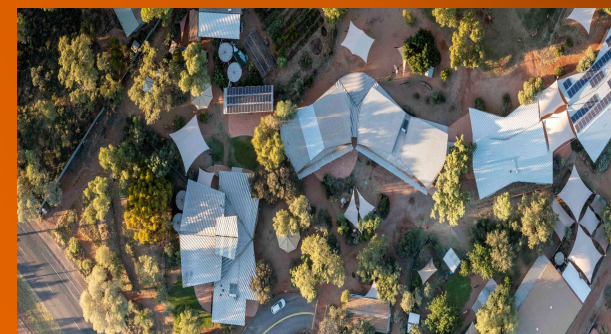
The TASSA Annual General Meeting is held near the end of Term 1 each year.

Under our Constitution at least 10% of TASSA members must be present at the AGM.



TASSA

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Welcome to the Alice Springs Steiner School

We hope your stay with us will be richly rewarding for you and your children. Alice Springs is a unique place offering a distinctive environment for children to grow and learn. Our mission is to provide a 'world class' Steiner education for the benefit of the children of Central Australia. Again, we welcome you to our community and we hope you find a mirror for the values you hold in bringing up your children.

Our School was founded in 1997 as a kindergarten by a group of dedicated passionate Alice Springs parents who believed in the Rudolph Steiner philosophy of education. It is now a preschool and primary school, with a new and growing high school of about 200 children altogether. The School and its children are supported by a wonderful community of parents, teachers, staff and friends who all continue to make extraordinary contributions.

From small beginnings behind Araluen, the School moved to the current campus in 2004 where it continues to grow.

Who owns the Alice Springs Steiner School?

The Alice Springs Steiner School is a registered educational establishment owned by **The Alice Springs Steiner Association (TASSA)** formed to:

- Develop and maintain a successful school based on the philosophy of Rudolf Steiner.
- Promote discussion about educational methods and practices arising from Rudolf Steiner's philosophy.
- Engage in and support discussion and activities that flow from the ideas of Rudolf Steiner.

How is TASSA run?

TASSA is run by a Governing Body made up of volunteers who are full members of the Association. The Governing Body's role is to ensure good governance of the School and to manage the employment and performance of the Principal. In turn, the Governing Body delegates responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the School to the Principal.

The Governing Body is also responsible for setting the strategic direction of the school. This is done in conjunction with The Principal and the College of Teachers. The current Strategic Plan runs from Dec 2016 – 2022 and is available from the office.

The educational direction of the School is determined by the Principal, working closely with the College of Teachers. An educational Master Plan is devised every two years through a collaborative process ensuring resources are distributed wisely and the goal of delivering quality educational outcomes for the children is the highest priority.

The School is also supported by non-teaching staff who manage the garden and grounds, the office and the business and finances.

Communication

The School's Communication Policy outlines the communication pathways and protocols within the School between teachers, employees, parents and students.

The health of our school is reflected by our commitment to clear, open and respectful communication at all levels. If you encounter any conflict or have a grievance, please refer to the policy for guidance as to how the school expects this to be managed. A copy of the policy is available from the Office.

The TASSA Governing Body

If you have been a TASSA member for 12 months, you can nominate for membership of the TASSA Governing Body at the Annual General Meeting.

The TASSA Governing Body has up to 8 members. The current members are:

Chairman – David Sweeney
Treasurer – Peter Taylor
Secretary – John Mowry
Faculty Representative: Megan Hatton

Observer positions are also available for those who have been members for less than 12 months.

Please feel free to introduce yourself to any of the Governing Body members at any of the school events.

The Governing Body currently has three Sub-Committees that draw on the expertise within the wider school community to serve on these. Sub-Committee members do not have to be TASSA.

The Sub-Committees are:

- Finance
- Lands and Buildings
- Marketing

Sub-Committees do not have decision making power, being tasked instead to make recommendations to the Governing Body to assist it in making decisions. The TASSA Constitution and the Governing Body Sub-Committee Terms of Reference can be requested from the School Office.

If you are interested in joining a Sub-Committee or becoming a Governing Body member, please contact the office and either the Chairman or the Principal will get in touch to discuss.