**Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Primary School Advisory Council (OSAC)**

**OSAC Membership Nomination Request**

Dear OLA Families

Your School Advisory Council (OSAC) meets regularly to discuss ways to practically improve the school and to work on school strategies and projects.

OSAC are now calling for member nominations to fill current vacancies. We encourage all parents to consider nominating for one of these important posts. Please note OSAC Membership is purely voluntary and is for a three year term.

**ROLE OF OSAC**

The School Advisory Council exists to provide a representative structure and actively contributes to the growth and development of the school.  The purpose of the OLA School Advisory Council is:

* To ensure the highest possible standard of care, safety and wellbeing of children
* To ensure the Catholic ethos is maintained and nurtured
* To build and sustain relationships and partnerships
* To support the parish priest, the principal and the school leadership team
* To ensure good governance through shared wisdom
* To bear witness to the principle of subsidiarity (decisions made at the local level)
* To serve the entire school community
* To create futures and to consider the big picture
* To seek the optimum learning environment for all students.

**MEETINGS**

* Approximately 8 meetings per year with additional meetings as required for subcommittee work
* Scheduled at monthly intervals during school terms
* Held on a Tuesday evening from 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm at the School in Cheltenham or currently by Zoom

**PRIORITIES FOR THE BOARD**

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| * Child Safety
* Ongoing building refinements
* Sustainability initiatives
* IT & Digital Technologies
* Cyber safety
* Road safety
 | * Health and safety
* Branding & marketing
* Website
* Maintenance and works
* Landscaping
* Corporate/grant fund raising
 | * Enhanced parish community interaction
* Skills bank
* Subcommittees
* Continuous improvement
* Review supplier contracts
* Other business
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**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Please send an email to Richard Jacques (Principal) on principal@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au stating your wish to nominate for a seat on the School Advisory Council and a brief outline of your background and areas of interest. Please remember to include contact details in your email. We will consider all applications and the successful candidates will be invited to attend the last School Advisory Council meeting of the year on Monday 2 December at 7.00 pm

**APPLICATION CLOSING DATE**

Monday 4 November

The School Advisory Council provides an excellent opportunity for you to contribute to the children’s educational outcomes and offers a forum enabling you to have your say on the direction of your school. We strongly encourage you to consider this wonderful opportunity to make a difference.

Kind regards.
Richard Jacques