

Francis Killackey - When I migrated to Australia as a young child my parents made sure we made the most of the educational opportunities here. I am determined to make sure the best opportunities are available to all students at EDSC. The most important reason why my daughter attends EDSC is the strong tradition of academic excellence and the opportunities this will open for her. If elected I will make sure every action I take is directed towards continuing the excellence achieved at EDSC. I am a Chartered Accountant, an Australian lawyer and currently serve as a volunteer on the Finance Committee of the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre. I have many years of experience on boards of large non-profits, public and private companies as well as dealing with government at State and Commonwealth levels. Throughout this I have worked through many common and uncommon issues and can use this experience for the benefit of EDSC. I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the EDSC council.

Mahwish Shaikh - "I am Mahwish Shaikh, currently serving Latrobe Uni as the Solution Architect. Also representing "Women in STEM" for the Higher education sector. Lately been engaged as motivational speaker and career counsellor for RMIT and Stile education. I have two children studying at EDSC, a boy in Year 8 and girl in Year 7. Over the years I have managed to keep a balance between work and family which sometimes gets tough, but we have learnt our ways to keep the momentum going. With prior knowledge of Higher Education and Non-profits, I feel I can add value to EDSC in several ways including Advancements(fundraising), promoting cultural and social diversity, student well-being and being the voice of students and parents alike. I strongly believe in creating links between the teachers and parents and implying optimal strategies to maintain a healthy learning environment where students can thrive in their own space."

Martin Roche - Hello, my name is Martin Roche, and I am the parent of a Year 10 student at the College. My Children have been going to the College since 2015. I am a Certified Public Accountant with over thirty years' experience in the public sector. I was a School Councillor and Treasurer at Templestowe Heights Primary School from 2012 to 2019. I have been a member of the EDSC School Council since 2020, serving on the Finance Committee and supporting the Business Manager and Principal through the Pandemic. Despite the challenges that came with COVID we were able to complete the Wellbeing Centre and invest in the College's infrastructure. I am passionate about public education and using my financial management skills to support the Senior Management Team at the School to continue to build on the College's stand out Year 12 results. At the same time, I understand the need for the School to support the wellbeing of all students. I look forward to serving on the 2023 School Council if elected.

Cyrus Tengra - An EDSC parent since ten years, I've served school council for eight (Vice-President-5; finance committee member-4). I'm an MBA(Finance) and fellow member of Institute of Managers & Leaders. Currently working in the health sector and previously served as CFO of an overseas conglomerate. I believe my financial reporting, planning/budgeting skills have supported council's decision-making for various projects undertaken including school's master plan development, facilities redevelopment, courtyards, well-being centre, locker bays etc. At EDSC I have witnessed my children Sharlene and Shaun's personal development through a well-balanced blend of music, sports, academics, community work and leadership roles. I believe the school strikes the right balance in helping students achieve their full potential and grooming well-rounded personalities. Contributing towards decisions catering to the growth of current and future generations is extremely fulfilling. If re-elected, I believe my professional skills and personal strengths will enable me to further support the council achieve many more developmental milestones which enrich EDSC's reputation and complement the year on year excellent academic results achieved.

Kashyap Patel - My name is Kashyap Patel, and I am the father of Ishani Patel (Class 7D). I currently work as a leading scientist in pharmaceutical research, including pediatrics. I previously volunteered my services as a parent helper for various extracurricular activities at Doncaster Gardens Primary School. These included assisting in sporting, academic and cultural events. While I was not a member of the DGPS council, I did play a small, but valuable part in activities that enhance the overall development of our children. I believe that the above engagement, together with my professional background, would allow for me to contribute in several ways. I would work with other council members to promote strategic plans and policies, provide advice on career development, foster networking, as well as support fundraising opportunities and non-academic events. Overall, I would collaborate with the principal, staff, and council members to help strengthen the relationships between school and home. I look forward to my potential selection in the EDSC school council, and the opportunity to further offer my services.

Samer Skaik - I am honoured to be nominated for the school council. As a senior lecturer at Central Queensland University with over 20 years of experience as an educator, researcher, and project management consultant, I am confident in my ability to make a valuable contribution to the council. With a track record of over 50 refereed articles, many of which are focused on best practices of learning and teaching, I bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the table. As a parent of three students currently enrolled at EDSC, I am personally invested in ensuring that the school provides the best possible environment for all students. I am passionate about creating a positive and inclusive learning environment that fosters a sense of belonging and wellbeing among all students. If elected to the school council, I will work closely with all stakeholders to ensure that the needs of every student are met and that their voices are heard. I am committed to help shape the direction of the school and ensure that all students receive the best possible education. I would be honoured to serve on the school council and would greatly appreciate your vote.

Ayman Yousry - As a parent of three young boys and an engineer as well as a personal trainer, I bring a unique perspective and set of skills to the school council. My professional background in engineering has taught me the importance of problem-solving, critical thinking, and teamwork, all of which I believe are essential qualities for a successful council member. As a parent, I understand the needs and concerns of families, and I am passionate about ensuring that every student has the resources and support they need to succeed. I am committed to working with teachers, administrators, and other parents to create a safe, inclusive, and enriching learning environment for all students. I believe that together we can make a positive impact on our school and the wider community. I am excited about the opportunity to serve on the school council and I look forward to your support