

St Michael's, Ashburton, School Advisory Council

Expression of Interest

The St Michael's School Advisory Council seeks expressions of interest from several parents and caregivers interested in joining the council from 2025 for a term of two years. While no particular expertise is required, the school seeks people with a range of diverse skill sets to best advise the principal, united by a desire to provide the best possible education for our students.

A balanced membership with parent/caregiver voice on the School Advisory Council is well-placed to advise the principal about important matters, particularly those related to the school's mission and students' success. The needs of the council will be given priority in terms of ensuring a balance of gender, cultural diversity and skill sets.

The School Advisory Council provides a forum for discussion and discernment, where parent or caregiver voice and community perspective are available to inform and support the decisions made by the principal and parish priest as the custodian of mission for the good of school and parish where students' wellbeing and outcomes are paramount.

The School Advisory Council provides a crucial point of connection between the wider school community and school leaders. While the School Advisory Council does not have governance responsibility or decision-making authority, it supports the principal and school leadership and provides an important connection to the parish.

The School Advisory Council supports the overall governance of MACS schools as it 'is to give consideration to, and advice on, important school matters in order to support the principal and the strategic interest of the school' (*Working Together in Mission* p. 18).

Adherence to the school's Child Safe Standards must be at the forefront of any appointment process. As a condition of appointment, council members must have a Working with Children Check, and sign and comply with the school's Child Safety Code of Conduct.

If you wish to be part of this exciting team, please complete the form below and return to Annie Herbison in the school office no later than **Friday 20th September, 2024**. All applications will be considered and people notified in Term 4. Please note, the SAC meets 6-7 times per year for approx 2 hours and if you become part of the council you will be required to attend these meetings as well as take part in a sub committee.

NAME: _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES: _____

Please state briefly your reasons for wishing to join the St Michael's School Council

Names and signatures of two parents / parishioners who support your application:
