



## Notice of School Council Elections and Call for Nominations 2023

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers and Department of Education and Training employees of Deer Park West Primary School,

We are now calling for nominations for the Deer Park West Primary School Council.

**What is a school council and what does it do?** All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key direction of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students. The term of office for all members is two years.

**Why is a parent membership so important?** Parents on school council provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

**What do you need to do to stand for election?** If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the parent category.

### Membership

The Deer Park West Primary School Council includes parents and DET employees. It comprises of nine members:

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| ▪ Parents/DET Employee Parents                 | 6 | (elected for two years) (alternating finish) |
| ▪ DET Employees                                | 2 | (elected for two years)                      |
| ▪ Principal (DET Employee – Executive Officer) | 1 |  |

### To Be Elected

Membership Category	Terms of Office	Number of Vacancies
Parent Members and/or	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025 (two year term)	4
DET Employee Parent Members	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 (one year term)	0
DET Employee Members	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 (two year term)	0

I hereby call for nominations for the positions of Parent members and Department of Education and Training employee members to serve on the Deer Park West School Council.

Nominations forms will be available at the school office from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. These include:

- Self nomination forms – Parent Member
- Nomination form for a Parent Member

Nominations must be lodged at the front office by **4.00pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**.

After the close of nominations, all nominations will be displayed in the office foyer on the Notice board.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted on the community notice board.