



Dear Parents,

School Advisory Council

I am writing to you about transitioning the School Advisory Council at St Brigid's Primary School. This transition process started last year and this year we will consolidate the process.

As you know our school, like all the Catholic parish and diocesan schools in the Melbourne Archdiocese, is now under the guidance of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS). Every school has been asked to establish a School Advisory Council as a way of giving parents and guardians a chance to be involved in the school.

Our current school board/parish education board will continue with a new name - St Brigid's School Advisory Council under new terms of reference. The School Advisory Council will continue to advise the Principal on important matters and be a support to the Principal and Leadership of the school in their decision making process.

In many ways we have emphasised the importance of parents and guardians being involved in partnering with the school and the way this helps your children in their education.

At this stage we require a new member to join the School Advisory Council. I will put our the expression of interest form with this letter. As Principal of the St Brigid's I value the support and advice offered by the members of the Council on such matters as:

- The Religious Education program
- Curriculum
- Enrolments and enrolment policy
- School resources
- Improvements in the school
- Annual Report to the school community
- Family partnerships

These are just some of the ways a School Advisory Council can give advice to the Principal and Leadership in the school – there are many other areas as well.

I am excited by the idea of renewing our School Advisory Council and hope many of you will also see this as another chance to support your school and your children.

If you would like more information about MACS School Advisory Councils please refer to the following link: <https://governance.melbourne/sac-faq/>.

Yours in partnership,

Wendy Sullivan

Principal

