

School Council Elections 2017

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 directions 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.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school.
- **A mandated elected DET employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional Community member category.** Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Some points about our College Council Composition: (total members of 15),

7 Parent Members	-	maximum of 2 DET / parents
5 DET Members	-	the Principal being one of these
3 Community Members	-	2 Students and 1 Community

Current Members and retirement dates are:

<i>Parents</i>		<i>DET Membership</i>	
Bernie Macgill	31 March 2018	Ken Murray	
Greg Bennett	31 March 2018	Gerry Vecchio	31 March 2018
Tracey Toy	31 March 2018	Sarah Pollard	31 March 2017
Brent Evans	31 March 2017	Peter Cantlin	31 March 2017
Jason Kelly	31 March 2017	Xavier Tanner	31 March 2017
Paul Walker	31 March 2017		
Dean Walton	31 March 2017		
<i>Community Members</i>			
<i>– CoOpted</i>			
Two Students		31 March 2017	
1 Vacancy			

Nominations

Candidates for the Parent Member Category may be nominated according to the 'Notes' under 'Notice of election and call for nominations' overleaf.

Similar explanatory notes for the DET membership category are available with the nomination form from the College.

The Election Process:

Monday 13 th February	- Call for nominations
Monday 20 th February	- Nominations close at 4.00pm
Monday 27 th February	- Delivery of Ballot papers (if required)
Monday 6 th March	- Ballot closure at 4.00pm (if required)
Wednesday 15 th March	- Counting of votes & declaration

Voting:

Two methods for Casting Votes:

1. By post
2. By delivering the vote into the voting box at the school.

More details about each method will be circulated later with the Ballot papers.

The official Notice of Election schedule appears overleaf.

Please contact the Principal for further information.

Ken Murray
Principal



Wanganui Park Secondary College

Notice of election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Wanganui Park Secondary College.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4 pm on Monday 20th February 2017.

The ballot (if required) will close at 4 pm on Monday 6th March 2017.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows -

Membership category

Term of office

Number of positions

Parent member

From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2017* to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019*

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DEECD employee member

From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2017* to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020*

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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 in a prominent position at the school.

Ken Murray

Principal

Notes:

1. "Electorate of the school" means the DET employee electorate of the school and the Parent electorate of the school.
 2. "Parent electorate of the school" means all persons (except the principal) who are Parents of students of the school, other than those who are DET employees and who opt or are deemed to opt in accordance with clause 22 to be members of the DET employee electorate of the school.
 3. "DET employee electorate of the school" means the principal of the school and –
 - (a) DET employees engaged in work at and for the school (other than those who are Parents of students of the school and who neither opt nor are deemed to opt in accordance with clause 22 to be members of the DET employee electorate of the school); and
 - (b) other DET employees who are Parents of students of the school and who opt or are deemed to opt in accordance with clause 22 to be members of the DET employee electorate of the school.
 4. "DET employee" -
 - (a) means a person employed for eight hours or more per week in either an on-going capacity or for a fixed term of at least 90 days -
 - (i) under the *Teaching Service Act 1981*; or
 - (ii) by the DET under the *Public Sector Management and Employment Act 1998*; or
 - (iii) by a school council of a State school; or
 - (iv) under section 5 or 5A of the *Education Act 1958*; or
 - (v) under more than one of the paragraphs (i) to (iv) above, and
 - (b) does not mean a person employed, under a contract for service or the employees or the contracted personnel of such a person.
5. Votes may be posted to the principal or placed in the ballot box at the school on any day up to the closure of the ballot. Further details on how votes may be lodged will be provided when ballot papers are sent to the electorate of the school.