

Anzac Terrace PS School Council – Information and Nomination Form



What is a School Council? A School Council is a formally constituted group that includes the Principal and parent, staff and community representatives.

(Students aged 15 years or over may also be included.)

Must a school have a School Council? Yes. It is a requirement under the School Education Act 1999.

What is the purpose of a School Council? Community participation is a major factor in improving education at your school. Councils are a formal means of achieving community participation in schools to ensure they are responsive to local needs.

What experience is needed to be a School Council member? None. What is needed is an interest in your child's school and the skills to work co-operatively with others to help shape its future.

What does a School Council do? The Council's functions include:

- Taking part in establishing and reviewing the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions;
- Taking part in the planning of financial arrangements necessary to fund the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions;
- Taking part in the evaluation of the school's performance in achieving its objectives, priorities and general policy directions;
- Approving certain charges and contributions and advertising and sponsorship agreements;
- Determining the school's dress code in consultation with students, staff and parents;
- Providing advice to the Principal on religious education and related activities; and
- Promoting the school in the community

The Council does not take part in the day-to-day management of the school or its staff.

Are there different types of School Councils? Yes. Most schools will have a non-incorporated Council. However, Councils may become incorporated to enable them to carry out some additional functions.

Who can be on the Council? Representatives of:

- Parents of students attending the school;
- Staff at the school
- Other members of the general community
- The Principal is automatically a member.

Parent and community members must be in the majority. Anzac Terrace PS has 7 parents and 6 staff. Parents and Citizens' Association nominate one Parent Member in the parent or community category. Membership can be for a period up to two years. Members may stand for re-election. The Council elects its own chairperson.

How often does a school Council meet? Each Council sets the frequency of meetings. However, it is anticipated that School Councils will meet at least once a school term and must hold one meeting each calendar year that is open to the public.

Who is the school Council responsible to? While formally accountable to the Minister for Education, each Council has a fundamental responsibility to the school community.

Nomination of Parent Member of School Council 2018-2019

Nominee (Please print name) _____

Address _____

Signed _____

Contact phone number _____

(When an election is to be held, candidates will be asked to provide a half page statement supporting their candidacy.)

Nominated by (can be self-nominated) _____

Address _____

Signed _____

Timeline

- 15 Nov :-** Advertise to Parents
- 15 Feb :-** Close of Nominations at Principal's Office 3.00pm.
- 16 Feb :-** Voting slips sent out. (if required)
- 22 Feb :-** Close of voting 3.00pm
- 23 Feb :-** Results finalised and announced
- 27 Feb :-** School Council meeting 3:00pm (staffroom)

First Meeting for 2018

