

# BSSC Council Elections 2012

## *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 categories of membership:

- **Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be parent members at their child's school. At BSSC there are 6 Parent Members of College Council.
- **DEECD 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. At BSSC there are 5 DEECD Members of College Council.
- **Community member category.** These members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be community members. At BSSC there are 4 Community Members of College Council.

The term of office is generally two years with approximately half the members retiring each year.

## *Why is parent membership so important?*

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

## *How can you become involved?*

- Stand for election as a member of the school council (you may self nominate if you wish)
- Encourage another person to stand for election
- Vote in the election

## *Do I need special experience to be on school council?*

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the future of the college. Our College Council meets once a month.

## *What do you need to do to stand for election?*

Fill in a nominations form and return it to the General Office by 4 p.m. on Monday 27 February. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted.

## **Nominate Now**

Nominations are hereby called for, to fill **THREE** Parent Member positions (one of these is a one year position and three are two-year positions) and **TWO** DEECD employee positions on the College Council. You may self nominate or be nominated by another person. Parent nomination forms are included in this document. Nomination forms for DEECD positions are available from the General Office. **Nominations close at 4 p.m. on Monday 27 February.**

If required, a ballot will be conducted and voting forms distributed on Thursday 1 March. Voting, if required, will close at 4 p.m. on Thursday 8 March.

The elected members of College Council will fill the Community Member positions at their March meeting. Expressions of interest for these Community Member positions are welcome and should be directed to the Principal.

**A parent nomination form is included in this document** – please note that only ONE of the nomination forms needs to be completed, depending on whether you are **self nominating** or **being nominated by another person**. Please contact the General Office if you require further information.

**BENDIGO SENIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE**

College Council Elections 2012  
Schedule 5A Self-Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the Bendigo Senior Secondary College school council.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood  
Development:

Yes / No (please circle)

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above named school council. I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Completed nomination forms are to be returned to the General Office by 4.00 p.m. on Monday 27 February, 2012.

# BENDIGO SENIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE

## School Council Elections 2012 Schedule 5B Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate the person named below for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the Bendigo Senior Secondary College school council.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of, \_\_\_\_\_  
who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Early  
Childhood Development:

Yes / No (please circle)

Signature of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Candidate to complete**

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above named school council. I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

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