



BSSC Council Elections 2019

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 four categories of membership:

- **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. At BSSC there are 6 Parent Members of College Council.
- **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. At BSSC there are 5 DET Members of College Council.
- **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. At BSSC there are 4 Community Members of College Council.
- **Student member category.** Student members of school council have the same role and responsibilities as other council members including full voting rights however they are not eligible to hold any office bearer position. At BSSC there are 2 Student 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 or be nominated by another person)
- 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?

Collect a nomination form from the General Office and return it by 4 pm on Monday 25 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, **TWO** DET employee positions and **TWO** student members on the College Council. Nomination forms are available in hard copy from the General Office and can be emailed on request. You may self nominate or be nominated by another person. **Nominations close at 4 pm on Monday 25 February.**

If required, a ballot will be conducted and voting forms distributed on Thursday 28 February. Voting, if required, will close at 4 pm on Thursday 7 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.

Please contact the General Office on 5443 1222 if you require nomination forms or further information.