

22 March 2024

SCHOOL COUNCIL POSITIONS VACANT

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The MacGregor School Council has been operative since 2015. The school council plays a role in monitoring and informing the school's strategic direction in a way that achieves the best learning outcomes for the schools' students.

The functions of a school council under s.81 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) (the Act) are to:

- monitor the school's strategic direction;
- approve school plans and policies of a strategic nature, or other documents affecting strategic matters including the annual estimate of revenue and expenditure for the school;
- monitor the implementation of the plans, policies and other documents mentioned above; and
- advise the school's principal about strategic matters.

A school council may not, under the Act:

- interfere with management by the school's principal of day-to-day operations of the school and its curriculum (s.81(3)(a))
- make operational decisions about the use of teaching or learning resources at the school (s.81(3)(b))
- make decisions about the individual teaching style used, or to be used, at the school (s.81(3)(b))
- make a decision that is contrary to law or a written policy of the department (s.81(3)(d))
- have control of funds (s.82(a))
- enter into contracts (s.82(b))
- acquire, hold, dispose of or deal with property (s.82(c))
- sue or be sued (s.82(d)) or
- establish a committee or subcommittee (s.114).

As per the Constitution, we will shortly have 2 Parents positions and 4 Staff positions vacant on our School Council that need to be filled.

We would like to thank our outgoing members, Sandi Keating, Rachelle Wheeler, Julie Bransdon, Camilla McCloud, Yujin Seo, and Andrew Cho for their contribution to our school community as well as their ongoing advocacy for improved opportunities and outcomes for our students.

To be eligible for election as an elected parent, a person must:

- not be the principal of the school or the Parents and Citizens' association (P&C) president;
- have not been convicted of an indictable offence, unless the Minister gives approval under the Act (s.93);
- attend a meeting called for the purpose of electing parent members or staff members;
- be the parent of a student attending the school (for elected parent member) or be a member of staff at the school (for elected staff member); and
- submit a completed nomination on time.

A person is eligible to vote at the election if that person is eligible to be elected themselves as a parent or staff member representative.

Timelines for the election process are as follows:

Nominations open: **Friday, 26th April 2024**

Nominations close: **Friday, 10th May 2024 at 3pm** – to be delivered to the Returning Officer Marcia Crichton in a sealed envelope or emailed to mcric14@eq.edu.au

Nomination Information: Nominations and optional supporting information will be published on the school website from **Wednesday, 15th May 2024**.

Voting Days: 13th – 17th May 8am – 3pm at Admin reception.

Election Result Announcements Monday, 20th May 2024

Next School Council Meeting: **Monday 20th May 2024 at 6.00pm**

Information regarding the role descriptions, the nomination forms and election process will be available via the school website from **Wednesday 24th April 2024**.

By joining the school council, you will be part of a dedicated group of staff and parents who work together in the best interests of all of our students. Our school has a remarkable history and tradition of equity and excellence and I invite you to join us as we continue to maximise the opportunities for our students to reach “to the stars”. I look forward to working with you as we continue to position MacGregor State School as the school of choice in the years ahead.

Further queries regarding the school council can be directed to Lee Gerchow (lgerc1@eq.edu.au) or (schoolcouncilchair@macgregorss.eq.edu.au).

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Lee Gerchow

Principal

Mr. Happy Rahman

School Council Chair

