



MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE

RE: 2018 COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a School Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

For most School Councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category
- A mandated elected DET employee category
- An optional Community member category

Generally the term of office for all members is two years.

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.

Those parents who become active on a School Council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

There are three (3) Parent Member Category vacancies on the Montmorency Secondary College School Council for 2018. Council also has the option of co-opting a community representative if it sees the need. I would urge parents to seriously consider nominating for this important opportunity. It is vital that we have a full contingent of members, particularly in the Parent and Community categories. We know that many of you lead extremely busy lives, however it is not a big time commitment and the opinion, input and feedback that Parent Members provide is both positive and essential.

Parents of students at the College who are employed by the Department of Education (DET) can nominate as a parent representative as long as they do not teach at the school where they nominate.

Nominations open **9.00am on Monday 12th February, 2018** and close **4.00pm Monday 19th February, 2018**. The term of office is for two years, commencing in March, 2018. A nomination form is attached for your convenience.

Candidates may choose one of two ways to nominate. They have the option of self-nominating or being nominated by an eligible person. There is no requirement for a nomination to have a seconder.

Please return nomination forms to the Principal's Personal Assistant, Rose Taranto, before **4.00pm Monday 19th February, 2018**.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the College on 9422 1500.

Allan Robinson
Principal

School Council Elections

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

..... school council.

Name:

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Residential address:

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Home telephone:

Business telephone:

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Email:

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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 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 / /

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You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on.....

You may choose not to give some or all of the information requested; however, your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.