

# School Board Information

Students and learning at  
the centre of all that we do

EVERY STUDENT  
SUCCESSFUL

Every student known,  
valued and cared for

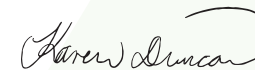
Located in the heart of the rapidly growing suburb of Harrisdale, Harrisdale Primary School opened its doors as an Independent Public school to more than 500 students on Monday, February 1st, 2016. In its foundation years, being a member of the Harrisdale School Board promises to be a very rewarding and fulfilling role, and one that requires time and commitment.

Harrisdale Primary offers state-of-the-art education facilities, combined with a welcoming and inclusive learning environment and high quality teaching and learning programs. Harrisdale Primary is committed to provide learning environments that optimise student learning and make every day at school count. We want our students to feel happy, safe, supported and valued. We want to inspire students to make confident and smart choices, and to encourage them to feel positive about themselves.

We aim for Harrisdale Primary to be known for its high standards of academic achievement; with Literacy, Numeracy and Science being a high priority and focus. We aim to achieve this through a robust set of expectations and standards, paired with excellent teaching practices.

Our school aims to develop 21st Century learners who are engaged thinkers. Students will be immersed in new digital technologies that will assist them to inform, communicate and connect. They will be given opportunities to think and act creatively, critically and innovatively.

Through consultation and working together, our school community will develop the direction of our school. The School Board is the conduit for this process. I look forward to working with our elected members to progress our beautiful new school.



Karen Duncan  
Principal



Strong start, strong  
foundations



Future focussed  
learning



High quality teaching  
& leadership



Engagement  
& partnerships





*"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."*

Benjamin Franklin

## Appointment to the Board

- The School Principal is automatically appointed to the School Board,
- An Executive Officer, appointed by Principal,
- The P&C will elect one representative to the School Board,
- The school staff will elect 3 representatives to the School Board,
- The school community will elect 5 representatives to the School Board,
- The School Principal will invite 2 community/business/eminent representatives to be on the School Board.

The School Community will elect the 5 representatives based on nominations through an 'Expression of Interest' to the Principal.

The 'Expression of Interest' should include a brief statement about the candidates interest in becoming a School Board member and their skillset, knowledge and commitment to the role.

Expressions of Interest can be emailed to the Principal, Karen Duncan at [Harrisdale.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Harrisdale.ps@education.wa.edu.au) by Monday, November 14th 2023, 4.00pm.

## School Board Information

As an Independent Public School, the school is expected to have a School Board.

The Principal is responsible for the educational leadership, operation and management of the school.

The role of the School Board is one of setting the long-term future for the school and maintaining

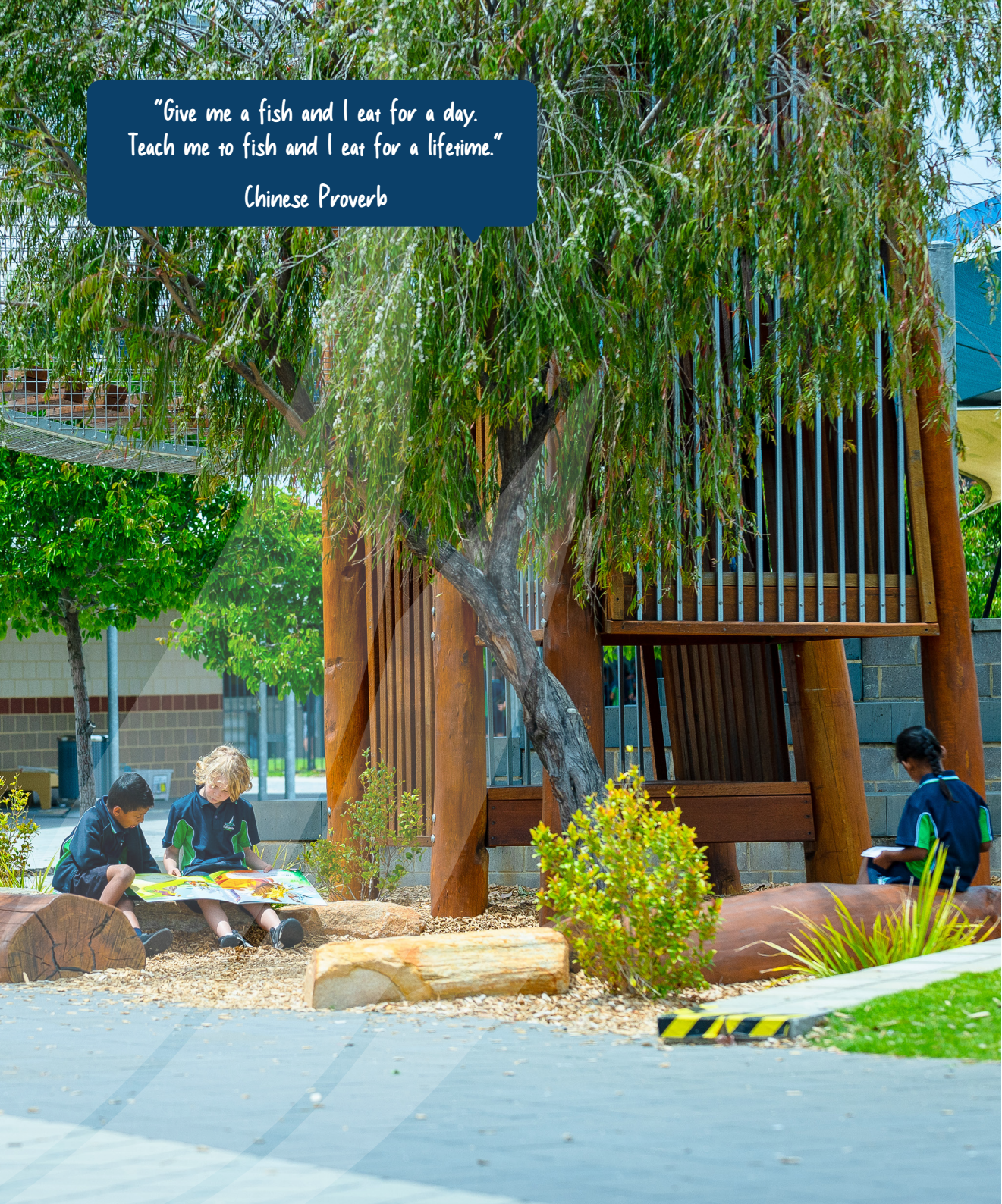
oversight (not management) of the School Business Plan. It is not about running the school that is the job of the principal, but rather, about providing additional expertise to help the school achieve the best outcomes for students.

The role of the School Council (board) is outlined in the Education Act 1999.

## Responsibilities of the School Board

- Work within the Department of Education's relevant legislation and regulations;
- Contribute to the school's Delivery and Performance Agreement (DPA);
- Monitor the progress of the school's Business Plan;
- Endorse and review the annual budget and School Funding Agreement;
- Assist with the formulation of the Codes of Conduct;
- Participate in the review of the school;
- Create interest, within and across the community, about the school;
- Assist with the selection of the principal when a vacancy arises (usually the Chair of the School Board will be a member of the panel);
- Approve fees, charges, contributions and items of personal use;
- Approve extra cost optional components of programs;
- Approve arrangements for sponsorship or advertising;
- Liaise with other committees within the school eg, P&C
- Hold one open meeting each year to report to the school community;
- Provide advice to the principal on religious education and related activities.





"Give me a fish and I eat for a day.  
Teach me to fish and I eat for a lifetime."

Chinese Proverb

## Our Values

At Harrisdale Primary we value:

- Teamwork
- Respectful Relationships
- Commitment to Learning
- Curiosity, Creativity and Critical Thinking
- Open Communication
- Health and Happiness
- Commitment and Determination
- Compassion and Care

## Board Members

When considering becoming a member of the School Board, you should understand the board's strategic role of oversight, direction and advice is distinct from the role of the Principal who is responsible for the educational leadership and day to day management and operations of the school.

It is vital you keep informed about the business of the board and be able to make conscientious and informed decisions. You will follow the lead of the board chair and be aware of expectations of your conduct regarding board matters. You will need to work constructively and cooperatively with other board members.

Your primary obligation is to support the agreed strategic direction and priorities of the board.

Required skills, knowledge and experience:

- Integrity and ethical behaviour
- Ability to think strategically
- Sound judgement
- Commitment
- Communication skills
- Team intelligence