

# BELRIDGE SECONDARY COLLEGE

An Independent Public School

## SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS' PROFILES



**SHARON LYON**  
**Principal**

Sharon is currently Principal of Belridge Secondary College. Sharon's leadership experience includes roles in the North and South Metro, as well as the UK. Sharon has most recently been the Deputy Principal of Ashdale SC for the last six years. During this time, she has fulfilled two roles as acting Principal. Sharon believes wholeheartedly in Public Education and understands the important role teachers play in the lives of a student.

Sharon strives to ensure that each student receives the best possible education, whilst ensuring the development of their skills as competent global citizens. Her passion for Teaching and Learning and STEM Education has provided significant opportunities for students to excel and achieve success. Her knowledge of school planning and leadership has been shared with many teachers and leaders across the state, in various professional learning capacities, supporting growth across the system.



**STEVEN HALL**  
**Chairperson**

Steve has spent the last 22 years in the Joondalup area, and his daughter is a former student at Belridge Secondary College. Previously, Steve sat on the board of Carramar Public School, initially as a parent representative, and then a community representative.

As the General Manager Projects for Powering Skills Organisation, the Federal Government appointed Jobs and Skills Council for the Energy Sector, he is actively involved in the Vocational Education and Training sector and oversees the development of the Electrical, Supply, Transmission and Gas Training Packages.

He holds Diplomas in Vocation Education and Training and Training Design and Development. An Associate Member of the Australian Institute of Management, Steve holds a Graduate Certificate in Management and is currently completing his Graduate Diploma in Management (Training). Having completed both the electrical trade and electrical contracting qualifications, he enjoys advocating for vocational training in the electrical and construction sectors.

He strongly believes that Secondary Schools and VET Colleges can provide a rewarding career pathway for students who may not seek a tertiary qualification straight out of school. With extensive board and management experience, Steve knows that high performing schools are a synergy of a great board and professional management, led by the Principal.



**MICHELLE AUSTIN**  
**Community representative**

Michelle has spent the past 20 years developing and delivering outreach and engagement programs, alongside student ambassador/mentoring programs, in the UK and WA. She has spent the majority of her career employed by the University sector, as well as founding her own recruitment and training agency, specialising in community, high/primary school engagement, utilising current university students as positive role models and workshop leaders.

For the past 10 years, since relocating to Perth from the UK, Michelle has worked in outreach and community engagement/development, responsible for building the outreach team at Murdoch University, worked as the Science Engagement Coordinator, (Science and Mathematics) and in 2022 appointed as the Manager, Future Student Engagements at Edith Cowan University (ECU). During her time at ECU, Michelle has established a program of STEM workshops and activities, in partnership with the ECU science community, as well as a centralised future student ambassador scheme, which employs current ECU students to facilitate and deliver the workshops, as well as being the credible and relevant stories of science @ ECU.

As the first in her family to attend University, Michelle is passionate about the empowering nature of education and the opportunities that studying can present. Throughout her career, Michelle has developed regional and national widening participating programs, and more recently advocated and partnered with organisations focusing on Girls in STEM. In 2019, Michelle was awarded the Edith Cowan Athena SWAN Advancement Scheme Achievement Recognition for her work with girls in mathematics and the ECU student ambassador program.



**KUSH JALOTA**  
**Community representative**

Kush is a passionate and driven emerging leader in the mining industry. He holds a double degree in Engineering and is pursuing an MBA. He is a Risk Business Partner at Rio Tinto and works with many operational and strategic teams to protect and maximise value for his stakeholders.

Kush has previously worked in the oil and gas, construction, maintenance and motorsport industries. He is passionate about the STEM disciplines and has strong relationships within the industry. He actively looks to mentor younger peers and develop future leaders.

Kush looks to bring a fresh perspective to the guidance of the board in the way it approaches and sees challenges. He is a golf and cricket enthusiast and serves on various committees locally.



**DANIELLE BROWN**  
**Parent representative**

Danielle has lived in the Joondalup area since 2015, and her son is a student at Beldridge Secondary College. Danielle is the Senior SRM Account Manager in the Strategic Relationships Management unit at Edith Cowan University (ECU). Danielle has 25+ years' experience working in the higher education and health sectors, and has worked in Melbourne, Canberra, and in Sydney for 10 years. She was the inaugural Executive Officer of the Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand, specialising in health and medical education.

Since shifting back to Perth in 2008, Danielle has worked at the Royal Australasian College of Physicians and Perth Primary Care Network. Danielle joined ECU in 2010 and has worked in positions across the university, including the Quality and Equity Unit, strategic project management in health education, and several years as Operations Manager in the School of Medical and Health Sciences. She is also a graduate of ECU, and has a deep knowledge of the university's current environment and its history.

Being the first in her family to attend university, Danielle is passionate about the transformative potential of education at all levels, primary, secondary, vocational and tertiary. Access to education, support for teachers and administrators, and encouraging student aspiration are integral to a quality education institution. Danielle is excited to be part of the Belridge Secondary College Board and working as part of the BSC community to provide good governance and oversight.



**SONIA MOYLE**  
**Parent representative**

Sonia is a mother of two teenage boys with her youngest son enrolled at Belridge Secondary College. She is currently teaching high school students with Autism Spectrum Disorder and spends her time working to implement inclusive and evidence-based practices for students with a disability. Throughout her career, Sonia has worked in teaching with Department of Education both here in WA and in Queensland, headed up the volunteering for a not-for-profit organisation providing sport and recreation for people with a disability, Personal Assistant for the manager of an international mining & construction company. Sonia has completed Master of Education degrees in both Early Intervention and Applied Behaviour Analysis and prides herself as a life-long learner. Career highlights include:

- Implementing an inclusive education program in a K-12 school in the Kimberley
- Heading up Professional Learning Community focusing in Autism Spectrum Disorder practices and strategies
- Mentor and coach for administration and teaching staff across the state
- Head of Early Years curriculum and programs
- Behaviour management specialist

Sonia's passion is for inclusive education for all students and responsible practices in schools to facilitate the best possible outcomes for all students. Working closely with school administrators to provide exemplary educational opportunities with research-based strategies and implementation to benefit the school, the community and most of all the students.



**KEYURI PATEL**  
**Parent representative**

Keyuri Patel has a BA Honours degree in Business and Marketing from University of Sussex in the United Kingdom. She has previously worked as an Immigration Officer for the UK Border Force. Keyuri migrated to Western Australia with her family in 2013 from London. After a long career break, she has recently joined the Public Services for the Australian Government.

During her career break, Keyuri has been involved in numerous local projects such as organising community Tree planting sessions in support of her local council. She has also initiated and led some fund raisers for her local community and charities. She was a committee member for North West Metropolitan Cricket Association and her local cricket club for over three years. In her spare time, Keyuri enjoys exploring WA with her family. She enjoys hiking, cycling and a stroll by the beach. She has two teenage sons at Belridge Secondary College, who also take pride in representing Belridge Secondary College at the school events and are part of the school's student council committee.



**HEATHER CURRIE**  
**Staff representative**

Heather Currie has been a member of staff at Belridge Secondary College since 2014 across a variety of areas including, English Teacher, Dean of Studies in the Arts Learning Area and in currently in her role as Head of Student Services. She is a dedicated and driven education leader, passionate about the well-being of students and staff. Heather has diverse professional experience, including in key leadership roles at Belridge Secondary College and as a teacher in the performing arts.

Heather is passionate about supporting young people to reach their full potential and understands the need to support the families and the Belridge Community.

Heather is proud to work at Belridge SC and as a Board member will bring enthusiasm and a commitment to represent the best interests of the staff and students.



**BEN DAWKINS**  
**Staff representative**

Ben Dawkins works at Belridge Secondary College as the Head of Student Services for Year 11 & 12. Ben's leadership experience includes roles throughout the North Metropolitan corridor, working at Butler College and Clarkson CHS, after working in rural Western Australia. He is a dedicated and focussed educational leader, working with senior school students to achieve their potential and engage in life-long learning. Ben works closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, families and community leaders to ensure Belridge SC is a safe, supportive, welcoming and culturally inclusive community hub. Ben will be an active member of the Board, representing all members of our community to ensure the continuation of optimal student outcomes at the College.



**CHADD RICHARDSON**  
**Staff representative**

Chadd joined the Belridge Secondary College staff as Head of Student Services 7/8 in 2021. He has a comprehensive background in leadership across the Primary and Secondary contexts and possesses a strong understanding of learning support, pastoral care and student engagement.

A professional priority for Chadd currently, is to provide quality community engagement through facilitating the provision of the Department of Education-endorsed Triple P parenting seminars to the Belridge Community. He has a strong focus on harnessing student voice throughout the College planning process and highly values community feedback. Chadd is looking forward to making the most of his time on the Belridge Secondary College board in the pursuit of providing all students with the opportunity to achieve success.