

# BELRIDGE SECONDARY COLLEGE

## Elections 2024

### Parent representative on the College Board



#### NAOMI COVE

Naomi is a mother of four children with two daughters enrolled at Belridge Secondary College. Naomi's career primarily focused on disability services with the Department of Human Services for the Australian Government inclusive of children's respite, child protection and early intervention. She holds a Bachelor Degree of Applied Science (Disability Studies) and a Bachelors Degree of Social Work and was instrumental in ensuring family placement and structure to avoid the mainstream court system.

Naomi's extraordinary sense to serve her community has recently lead her to being one of the Strategic Managers for the Rotary Carine Fair in 2023 that saw over 5,000 attendees and is now the Club Secretary of the Rotary Club of Hillarys.

"March with Me" saw Naomi raise funds and awareness for the organisation Love Me Love You, a Mental Health organisation focused on young people by completing a 270 km walking event in four days. Naomi was a proud ambassador to this event.

Being no stranger to a challenge, Naomi decided to transition her skills and to better serve her community and family with financial education where Naomi completed Diplomas in Conveyancing and Finance, where she has and is regarded as in influential female leader in the banking and finance sector.

Being a founding member in Mortgage Choice's Aspire program; that supports and coaches women in Mortgage Broking, Naomi also extended local programs to be inclusive of financial wellness and educational seminars in the community.

Naomi is the current Chair of the Mortgage Choice Charity Foundation WA which supports local charities here in WA, some of these being Ocean Heros, Variety, Kids Cancer Support Group, Pantry WA as well as many others

Naomi takes pride in being of service to the community and welcomes the opportunity to serve the Belridge Secondary College Community.



#### NICHOLAS FUDGE

Nicholas is the father of a 12-year-old boy attending his 1<sup>st</sup> year at Belridge Secondary College and an 11-year-old girl completing her final year at Poseidon Primary School. He has volunteered as a parent representative on the Poseidon Primary School Board for 6 consecutive years and is also a volunteer with the Fathering Project.

Nicholas has a strong background in personal and business development, customer service, sales, marketing, training and management.

He is passionate about making sure that our future leaders learn that they themselves create their own reality so that they become accountable for their own behaviour and actions and thus, develop the ethics, skills and character to make meaningful contributions within the community.

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#### **SARA MEARS**

I am a passionate advocate for local public schools having grown up in the area and was also a member of the Belridge SC inaugural Class of 1995 and Eddystone Primary. My daughter is currently in Year 7 and our other daughter will be attending in 2026.

I am currently a Claims Manager at an insurance broker and worked with Local Government in an insurance capacity for 14 years prior to my current role. This provided awareness regarding local community concerns, issues and projects for which I participated to the best of my capacity and ability.

I feel that my local knowledge and experience via past and current tenure on the Beldon Primary School Board will allow me to contribute sufficiently to the Belridge Secondary College Board should the opportunity be made available.



#### **MELANIE O'LEARY**

I have spent the last 21 years in the education system, initially as a primary school teacher. Recently, I was appointed as Deputy Principal at a primary school in the Swan Valley. As part of my role, I represent the staff on the School Board and Finance Committee. My experiences have given me a wealth of knowledge about schools.

For the past decade, I have served on the Advisory Council of a local Catholic primary school. I started as the P&F representative and then became the Secretary. During this period, I played a role in the selection of a new Principal, conducting a School Review, changing the school uniform, and supporting the school to boost its enrolments.

Currently, I have two children studying at Belridge, and a third one will begin next year. We joined the school community at the end of last year and have been thoroughly impressed with the programs offered and the dedicated teaching staff. I am passionate about supporting the school in achieving its aspirations and becoming a Board member would be an excellent opportunity to do so.

I am deeply invested in the school and committed to supporting the growth and success of all students. My extensive experience and dedication to education make me an ideal candidate for a Board member position at Belridge Secondary Colleg.