

BELRIDGE SECONDARY COLLEGE

An Independent Public School

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS' PROFILES



SHARON LYON
Principal

Sharon has been the Principal of the college since the start of 2020. Sharon's leadership experience includes roles in the North and South Metro, as well as the UK.

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 dynamic and strategic leader in the global mining sector, with extensive experience spanning multiple industries. He holds a double degree in Engineering and is on the cusp of completing his MBA. Currently, he is the Manager - Risk for Global Procurement at a prominent mining company, where he oversees a worldwide team of commercial and procurement risk advisors. This role involves steering the company through complex risk landscapes to safeguard and enhance value across its global operations.

With a background that includes key roles in the oil and gas, construction, maintenance, and motorsport industries, Kush brings a diverse and robust skill set to his position. He maintains a strong commitment to the STEM fields, fostering industry relationships and championing the growth of emerging professionals through mentorship and leadership development.

In addition to his professional pursuits, he is an avid golf and cricket fan and actively contributes to various local committees. As a Community Representative, he continues to apply his fresh insights and enthusiastic vision to Belridge Secondary College.



SONIA MOYLE
Community representative

Sonia is a mother of two boys with her youngest son enrolled at Belridge Secondary College. She is currently a Consulting Teacher with SSEN: Disability, working with students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and spends her time implementing inclusive and evidence-based practices. 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 a Specialised Learning Program for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- 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.



NAOMI COVE
Parent representative

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 led 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 an 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.



MEL O'LEARY
Parent representative

Mel has spent the last 21 years in the education system, initially as a primary school teacher. Recently, she was appointed Deputy Principal at a primary school in the Swan Valley. As part of her role, she represents the staff on the School Board and Finance Committee. Her experiences have given her a wealth of knowledge about schools.

For the past decade, she has served on the Advisory Council (formerly Board) of a local Catholic primary school. She started as the P&F representative and then became the Secretary. During this period, she 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. In 2023, Mel was also on the School Board at Joseph Banks SC.

Currently, Mel has two children studying at Belridge, and a third one will begin next year. They joined the school community at the end of last year and have been thoroughly impressed with the programs offered and the dedicated teaching staff. Mel is passionate about supporting the school in achieving its aspirations.



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 for Years 9 and 10. 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 Years 11 and 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 Years 7 and 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.