

BELRIDGE SECONDARY COLLEGE



School Board Parent Nominations 2026

Belridge Secondary College Board provides additional expertise to assist the school to achieve the best outcomes for students. Its primary role is in contributing to the establishment and review of the school's objectives, priorities and general policy direction.

The current school board consists of three parents, three community members, three staff members and the Principal. As part of the cyclic process of a school board, places become available due to either the end of their tenure or members are unable to complete their tenure. At this point in time, Belridge Secondary College Board is calling for 1 parent to fill a 3-year position.

Becoming a parent representative on the board provides a great opportunity to get involved in our school community and therefore the education of your child.

If interested, please complete the nomination form and email to:

Nicola.Harris@education.wa.edu.au by 3.30pm on Friday, 20 March 2026.

Role of a school board

All public schools in Western Australia have a school board. As an unincorporated board we use approved terms of reference to define its way of working and to meet the requirements of the legislation.

Belridge Secondary College's Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct can be located on the school's website www.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au/about-us/school-board/

There are 3 possible categories of membership:

1. A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category.
2. A mandated elected Department of Education employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school board.
3. An optional Community Member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the board because of their special skills, interests or experiences. (Members of this category may come from the community)

The school board must comprise a collective majority of either parent and/or community members.

Parent membership

Parents on a school board provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Things to consider when nominating to be a school board member:

- Do I have the time to do this properly?
- Am I confident that I will be able to reflect the needs of the school community?
- Can I work collaboratively with others to best support Belridge Secondary College?
- Will I be able to support and promote Belridge Secondary College within the community?
- Am I going to be available for all meetings and other commitments as required by a school board member?
- Do I understand the context of a school and its needs?

How to become involved

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held on a cyclic basis as determined by the Terms of Reference – found on the school website www.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au/about-us/school-board/

Ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school board or encouraging another person to stand for election.

No special experience is needed to be on a school board. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Induction/Requirements

Please be aware that if you are successful in your nomination, the following will have to be completed before you are able to commence your position:

- An **online induction** for new members prior to the first board meeting.
- A **national criminal history screening** (cost of which is paid by the Department).
- A **working with children check** - this will only be necessary if you intend to attend school functions during school hours which involve students or working with students.

Further training is available upon request. Ongoing support is provided throughout the tenure as members become aware with the governance role.

How to nominate

- Complete the nomination form and email the Board Secretary:
- Nicola Harris, E: Nicola.Harris@education.wa.edu.au by 3.30pm on Friday, 20 March 2026.
- You will receive a nomination receipt.

Department of Education employees who have a child enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school board. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on the school board, a ballot will be conducted.