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 an 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 just completing his schooling at Belridge Secondary College. She is currently a Program Coordinator – Inclusivity and Diversity for a large, regional K-12 school, 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 and headed up the volunteering arm for a not-for-profit organisation providing sport and recreation for people with a disability. 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 East Kimberley
- Heading up a Specialised Learning Program for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Heading up Professional Learning Community focusing on 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 Bachelor's 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 and 2024 that saw over 5,000 attendees. "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, Lionheart, 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 22 years in the education system, initially as a primary school teacher then moving on as a 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 three children studying at Belridge. They joined the school community in 2023 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.



LAURE MUSY
Parent representative

Laure is a lifelong learner and being a parent to 2 children is no small learning and 'growing'. She has worked in France and Australia in the information management sector, trying to implement best practices and provide education and support to a broad variety of stakeholders.

She joined the board of Springfield Primary School for 3 years and contributed to the school review and the Community Engagement Framework aimed at strengthening partnership between the school and the community.

Laure currently has a daughter in Year 10 and has been very impressed by the transition program in Year 6, the support from Student services, the effective parents-teacher communications and the many wonderful career events organised (just to name a few!). Overall, the school has had a very positive impact on her daughter. She has always been very actively engaged in and has closely supported her children's educational experience. She is passionate about contributing to the school's directions.



TARRYN HUNT
Staff representative

Tarryn Hunt commenced her teaching career in 2008 at Padbury Senior High School. Following the school's closure at the end of 2011, she joined Belridge Secondary College (BSC) in 2012, where she has continued to make a valued contribution to the school community.

Throughout her time at BSC, Tarryn has worked across both the Health and Physical Education and Student Services departments, demonstrating a strong commitment to student wellbeing, engagement and achievement. In 2013, she established and implemented the College's Netball Program, which has continued to thrive and achieve success each year.

Tarryn has also undertaken a range of leadership roles over her time at BSC, including Acting Head of Student Services, Year Coordinator on multiple occasions, and, more recently, Marlins House Coordinator. Through these roles, she has demonstrated a commitment to student development, staff collaboration and the wider life of the College.

Tarryn thoroughly enjoys working at BSC and looks forward to being able to represent the Belridge community in her role on the school board.



BRENT JARVIS-SPINKS
Staff representative

Brent is an experienced and highly committed member of the Health and Physical Education department and has been a part of the Student Services team at Belridge Secondary College for the past 11 years, serving as both Year Coordinator and House Coordinator. He has consistently demonstrated excellence in fostering student wellbeing, engagement and achievement.

Brent is passionate about developing inclusive, positive and resilient school cultures that enable every learner to reach their full potential - academically, socially and emotionally. He believes strong school culture is one of the most powerful drivers of student engagement and success. A particular strength and passion of his is the promotion and development of House sport, building connection, pride and belonging across the school community.

Brent is proud to work at Belridge Secondary College and brings enthusiasm, leadership and a genuine commitment to representing the best interests of staff and students in his role as a Board member.



ADAM SMITH
Staff representative

Adam has worked in education for over 17 years across a range of roles in both the United Kingdom and Australia. He began his career as Head of Golf Performance at Myerscough College in the UK, where he spent six years delivering undergraduate degree programmes and supporting the development of student-athletes. During this time, he completed peer reviewed research, presented at international research conferences, and was recognised as a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

After moving to Perth with his family in 2015, Adam became the Teacher in Charge of Golf at Como Secondary College, where he worked for six years and developed a strong interest in Career Pathways and Vocational Education and Training (VET).

This passion led him to a Career Practitioner role at Butler College before moving into his current position as Program Coordinator – Senior School Pathways at Belridge Secondary College in 2024.

Adam values a collaborative approach to student development and actively promotes a "pathway for everyone" philosophy, encouraging students to explore opportunities and plan confidently for their future. Having lived in the local community since moving to Australia, he is extremely proud to work at Belridge Secondary College and give back to the community that has provided such a welcoming home for him and his family.