



College Council Election Process

College Governance

Responsibility for strategic management at Mercedes College is delegated to our College Council. Members of College Council are entrusted with a significant position of leadership within the local school community.

Appointments are for three years with the right to re-election or re-appointment. There are 8 meetings per year, two a Term.

Members of Council are also required to be part of one of the following Standing Committees.

- Finance, Risk & Infrastructure
- Faith & Education
- People, Culture & Engagement.

These Standing Committees assist the College Council in its oversight of the effectiveness of the College's practice and commitment to strategic direction. Standing Committees meet once or twice a term.

We are also looking for nominations from our community to join these standing committees.

Skills

The biggest strength you can bring to our Council is your love and passion for your child's school. The Mercedes College Council has a diversity of skill sets and capabilities. We are looking for people with the ability to think strategically or provide insights and understanding in areas such as:

- Legal
- Education
- Leadership/Governance
- Social Welfare/Health Disability
- Government/Political
- Financial Services/Accounting
- Information Technology
- Mergers/Acquisitions
- Sales/BD Management
- Business Management
- HR/People
- Marketing/PR
- Philanthropy

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If you are passionate about education and creating an exceptional community of learning for our students, we encourage you to apply for either:

- one of our **three** positions (1 x elected and 2 x nominated) available in 2026 or
- to join one of our Standing Committees

Please use the following nomination form to apply.

Applications close Friday 21 November.



Council & Standing Committee Nomination Form

Parent elected members are voted on by the community, for a term not exceeding three (3) years.

The College seeks to ensure that the membership comprises of community members who together provide a board range of backgrounds that are relevant to the activities and interests of the College, and to enable the Council to carry out its functions effectively.

To nominate please provide the following:

1. Completed Skills Matrix
2. Curriculum Vitae (include 1 or 2 references)
3. brief summary of why you would like to be on Council (100 words)
4. photo (jpeg), which will be used for publishing the candidate list, if required.

SKILLS MATRIX					
Please indicate your Primary Skill = P (1 only) and your Secondary skill(s) = S (maximum of 3)					
Legal	Education	Leadership/ Governance	Social Welfare/ Health Disability	Government/Political	Financial Services/Accounting
Information Technology	Mergers/ Acquisitions	Sales/BD Management	Business Management	HR/People	Marketing/PR
Philanthropy					

Please indicate your preference below:

- I wish to nominate to join a Standing Committee only (complete matrix and provide CV only).
- I wish to nominate for College Council, plus a Standing Committee (complete full nomination as per above instructions).

Name: _____

Address: _____

Preferred Standing Committee (please see page 1): _____

I confirm that I am a parent/caregiver of a student currently enrolled at Mercedes College.

Student Name: _____ Year Level: _____

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_____ Date: _____

Signature of person nominating for Council