



McDOWALL STATE SCHOOL COUNCIL

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MEMBERSHIP:

	Name	Membership
	Aminta Miller	Official (Principal)
	John Bradley	Official (P&C President)
	Ashley Proud	Elected Staff (2023-25)
	Megan Walker	Elected Staff (2023-25)
	Kirsten Iszlaub	Elected Staff (2024-26)
	Sally-Anne Summers	Elected Staff (2024-26)
	Clancy Wall – Resigned as of 16/10/2024	Elected Parent (2023-25)
2024 – 2025 Secretary	Emma-Kate Clyburn	Elected Parent (2024-26)
	Geraldine Mein	Elected Parent (2024-26)
2024 – 2025 Chair	Vikram Anenden	Elected Parent (2024-26)

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

This meeting:	Monday 17 February 2025	6:00pm – 7:00pm	School Staffroom
Next meeting:	Term 2 2025	6:00pm – 7:00pm	School Staffroom

- Please advise both School Council Secretary and Principal by email, if members are unable to attend a meeting.
- **Quorum** (Minimum of 7 members) requirement met with 10 members in attendance.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country – Aminta Miller

Standing Requirement: Disclosure of Interest and Indictable Offences

This applies to a member of the School Council if:

- The interested member has a direct or indirect financial interest in an issue being considered, or about to be considered by the School Council; and
- The interest could conflict with the proper performance of the interested member's duties when considering the issue.

As soon as practicable after the relevant facts come to the interested member's knowledge, the interested member must disclose the nature of the interest to a meeting of the School Council. Unless the School Council otherwise directs, the interested member must not be present when the School Council considers the issue or take part in a decision of the School Council about the issue. The interested member must not be present when the School Council is considering whether the interested member can be party to considerations.

If a member is not present at a School Council meeting due to their disclosure of interest, the School Council is still considered to have a quorum (as if the member were present) and the remaining members present would consider the issue. A disclosure of interest must be recorded in the School Council's meeting minutes.

If a person is convicted of an indictable offence while a member of a School Council, the person must give written notice to the Principal of the conviction within seven days after the conviction.

2. School Council Membership Apologies

✓ Sally-Anne Summers

3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous School Council Meeting (Sept 2024)

- ✓ Moved by: Ashley Proud
- ✓ Second: Kirsten Iszlaub

4. Business Arising from Minutes of previous School Council Meeting

✓ N/A

5. Correspondence and Business Arising from the Correspondence

✓ N/A

7. Reports

✓ N/A

8. Motions on Notice

✓ Nil

9. General Business / Published Meeting Agenda

✓ **School Council Proposed Dates for 2025**

- Proposed Dates to avoid clashes with P&C and to meet the Strategic plan timelines –
- Term 1: 17/2 (Week 4); Term 2: 19/5 (Week 5); Term 3: 18/8 (Week 6); Term 4: 10/11 (Week 6)

✓ **McDowall SS Strategic Plan and School review for 2025**

- Aminta gave a brief overview of the 2025 Annual Implementation Plan that is in its final year of Implementation (4 year plan)
- The plan for 2025 is aligned with the Departmental agenda of Equity and Excellence which has three pillars: Educational Achievement, Wellbeing and Engagement and Culture and Inclusion. There are referred to as Learning (Excellence) and Belonging (Equity).
- The focus of the plan is on the Australian Curriculum V9, with an emphasis on reading, moderation and learning walls. As well as developing a wellbeing framework for both staff and students and reviewing our inclusion processes. This review will centre on a multi-tiered system of support, incorporating co-teaching and academic case management.

✓ **Enrolments for 2025 update**
Enrolments currently sit at 993 children. As per previous trends these numbers look to increase as we head toward the middle of the year, with the movement of defence families.

✓ **Review and Feedback from School Council members**

- Aminta sort feedback from the School Council members of what they believed the purpose of the School Council was and the purpose of the meetings
- Each member got to voice their feedback
- An overview was given on how previous School Council meetings have been run and the pros and cons of these styles.
- The overall statement from the council is they would like it to be an opportunity to raise concerns or questions from the teacher and/or parent body that otherwise cannot be raised at the P&C meeting
- It was raised that this was not necessarily something that was taken on in previous school council meetings
- It was also raised that issues and concerns raised at School Council need to have a feedback loop on the outcome if any, as many suggestions/concerns in the past raised had no feed back loop to the council on the outcome. There will be a standing agenda item added to the general business section of the agenda to close this gap.
- Other statements on the purpose/running of the meeting was around ensuring everyone on the council was heard and opinions mattered, allowing for robust conversations, as suppose to a non engaging council members
- Topics raised at prior school council meetings that received no further feedback, but resulted in changes in 2025, were the changes in school sporting carinivals, this was well received amongst the school community.
- Another topic that was discussed at length was the movement of children within the band and string classes. It appears more significant movement happens between yr 3 and yr 4 with very minimal movement from yr 4 onwards between classes. Feedback has not been passed on from the survey that was completed last year by the parents of the yr 4 cohort that trialled the larger movement and mix of children within their classes. It was suggested feedback from this survey to the school community would be very well received and welcomed.

10. Next Meeting

Term 2 2025 19th May 6pm School Staffroom

Future Agenda Items

- Re-look at any General Business Items that were discussed in prior meetings and need feedback to close out. This will be a standing Gernal Business Agenda item to ensure all items have been closed out with appropriate feedback.
- Next steps on construction on the new land purchase

