

Role of Governing Council

Governance in schools and preschools is the responsibility of the Governing Council whose role is directed by the constitution and code of practice. In this model of governance:

- The cooperative role of Governing Council and school staff is emphasised
- Management and governance are clearly separated
- The focus is on improving student learning outcomes
- The broad directions are set and monitored by the governing council
- The site leader and staff are responsible for reporting
- Joint areas of accountability are minimised

In your role on a governing council, you work with the site leader to:

- involve the local community
- set the broad direction and vision of the site
- monitor and review the site improvement plan
- initiate and approve recommendations and strategies
- all recommendations must conform with government policy, industrial agreements, DE policy and direction and site decision making structures
- be the employing authority of some services, including OSHC

Other roles of Governing Council include:

- monitor progress of site budget and plans
- report progress through the Annual Report to the school community.

Composition of the Governing Council

The Thorndon Park Primary School Governing Council is made up of 13 voting members including, the elected parent members – Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Deputy, Principal, Staff Representative and Parent Members.

Governing Council Constitution

Elections for Governing Council are held at the AGM usually held by mid-February.

Sub Committee

Financial Advisory
Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)
Canteen

Working Parties

Working parties are created on a need basis:

Asset and Landscape
Community Engagement/Fund Raising
After School Sports
Contact the Governing Council

Contact the Governing Council through the TPPS website.