# Governing Council Role Description: Parent Member



### Works closely with:

Chairperson, principal, other members of council, and the wider school community.

### Located at:

Hallett Cove School

### Minimum time commitments:

· Attend two meetings each term, normally in Week 4 and Week 8.

## **Key duties:**

- · Attends all council meetings and lets people know if they can't make it
- Represents the views of the wider school/preschool community
- Offers advice on a range of topics about the site
- Comes to other functions and meetings, like the AGM or end of year assemblies (as needed/appropriate)
- Actively takes part in discussions about the governance of the school/preschool.

# **General responsibilities and requirements:**

As a member of a governing council, you agree to:

- comply with the council's constitution
- comply with the council's code of practice
- meet the department's requirements for screening, training and induction (your site leader will guide you through what's required)
- keep up-to-date and informed about your work on the council by looking at: www.decd.sa.gov.au/governingcouncils

# Desirable experience, skills and personal characteristics:

- A positive attitude
- Interested in seeing children and young people do well at preschool and school
- Willing to work together with other parents, the community and school/preschool staff
- Able to understand and respect different points of view and different cultures
- Can take part in conversations in a balanced and fair way.

## Benefits to you:

When you volunteer to be on a governing council at your child's school/preschool you will:

- experience a close working relationship with staff and leaders
- be involved in a shared strategy and vision
- have an opportunity to meet parents and other community members.

