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Runcorn Heights State School Council

Are you interested in becoming part of the RHSS Council?

School councils are established in Queensland state schools to enable greater involvement of the school community and other stakeholders in setting the strategic direction for the school.

In 2020 RHSS will continue to implement the Australian curriculum with a focus on the areas of Reading, Mathematics, Positive Behaviour for Learning, Inclusion and Digital Technologies. The school is interested in continuing to develop best practices through programs which enable our students to develop a range of diverse skills across a variety of fields in order to help them reach their full potential.

The functions of a school council:

- monitor the school's strategic direction in a way that achieves the best learning outcomes for the school's students.
- approve school plans and policies of a strategic nature, or other documents affecting strategic matters including the annual estimate of revenue and expenditure for the school
- monitor the implementation of the plans, policies and other documents mentioned above; and
- advise the school's principal about strategic matters.

The School Council meets at school at least once a term usually on a Wednesday at 5:30pm.

As a member of the school council you will be required to:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be conversant with the School Council Constitution and the <i>Education (General Provisions) Act 2006</i>• Be familiar with the Department of Education's strategic plan• Be familiar with the school's strategic plan• Understand the philosophy and core values on which the school's services and programs are based• Demonstrate a personal suite of values aligned to realising harmonious and constructive conversations and decision making• Offer an array of personal capabilities to assist creative and productive discussions and decision making relative to the strategic responsibilities of the school council• Be able to work cooperatively with other council members to ensure productive and constructive discussion• Be able to leave aside personal agendas and bias• Assist in strategic planning and development• Understand the difference and the delineation between operational, governance and strategic issues | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liaise with relevant stakeholder groups to effectively represent views and opinions of staff, parent and community bodies• Engage in shared leadership• Work with other council members, school personnel and other decision-making bodies, for the benefit and betterment of all students and the community• Demonstrate an ability to follow through on tasks and meet associated timelines• Attend council meetings as required• Represent the school council and support decisions made• Actively promote and portray a positive image of the school council• Undertake extra activities or duties as requested by the council or the chair• Approve key strategic documents, as well as reviewing and monitoring school performance• Develop strategic initiatives that meet the unique needs of the students of the school• Keep the broad school community involved in the activities of the school council |
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