



# St Brigid's School

## Policy Document

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# ROLE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

"From the moment that a student sets foot in a Catholic School, he or she ought to have the impression of entering a new environment, one illuminated by the light of faith, and having its own unique characteristics. The Vatican Council summed this up by speaking of an environment permeated with the Gospel spirit of love and freedom."

**The Religious Dimension of Education in a Catholic School, n.25**










Each St Brigid's School Board member is commissioned into this ministry by the local Parish of Clearview Kilburn.



School Board members are required to discern and evaluate in partnership with the Principal of St Brigid's, the Parish Priest and the Leadership Team, the extent to which the school is living up to its potential. This requires skills in **maintenance, decision-making, planning and facilitation**.

Through partnership and the coming together of various people with a range of gifts and talents, St Brigid's will continue to build upon its strong community and its effective religious dimension, individual identity and educational vision.

The School Board at St Brigid's has delegated responsibility from the Archbishop/Bishop for the overall wellbeing of St Brigid's School.

This means that in a spirit of partnership with the Principal and Parish Priest, St Brigid's Board acts to:









-  Develop policies that nurture the religious dimension and guide the direction of the school in conjunction with St Brigid's school staff
-  Develop the relationship between St Brigid's and ClearviewKilburn Parish
-  Promote educational excellence within St Brigid's school
-  Support the Principal and Leadership Team of St Brigid's
-  Foster harmonious and positive collaboration within St Brigid's School community
-  Protect the children of St Brigid's School Community
-  Support the Principal in monitoring buildings and grounds development and maintenance
-  Exercise financial stewardship of St Brigid's School
-  Ensure compliance with legal obligations

-  To oversee general maintenance and provide a safe health and safety environment
-  To always be ambassadors for St Brigid's School

## 1. Structure of the School Board

St Brigid's School Board will bring together, in a formal setting, the significant members concerned with the provision of education of young people in our school.

### Members include:

-  Parish Priest (Or nominated Parish Priest) as the President of the Board
-  Principal
-  Deputy Principal
-  As executive officers of the Board
-  Elected Members (Current parents of the school or legal guardians)
-  Elected members by the school community for a period of 2 years, and should be organised so that half the elected Members retire annually.
-  Normally there should be six elected Board Members. However smaller schools may choose to have fewer elected Members.
-  Elected members can be re-elected for a further 2 years. At the end of this period of tenure, the positions are made vacant in order to give others in the community an opportunity to serve on the School Board and share their talents.




### Nominated Members:

The following groups will each nominate a person within the community or region with specific responsibilities related to the work of ClearviewKilburn Parish and St Brigid's School.

The following groups each may nominate a person to membership of the Board for a period of 2 years:

-  Clearview Kilburn Parish Pastoral Council
-  St Brigid's School Staff

St Brigid's school board provides the occasion for the community to consider the needs and well-being of our school through:

-  Discernment and a spirit of co-operation to arrive at decisions
-  Mutual respect and trust to achieve the common good
-  Board Members at St Brigid's co-operate, value each other, and listen to the community, having a clear sense of the purpose of Catholic



Schools and a commitment to build the Kingdom of God

The School Board of St Brigid's is a clear sign of the partnership between our Parish Clearview Kilburn and St Brigid's, our parents, staff, the students and Catholic Education South Australia as a whole, and between the school community and the broader Church community and society.

## 2. Guidelines

The guidelines for the school board are contained in the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools manual "Guide for School Board Members".

Subject to the guidelines of the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools, the School Board of St Brigid's shall operate its charter with the support and encouragement of the Principal. (Adapted for Guide for School Board Members — Manual)

Responsibility for implementation, monitoring and review of the policy is vested at the level appropriate to the following roles:

*S. N. Correll*

*Shannon Correll*  
Principal

*A. Omar*

*Asmara Omar*  
School Board Chairperson

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