

Bulimba State School Council Members



Michael Zeuschner

Role: Principal, Bulimba State School

Eligibility: The School Council Constitution requires the Principal to be a member of the School Council.

Why I am involved: Being part of my role as Principal it is my responsibility. I have a long family connection with Bulimba through my wife's family, many generations of her family attended the school. My son's Matthew and Callum both attended Bulimba. I have been Principal since 1995 and have a strong belief in growing communities that care for and support their young people and our future.

What I can contribute: I have taught in rural and urban areas of Queensland. I have been a school Principal for 35 years (25 years at Bulimba) working in schools ranging in size from 18 to 850 students. I hold a Diploma of Teaching Primary, Bachelor of Education, Graduate Certificate in Education – Global Education and a Masters of Education these studies have helped me to build a deep understanding of education, its global trends, the importance of community and parent engagement and the challenges we face in the future. I believe in the education of the whole child and that every child can succeed through a variety of opportunities and partnerships. "It takes a village to raise a child."



David Pich

Role: Bulimba State School P&C President

Eligibility: I am the nominated P&C Association representative on the Bulimba State School Council. I have two children, Pearl and Olive, at Bulimba State School.

Why I am involved: Having moved to Bulimba (from Sydney), we have found the Bulimba community and Bulimba State School to be a fabulously welcoming and inclusive environment. I regard the School P&C and School Council as two ways that I can give a little back to the community that has given us so much in such a short space of time.

What I can contribute: In my day job, I am the Director of a boutique leadership and corporate culture consulting and advisory business called Better Workplaces. I believe in the fundamental principles of good leadership and I believe that the leaders of tomorrow are found in the classrooms of our schools. Hopefully I can bring a little of my expertise in leadership and people management to the School Council and to the broader school community.



Kieron Gait

Role: Elected parent member from July 2020 to July 2022

Eligibility: My partner and I have two children at Bulimba State School, Xi-an and Kai-Xin

Why I nominated: I have been involved with the P&C and have a broad understanding of many of the issues the school and local community is facing. I feel well placed to offer support to the school, particularly with regards to the increasing pressure on school facilities and the current master planning process that is underway.

What I can contribute: I believe I can primarily offer balance, reason and professional perspective to actively and positively contribute to discussions within in the School Council.

As a parent representative, I have a good network of active parents who provide broader parent feedback to me on issues within the school that I can communicate to School Council.

An architect by profession working in the local community, I have to apply level headed reason and creative thinking on a daily basis in the course of my work that often includes long term strategic planning – a background that may be useful with the school's current phase of growth.



Kristy Hammond

Role: Elected parent member from July 2021 to July 2023.

Eligibility: My husband Brett and I have a daughter Addison, at Bulimba State School.

Why I nominated: Having lived in Bulimba for over 10 years and working in senior leadership and governance roles across the education sector, I have a genuine interest in the important role schools play for students, parents and the community. Our daughter commenced Prep at BSS in 2021, which is why I nominated to contribute to the BSS Council.

What I can contribute: I am passionate about strong leadership, service, quality education for all and am curious by nature. I currently work in the tertiary education sector leading large scale adult education programs to build leadership and strategic capability for business. As a part of this, I have an interest in the moving parts of the education landscape and its associated communities. In working with the BSS Council, I hope to share my business acumen and curiosity for the betterment of the school and its impact across the community.



Brett Day

Role: Elected teaching staff member from July 2020 to July 2022

Eligibility: I have been a teacher at Bulimba State School since 2004

Why I nominated: I am proud of my role as a teacher at this school and I also have four children who are currently at Bulimba State School. I am interested in ensuring that we maintain our strong sense of community as the school grows.

What I can contribute: I've been teaching for long enough to know a bit about what works and what doesn't.



Tess Goener

Role: Elected non-teaching staff member from July 2021 to July 2023

Eligibility: I have been Business Manager at Bulimba State School since 2015

Why I nominated: I believe it is important to have all groups within the school community to be represented. Non-teaching staff are often the 'behind the scene' members who are integral to the successful delivery of education by supporting a safe and supportive environment for teachers to teach and students to learn. I hope to bring another perspective to the discussions and decisions effecting the strategic direction of the school.

What I can contribute: Having worked with the Education Department for 20yrs in administration, I have a strong understanding of how schools run. As HR manager I work closely with all members of the non-teaching team and have an appreciation of how decisions may impact on their workplace. I have also lived locally for over 30yrs and really love this corner of Brisbane. I am interested in being a part of the links this school nurtures with the local community.



John Smith

Role: Appointed community member from July 2021 to July 2023

Eligibility: I have a daughter, Eva, and son, Owen, at Bulimba State School

Why I nominated: I have over 20 years' experience working in tertiary education and my wife is a secondary school teacher. So we both have a great appreciation of the value and importance of primary school education as the foundation to a child's future learning and potential. I am also a strong believer in the role that parents play in determining the ongoing health and success of a school community, and I think the School Council is an area where I might be able to best contribute to the Bulimba SS community.

What I can contribute: I am a teacher by trade and training. I am currently the academic manager at Griffith University for its international student concurrent support programs and am also finishing up my PhD in education, with a focus on e-learning. My extensive experience as a student, teacher, teacher trainer, manager and lecturer has afforded me a familiarity with the two essential sides of any education system: teaching & learning and administration. I am also a strong advocate for the continuing professional development (CPD) of school faculty and staff and have a significant amount of experience organising both medium- and large-scale PD events.