

School Council Membership 2017/18

School Council Executive Officer – Kate Morris (School Principal)



Parent Elected Members

Martin Hughes
President



My son, Tom, finished at Northcote High last year and my daughter, Cora, is in year 10. I currently work in IT ("web-stuff") but finished university with a teaching degree in Maths, Drama and Dance and for around 10 years performed with dance and theatre companies around Australia and overseas. I still teach one day a week in the School of Dance at the Victorian College of the Arts, at Melbourne University. I believe that schools benefit from an active parent community and have been keen to understand and support the schools my children have attended. I was on the committee of their childcare centre, involved in many aspects of their primary school and joined NHS School Council in 2015. I'm looking forward to assisting the great team at Northcote in any way I can especially at this exciting time with the building works and the Northcote Model both coming into fruition.

Liza Grage-Perry
Vice-President



I currently have two children at Northcote High – a son in year 7, a daughter in year 9 and youngest daughter in grade 4. I have a strong commitment to community values, having been on local and professional committees since forever. I have previously served on committees for Victorian Women Lawyers, on kindergarten and day-care centre committees, volunteered for Riding for the Disabled and currently sit on committees for Parkside Netball Club, Darebin Netball Association, Alexandra Pony Club and our very own NHS Friends of Music! I have practised law for the past 16 years in both private practice and corporate roles and skills honed at work have proven handy on the Governance Sub-committee, where I have been privileged to assist with policy discussions and reviews. I have a strong belief in public school education as well as an expectation that every serving entity will demonstrate accountability and good governance

Joe Clarke



Joe Clarke has 3 children, one son who is currently attending Northcote High with another son and a daughter in primary school. Joe works the construction industry as a project manager and has recently undertaken a number of projects with the Department of Education and Training. He will bring experience in current and future building projects planned at Northcote High School

Caitlin Crowley



Caitlin Crowley has four children; Violet, Jasper and Iris are all currently at Northcote High School and Indigo graduated in 2016 and is now at university. Caitlin has over 20 years' experience in the private and education sectors, delivering learning and development (L&D) programs and managing large digital platforms, learning management systems and e-learning projects. She has been involved in a start-up business and has significant communications experience. Currently she works for the Victorian Leadership Academy in stakeholder engagement and communications. Caitlin believes in creating strong school communities and is committed to supporting the hard working educators at Northcote High School.



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Sandra Morris



Sandra Morris has 4 children, two sons and a daughter who are currently attending Northcote High and a son who completed Year 12 in 2013. Sandra works in the northern metropolitan region and manages a health promotion and education team at a community base women's health service. She has been actively involved in the management of a local childcare service and the primary school her children attended. She is committed to accessible, quality public education. She will bring experience in working in both the community sector and government to the school council.

Andrew Sweatman



I would like to be considered for the School Council to bring my passion for Design, Technology and Sustainability to NHS. As a part of the School Council, I would like to help NHS integrate creativity and sustainability into all activities, using my extensive professional skills and experience. I truly believe that the school can take an active role in preparing students for future careers driven by these issues.

My educational background is in Design (RMIT) and Environmental Management (Brunel University, London) I am now a General Manager at a Software Development firm. I have worked extensively in the area of Design, Technology and Sustainability for the past 20 years in Australia, Europe and USA with a focus on helping companies reduce their environmental footprint. Companies I have worked with include Apple, Nike, Microsoft and Levis. I have written and lectured extensively and provided study tours globally on these topics.

I have run my own successful business, and understand the constraints of working to achieve results within the limits of time and budgets. I have worked in academia (research and teaching) so hopefully bring an understanding of possible future learning options and careers that could await students globally.

I have supported volunteer activities locally (such as Primary School fetes and sporting events for Ice Hockey Victoria). As a keen cyclist, I have supported the Bicycle Network Victoria for many years. I am now looking to expand my commitment to the local community and I would look forward to working with students, teachers, parents to further improve a great school.



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Department of Education and Training (DET) Elected Members

Sean Butler



I am the Assistant Principal with responsibility for the 'Staff' and 'Governance' portfolios as well as working closely with the Year 9 and 10 sub schools. I joined Northcote High School 9 years ago having been a leading teacher at a large school in Melbourne's west and a teacher at Brunswick SC before that. I am a teacher of Humanities and English. I have a Masters degree in School Leadership and a PhD in Education from the University of Melbourne. I joined the NHS council in 2015 as a DET member, having been motivated by an interest in enhancing community engagement.

Scott MacDonald



Originally, from Scotland, with experience teaching both here and in the UK, I first joined NHS in 2012. This will be my third year teaching Humanities at our school I first came here in 2012 and returned after over two years teaching in some challenging schools in England. I work with the Middle School team as the Head of School responsible for Year 10. I joined the NHS school council this year as a DET member with a view to developing a greater insight into our communities' involvement in the school and contribute to the future direction of NHS.

Gerard O'Shaughnessy



I am currently the Head of the Junior School and joined Northcote High School in November of 2015, having returned from close to 8 years working in the UK (the last 3 years as an Assistant Principal). I am a Psychology, Drama and English teacher and have a Masters degree in School Leadership. I am new to the NHS council this year as a DET rep and have a strong desire to partner with our school community to further enhance the opportunities available to our students.

Paul Micah Sullivan



I have been a teacher at NHS since 2009, after coming over to Australia from Canada. I teach Humanities and am currently the Year 10 Program Leader, after completing 3 years as the Year 12 Program Leader. I joined the NHS school council this year as a DET member, as I am motivated to better understand the processes behind how the school operates and contribute to the future direction of the school.



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Community Elected Members

Wayne Moncur
Treasurer



Wayne Moncur is a past parent who had a daughter progress through Year 7 to Year 12 and has been on School Council since 2004, five years as Parent Representative and the last eight years as a Community Representative, he has been School Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Sub Committee for the past 12 years. Wayne works as an ICT Consultant having been in the ICT Industry for 36 years working in diverse roles such as Computer Operator, Software Developer and Solution Architect as well as being qualified CPA Accountant. Wayne is an Honorary Life member of the Australian Computer Society having been State Treasurer and Chairman. He was on the Westgarth Primary School Council for six year as Treasurer while his daughter attended that school. He is committed to ensuring the School utilised its finances for the best possible results for the School and Students so that they have the resources and buildings needed for a quality public education and an enjoyable environment to study and work.

Gabby Ostrognay



It's been really rewarding being involved in NHS as I a better understanding about how the school operates, met many parents, students and staff and also had the opportunity to influence the direction of the school.

Inspired by the schools work in preparing staff, students and the physical work environment to adapt to fast changing world, I decided to join School Council.

I have two daughters, Rebecca now at University, and Bella completing VCE this year.

With a PhD in Psychology, I've been able to support the school in developing its values and leader capability.

Andrew Tierney



Andrew has two children, a son who is in Year 9 at Northcote High and a daughter who will be starting in 2018 and a dog who is unteachable. Andrew works in local government in emergency management and business continuity, and prior to this he worked for a decade in higher education. He brings experience in policy development, particularly in the areas of risk and governance. Andrew is keenly interested in seeing Northcote High embrace its mission of being an accessible and diverse school for its community.

Vanessa Walker



Parent of two NHS students (Year 7 and 10).

Vanessa is a creative producer and strategic planner with a background in architecture and policy and extensive professional experience in the urban development and creative industries.

Throughout her career in the public and private sectors, Vanessa has been involved in planning, developing and managing new urban destinations and supporting their vitality through cultural projects, programs and partnerships. Since her long-standing involvement in Melbourne's Federation Square and later in Docklands, Vanessa has contributed to the planning of major urban renewal projects in capital cities and regions around Australia.

Vanessa is founding director of Big Space, a creative place-making consultancy based in Melbourne, assisting developers and agencies to support dynamic urban culture through effective engagement, strategy and creative local projects.



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