

**Governor Stirling Senior High**  
**School Board Voting & Profile Information 2023**

There are three (3) positions to be filled on the School Board. The appointment is for two (2) years and will be determined by a ballot. All parents are encouraged to vote.

Nominees are listed in alphabetical order by last name.  
You must select three (3) nominees.  
Nominee profiles are below.

Please click on the link below to cast your vote.

<https://forms.office.com/r/uf19CR3HHu>

**Voting closes Monday 3 April 2023 at 4pm.**

**1. Melissa Conway**

*What contribution would you make to the Governor Stirling Senior High School through the Board?*

My eldest of 3 children graduated from Governor Stirling SHS last year and my other two are in Year 9 & 11, which has given me a good understanding of the school. My extensive experience in private and government administration will see me being a proactive Board Member who focuses on the school's objectives and priorities for positive student & staff learning and wellbeing.

*What skills do you bring?*

I have extensive knowledge and understanding of public education, being a Manager Corporate Services at a local Primary School and having previously spent 2 years working in High School administration. I have a real passion for education as a whole.

*Relevant Experience:*

I was on my children's Primary School Board for 6 years as a parent representative, so have a high level of experience in the role of the School Board in a school environment.

**2. Darryn Longbottom**

*What contribution would you make to the Governor Stirling Senior High School through the Board?*

Having a young son starting at GSSHS in 2023, I would like to assist this wonderful school by being supportive of the school's ethos and be a representative of the school, its parents, and the wider community.

*What skills do you bring?*

Experience in education, students, pastoral care, community, and sporting disciplines.

*Relevant Experience:*

Senior School Teacher with 15 years' experience in High School settings. (Local school)  
School Curriculum and Standards Authority Health and Physical Education year 7-10 Curriculum  
Advisory Board (Chair on the Board 2019-present)

### **3. Chris Morris**

*What contribution would you make to the Governor Stirling Senior High School through the Board?*

As the current chair of the school board, I would continue to work with parents, community, and the school executive team to ensure that parents and community needs, and concerns are represented on the board. I would continue to assist the board to be a valuable resource to the school with clear shared goals and a team mindset. I will continue to support and educate new members on the important role the board plays and on how to achieve the most from their time contributed to the board. I am passionate about the future of this school and would love to continue to represent the parents and community for our kids best high school life and education possible.

*What skills do you bring?*

Besides professional experience from being on other boards and committees, the last 2 years as chair of the board I have spent significant time attending training and educating myself on the function of the board so I can contribute effectively and can help new members with very little board experience understand how we can make a difference.

*Relevant Experience:*

I have been the chair of GSSHS Board for 2 years now and helped the current board make significant improvements to the value we bring in school decision making, the school business plan, board processes including development of parent information sessions and an informal induction for new members, so they attend the first meeting feeling more comfortable and knowing what to expect.

### **4. Stacey Trinidad**

*What contribution would you make to the Governor Stirling Senior High School through the Board?*

Besides being a mum and learning how to parent boys moving into preadolescents I could bring parent perspective, an open mind when it comes to how a school operates and assist the school in making the best decisions for all students, staff, and families.

*What skills do you bring?*

I work for MercyCare's Out of Home Care Team as the Family and Carer Education Lead. I work with Families, Foster / Specialist Carers around the Attachment theory, Protective Behaviours, Emotional Regulation, and Trauma Informed practices. I have 25+ years working with Families and Community Services so I could bring my personal and professional experiences when deliberating on all school board matters.

*Relevant Experience:*

Currently I have been a community-based Board member for Balga Primary and Warriapendi Primary School for the past 4 years. During my time as board member, I have assisted in all member duties, connected the schools with community-based organisations and programs while engaging directly with the schools' staff and families.

**Please provide your mobile number to confirm your eligibility to vote. You may be contacted if any irregularities are detected in the voting.**

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Leo Surjan  
Principal

16 March 2022