Introducing your School Board Members

The School board plays an important role at St Theresa’s. It aims to work co-operatively towards realisation of the school’s vision by:

1: Providing a forum for discussion and consultation with the Principal and Parish Priest on all policy matters necessary for the delivery of a quality Catholic education

2: Supporting the Principal and Parish Priest in the delivery of initiatives developed by the Board to assist with the effective delivery of a quality Catholic education

3: Establishing a welcoming school community and promoting a sense of belonging and connectedness to the wider parish community

Take this opportunity to identify the members of the board. If at any time you have any issues, concerns, comments or suggestions you would like to put forward, please speak with one of the board members who will present it on your behalf. You can also email the Board at edboard@stalbion.catholic.edu.au

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I started at St Theresa’s in 1996, so this is my 16th year here. I established the School Board to give parents another avenue of involvement in important issues that affect the school. I believe that the Board provides an opportunity for parents to discuss important educational issues that arise in the broader community and how they might have an influence on the St. Theresa’s School Community. I trust that the Board will be able to actively support school decisions and take on practical tasks to improve the operation of the school.

I hope that my involvement in the Board will offer opportunities for a parent voice and open conversations that can influence important decisions that must be made. I trust that this also provides an opportunity to keep the profile of the parish as a priority when we make decisions.

I value the involvement and input of all members of the Board and enjoy the opportunities to have the perspective of parents clarified so that the best decisions can be made for all who come here. I appreciate that education is a partnership between parents and the school and that ultimately we all strive to provide for the best possible learning outcomes for all students.
Marie Gamwell
Deputy Principal / 5/6 Teacher

I have had the pleasure of being a part of the school community for 23 years and fulfil the role of Principal’s nominee on the School Board.

I hope that we can provide a link between St Theresa’s staff and the School Board in relation to education matters, and assist in the discussion, formulation and review of school policy. We can then develop strategies to make our school community stronger.

Fr Barry Hughes
Parish Priest

I have been part of the St Theresa’s community for 26 years.

I am part of the school board as I believe that it is important to have a formal structure that encourages parents to contribute to the development of the school.

The board provides an environment for good dialogue between parents, principal, other board members and I that contribute to St Theresa’s being a great place for the education of children. This strengthens the connections between the school and the whole community.

Gaye Reader

I have been involved with the school for the last 10 years. I was one of the original board members, when the school first formed the board. I got involved to ensure parents could have a say in helping the school to be a safe and fun place for our children to learn, and also to help the teachers and principal in the running of the school. I have two daughters at St Theresa’s at the moment, one in Grade 2 and one in Grade 6.

Paul Pereira

I have been a part of the St Theresa’s community for 8 years. I became involved in the board to learn how the school runs, to have a positive input and bring in good ideas. I want to bring parents feedback and comments to the board to help make positive decisions for the school and help improve the school for the children.

I currently have two daughters in Grade 3 at St Theresa’s.
Rose Raniolo

I have had children at St Theresa’s since 1999 and have been a parishioner all of my life despite living in a different suburb. I am also a former student. I feel as if St Theresa’s has always been a part of my life.

We are so fortunate to have such a committed principal in Rob and such a fantastic group of teachers and support staff. I also feel such a positive buzz and sense of friendship from the parents at the school whenever I walk through its gates. I believe that I and my children have benefited immensely from being associated with this school and parish. My membership on the board is recognition of the need to give something back to our wonderful school community.

My aim is to contribute in some small way towards ensuring the school continues to be successful, I hope the Board can in the future become “more visible” to parents at St Theresa’s and can through its efforts generate a greater sense of involvement amongst newer families to the school.

Jodie McLeod

I have been a part of the St Theresa’s community for 20 years, having completed my Primary school education here many years ago! I have always lived in Albion and am grateful to have such a quality school available for our children. I become a board member to provide support and assistance to the school, using my marketing and communication skills to develop projects. I believe it is important to play a role in the education of our children and I use my involvement with the board to do this. I believe the board fulfils a crucial link in connecting the parents and teachers to ensure we all work together to create better outcomes for the students.

I have a daughter in Grade 2 at St Theresa’s this year.

Mary Poulter

I have been a part of the St Theresa’s community for 5 years. As I am unable to assist during School hours, joining the Board allows me to contribute in a small way to the school. My involvement allows me to raise concerns/ issues from parents and represent the Parent community. I hope that my involvement contributes to enhancing the existing policies and helps to maintain the community feel of the school. I also feel that promotion of the school is important while encouraging more interaction between the parish and the school.

My daughter is in Grade 6 this year.
Michelle Bant

I have been part of the school community for 5 years. I became of the school Board to actively participate in my children’s education, and to get to know the community of St Theresa’s a little better.

I hope that my involvement on the Board will assist our school and community in being the best it can be for all our children.

I have two daughters currently at St Theresa’s, one in Grade 2 and one in Grade 4.

Toby Wright

I have been a part of this school community for 5 years. I became a member of the School Board to get involved with the decision making process that effects my children and other children at the school. I hope to support the teaching staff with suggestions and ideas.

I have three sons currently at St Theresa’s. They are in Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 4.

How can you contact the School Board?

The Board meets regularly to discuss various issues and plan for future events. If you would like to put something forward for discussion you can speak with one of the board members directly or you can email the Board at edboard@stalbion.catholic.edu.au

An annual general meeting is conducted towards the end of the year and the entire parent community is welcome to attend this meeting. Dates and times are published in our school newsletter closer to the meeting date.