

Carine Senior High School

School Board Parent Nominations 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The Carine Senior High School Board provides additional expertise to assist the school to achieve the best outcomes for students. Members play an important role in contributing to good school governance.

The current School Board consists of four parent representatives, one community member, two staff representatives and the Principal. As part of the Board's regular cycle, positions have become available in the PARENT CATEGORY as members reach the end of their current tenure.

At this time, Carine Senior High School is calling for nominations from parents and carers to fill four parent representative positions, each for a three-year term.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our current Board Chair, Sean Somerville, and parent representatives Sarah Malu, Sarah Cliff and Ryan Dhillon for their valued service and contribution to the Board. We very much hope our retiring members will consider nominating for another term, and warmly welcome their continued involvement alongside nominations from other interested members of our parent community.

Becoming a parent representative on the Board provides a great opportunity to get involved in our school community and therefore the education of your child.

If interested, please complete the nomination form which is attached to this notice and also located on the Carine SHS website. Paper forms are available at Front Reception and can be completed and given to Kerri Sutcliffe or emailed to kerri.sutcliffe@education.wa.edu.au by 3:00pm on 9th October 2026.

Nominees are asked to provide a short biography about themselves. If more nominations are received than places available, the parent community is asked to vote on the nominees and the biography information will be shared with voters.

No special experience is needed to be on a school board. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Role of a school board

All public schools in Western Australia have a school board. As an unincorporated board we use approved terms of reference to define its way of working and to meet the requirements of the legislation.

Carine Senior High School Board Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct can be located on the school website.

Who is on the school board?

There are three categories of membership:

1. A mandated elected parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category.
2. A mandated elected Department of Education employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school board.
3. An optional Community Member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the board because of their special skills, interests or experiences. (Members for this category may come from the community)

The school board must comprise a collective majority of either parent and/or community members.

Parent membership

Parents on a school board provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Things to consider when nominating to be a school board member:

- Do I have the time to do this properly?
- Am I confident that I will be able to reflect the needs of the school community?
- Can I work collaboratively with others to best support Carine Senior High School?
- Will I be able to support and promote Carine Senior High School within the community?
- Am I going to be available for all meetings and other commitments as required by a school board member?
- Do I feel I know enough about my school and its needs?

Induction

There is an induction for new members prior to the first meeting with the chair and principal. Further training is available upon request. Ongoing support is provided throughout members' tenure as they become familiar with the governance role.

How to nominate

Complete the nomination form and email to kerri.sutcliffe@education.wa.edu.au by 3:00pm on 9th October 2026. All nominations are reviewed by the Principal, Damian Shuttleworth.

Department of Education employees who have a child enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school board.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on the school Board, a ballot will be conducted during the weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Meeting frequency and time

Four meetings will be held annually. Meetings are usually held on a Wednesday at 8.00am of each school term with dates finalised at the final board meeting of the year prior.

For more information

Please contact Kerri Sutcliffe – Associate Principal: kerri.sutcliffe@education.wa.edu.au