

School Council

Councillor Biographies



Mr David Gillespie – Parent Member & Council Chairperson

- Lawyer and author.
- ACGS old boy (and husband to a BSHS alumni). Three children at BSHS and two former students at university.
- Has written a book on the education system called 'Free Schools'.
- Also interested in technology and nutrition (and legal stuff).



Dr Judy Smeed – Appointed Member & Deputy Chairperson

- Works in school performance area, using educational data, leadership and strategic management of schools.
- Four adult children.
- Enjoys working with schools, skiing and walking.



Mrs Marie-Claire Grady - Parent Member

- Managing Director, 3rdView Consulting.
- Past student, with one child at BSHS in Year 11 and one who graduated in 2017.
- Looking forward to shaping the future of BSHS, while embracing tradition.
- Interested in service design, community engagement, travel and running.



Mr Rob Farago – Parent Member

- Worked as Software Engineer and co-founded companies in Internet Infrastructure and Solar Power.
- One child in Year 12 at BSHS.
- Interested in technology, innovation, sustainability and community.
- Looking forward to working with Council in these and other areas.



Ms Chris Collins – Staff Member

- General Manager. Has worked in schools for over 30 years.
- Married to Shane with two adult children, both of whom were students of BSHS.
- Enjoys reading, camping, road trips throughout Australia, exploring.
- Considers the students and school staff to be every school's most valuable asset.



Miss Kimberly Rase – Staff Member

- Health and Physical Education teacher at Brisbane SHS.
- Past Brisbane SHS student (2010).
- Passionate about the health and wellbeing of the future generations and developing their life skills.
- Values the opportunity to be part of a process that looks at the big picture and future vision of Brisbane SHS.
- Enjoys playing netball, touch football and travelling.



Ms Nikki Bazaine – Staff Member

- English teacher at Brisbane SHS.
- Parent to a son currently in attendance at BSHS (Year 12) on a sporting merit.
- Interests: Social justice, media literacy, sustainability and mindfulness.
- Values the opportunity to contribute, as a teacher, parent and inner-city resident, to constructive dialogue around future proofing State High.



Priscilla Soo – Student Member

- Year 12 student at BSHS
- Eldest sibling – younger sister and brother
- Loves to read and listen to music
- Student Representative Council leader
- Excited to be on the School Council



Holly Skordou – Student Member

- Currently Year 11 student at BSHS.
- Passionate about the culture and traditions at BSHS.
- Former Junior School Captain (Spirit).
- Enjoys the opportunity to communicate the thoughts and feelings of the student body to benefit the direction of the school.



Mrs Michelle Koripas – P&C President – Official Member

- Managing Director of Kor Consulting.
- Married to a past student of BSHS with a daughter in Year 11 and a son who graduated from BSHS in 2017.
- Enjoys travel, outdoor activities and being immersed in nature.
- Values the diversity this team offers for the shared benefit of our students, staff and citizens of BSHS.



Mr Wade Haynes – Executive Principal – Official Member

- Appointed as Executive Principal in 2011.
- 33 years in education, 23 as Principal.
- Father of two sons, Isaac graduated from BSHS in 2019, Sam is in Year 11.
- Values the Council as it brings parents, students and staff together for the benefit of the school.