

Election of Directors 2019: Candidate Information

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Casey Saade – South East Area (BayView SS)

Recently at a networking event I had to “paint a picture” of who I was. It was an extremely interesting exercise and gave me an insight into how I perceive myself and how others see me. I had to draw myself as a construction tool and as an animal: I drew a toolbelt (an allrounder) and a lion (a leader). I find myself coming back to this analogy and applying it in different aspects of my life including the P&C President role I currently hold.

I am a mother of three daughters (ages 7, 5 & 3) and since becoming involved with school three years ago, I have been actively involved with the school’s P&C, last year being Secretary and this year being President. I continually use my construction toolbelt to assess the tasks, become a lion and use my attitude, skill and knowledge to complete the tasks and continually look for ways to improve the process and make sure the outcome is favourable for all concerned.

My dedication and desire to improve our school community saw the school’s cafe double their sales in just one term. This was achieved by positive attitude, strong leadership and strategic coordination. I am prepared to take on challenges, am honest, fair, organised and a role model to those wanting to become a volunteer to achieve the same as I have.

If the current motto is “Innovate - Re-imagining P&C’s”, then re-imagining the Board of Directors with me as a fresh look, fresh face, fresh ideas and an outlook for next year’s motto as “Quality - Delivering Uniformity”.



Shelly Hansen – North Coast Area (Bundaberg North SHS)

I’ve been involved with P&Cs Qld for 14 years, volunteering in the tuckshop, uniform shop and at fundraising events. I’ve held all executive committee roles and supported the Central Qld regional area at P&C network meetings in Emerald and Gladstone. I’ve attended the P&Cs Qld State Conference representing four different schools.

My passion is for governance and strategic planning. I have just implemented my high school’s first ever strategic plan with the assistance of my executive committee and our school leaders. Our high school has just appointed a parent liaison engagement officer and we are very excited to have her on board. It has taken hard work from our school council, the P&C and school leaders to increase parent engagement. We have implemented the “Just Do One Thing” letter and have had a huge response with new parents coming on board in various ways to help out and volunteer their time and utilise their skills accordingly.

I have extensive experience in customer service and executive assistant roles whilst working 28 years in various industries including transport, accountancy, university and flour mills. I have worked in big multi-national companies as well as small operations. I enjoy hard work and getting in and having a go: no job is too big or too small. I believe every child has the right to an excellent education and I want to fight to make it happen at our public schools as well as private schools.



Senthil Kumar – South East Area (Bellevue Park SS)

I am a senior manager in Infor Global Solutions Pty Ltd (largest Enterprise Cloud Solution provider) in the vertical of Public Sector Management to various councils/agencies/governments.

I have moved to Australia 2 years back. I have 19 years of academic education with specialisation in Computer Science. After completion of two post-graduate degrees in computer science, I have stepped into a professional career with ICT domain. I have managed many projects, geographically distributed teams and dealt with many revenue making projects by providing strategic solutions.

Being deeply interested/passionate about education and children's right to get every aspect of knowledge gaining experience in a school environment, I have associated with various voluntary organisations as my community contribution. As part of that, I am one of the co-ordinators for migrant community running school (Brisbane Tamil School).

Also, fortunately, I could volunteer to become the President of Bellevue Park State School to work with the school as a voluntary representative of parents of that school's community. If I become part of QCPCA, I will certainly add value in the benefits of children and schools of Queensland. Looking forward to associating with QCPCA in all its strategic/governance activities.



Leanne White – North Coast Area (Bribie Island SS)

My greatest desire is for my children to grow into healthy, happy adults who love and respect me and want me to be in their lives, so everything I say and do reflects that.

I may not have all of the essential qualifications necessary but my commitment to children and their growth and well-being gives me a massive edge as I have a huge amount of life experiences especially towards other people, places and things.

My desire to better myself in all areas so I can be an example and role model for my children has propelled me to nominate for this position as I believe I will be an asset towards the development of our P&Cs through this position.



Marsha Graham – South East Area (Caningeraba SS)

I have been involved in the Caningeraba SS P&C for 8 years, holding the position of P&C President since 2012. My three children now attend Miami SHS where I am currently involved in the P&C, this year as the Co-ordinator of the Fundraising Committee. Both schools are Independent Public Schools and I have been a member of the Caningeraba School Council since its transition to IPS. As part of the Caningeraba SS P&C, I have played a lead in the planning, co-ordination and roll out of our fundraising activities, and have worked with our paid staff to ensure the Tuckshop and Uniform Shop run at a profit. Most recently we gifted \$450,000 to the school towards the renovation of our school hall (a partially SSSS funded project).

Moreover, I have played an instrumental role in building opportunities for parent involvement in Caningeraba through P&C activities as well as through our community collaborative, Caningeraba Community Connects. I strongly believe that our education system plays a pivotal role in supporting and empowering families to raise happy and resilient children, and that the early years support and parent relationships are critical to achieving better outcomes for our children and ultimately profoundly influences their pathway to success as adults who can make a positive contribution to their community.

As a member of the SEQ and Qld P&C Facebook groups, I offer advice and support to other P&Cs in Queensland. I have a strong interest in the effective operation of P&Cs and believe that building capacity and support in improved practice is cornerstone to ensuring P&Cs remain relevant, valued and well supported into the future within both a primary school and high school environment.