



Ascot Vale Primary School

No: 2608

Dear Parents

5th March 2019

Re: AVPS SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019 – guidelines

Thank you to the following parent candidates (appearing in alphabetical order by surname) for nominating to be a member of the 2019-2021 AVPS School Council:

Benjamin Delaney
Rebecca Doherty

Kate Mohay
Richard Moody

Ebony Mychajlyk
Meagan Thompson

As we received six parent School Council nominations for four vacancies, a ballot is required. The ballot will open at 8.00am 7th March and closes at 4pm on 14th March, 2019. No votes will be accepted after this time.

AVPS 2019 School Council Election Process / Guidelines:

- Brief statements from each of the parent candidates will be made available to the community via hard copy, email and our website by 7th March 2019 (at the following link: <http://avps.vic.edu.au/parents--community.html> under School Council.)
- Ballot papers (as well as 2 plain envelopes) will be made available to all eligible voters, that is, parents or legal guardians of students currently enrolled at Ascot Vale PS. These will be distributed via students on 6th March. Ballot papers will also be available at the office window.
- Each ballot paper will be marked with the school stamp, deeming it capable of authentication.
- No campaign literature (apart from a brief statement) supporting candidates or groups of candidates may be distributed or posted in the school and no school resources may be used to support particular candidates or groups of candidates.
- The ballot will open on Thursday 7th March 2019 at 8:00am.
- Individual ballot papers must be received by the school in separate blank envelopes to uphold anonymity. Ballots placed in a blank envelope must then be placed in a second envelope marked with the name and address of the individual parent/guardian.
- NB, parents with partners, please use separate envelopes for the ballot process.
- Parents or guardians wishing to personally deliver ballot papers to the school office may hand a blank envelope containing the ballot paper to office staff, who places it in the ballot box. In this instance, the office staff marks their name off the register or parents/guardians are asked to print their name and address in a register of voters.
- A register of voters will be marked off when envelopes are received at the office. **Do not leave blank envelopes at the office without having the voter's name marked off the register.**
- Ballots will be stored in a sealed ballot box until the closure of the ballot.
- Please deliver or arrange to deliver ballot papers to the front office or post them to the Principal (Ascot Vale PS, Bank St, Ascot Vale, 3032) in time to arrive before closure of the ballot. Remember, the outer envelope must contain the name and address of the voter.
- Voting is not preferential and only requires that you tick or mark the boxes of four candidates of those listed.
- All parents and legal guardians of students enrolled at Ascot Vale PS are encouraged to lodge a vote at the office before 4:00pm on Thursday 14th March 2019 when the ballot closes. Ballots will not be accepted after this time.

Regards

Sue Osborne – Principal