

College Council – Commitment and Involvement

College Council membership is an opportunity to serve the BDC community at a governance level.

The College Council's role is to establish and monitor systems and processes to set strategic direction; establish the purpose, values, goals and objectives of the college; identify and manage risk; manage performance expectations and monitor achievement against these.

The role of the College Council fits into five broad areas. The College Council is responsible for establishing, implementing and monitoring policy in relation to each of these areas.

- Strategic development
- Financial leadership and management
- College Council-Principal relationships including the appointment of the Principal
- Provision of facilities and resources
- Risk management and compliance

More information is provided on the college website by taking the [Role of College Council](#) link.

Commitments

Membership on College Council involves a number of commitments:

- Attendance at College Council meetings which are monthly and are generally 2 - 2.5 hours. You are expected to have read and absorbed the council material which is sent to you prior to the meeting so that you are prepared to participate in the discussions.
- Participation as a member of at least one council committee which usually meet monthly and for approximately 2 hours. The current committees are:
 - Finance
 - Property
 - Governance
 - Education
 - Strategic Planning
 - Uniform
- Attendance at college functions including presentation nights, staff welcome drinks and other events in the life of the college.
- Each year there are two strategic planning events for College Council: the College Council Retreat (overnight) and the Strategic Planning Day.

Essential Qualities

- Understanding of our college community and its needs
- A passion for the college
- Willingness to commit time for council meetings, committee meetings, planning sessions and college events
- A team player – someone who works well in a group
- Someone who listens well, is thoughtful in considering issues and prepared to give their input

Specific Qualities

College Council endeavours to have a broad range of members from diverse backgrounds and with differing skill sets. Our constitution dictates our membership which is:

- President (Bishop of Grafton) or his representative
- 6 Anglicans
- 3 parents
- 2 community members
- Rector of the Anglican Parish of Coffs Harbour

We are always interested in people who have particular skills to add to the current skill set. This list is updated periodically:

- Sports management
- Creative & performing arts
- Events management
- Building or architectural
- Marketing
- Environment
- Education / higher education
- Medical