

Governing Council Overview

Governing councils are bodies that govern school. At South Australian Government schools and the school principal works together with the council or management committee to develop future directions for their site.

Seacliff Primary School Governing Council meet twice during each term (generally in weeks 3 & 8). The primary role of Governing Council is to:

- set the broad direction and vision of the School
- develop and approve policies
- monitor and review
 - School Strategic Plan
 - finance and budgets
 - property and maintenance
 - plans, for example school improvements and self-reviews
 - insurance and public liability status
 - activities of sub-committees
- employment* and contracts

*Seacliff Primary School Governing Council is an employing authority for Out of School Hours Care (OSCH) and the canteen staff.

Meetings are a big part of being on Governing Council, but members may also be required to:

- be part of an interview panel to select the site's principal, canteen or OSCH staff;
- deal with media in response to an event or a good news story

Governing Council is made up of volunteer parents/caregivers and the office bearers are Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The school Principal, Business Manager and nominated staff representative(s) also attend. A DECD clearance is required and you **cannot** be on Governing Council if you have been:

- bankrupt
- convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person.

More information about being on a Governing Council is available on the DfE website:

<https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sites-and-facilities/governing-councils>