



Duffy Primary School Board Election Parents and Citizens Candidate Statements

This document contains statements from candidates letting voters know about their interest and suitability for the vacant positions.

Vacancies

In 2024 there is one vacant position for one parent member position.

When and where to vote

To vote in the election please login to the online voting system between 11am, Monday 26 February and 11am, Monday 4 March 2024.

The voting system can be accessed from here:

https://actededucation.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bQHSXa5clt4naoS

Your login details are our school code **DFYP** and the email address that you received the notification email to.

Questions

If you have any questions about the elections, then please contact the Assistant Returning Officer Arilia Abell

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Dan Heap Candidate 1

Candidate for Parent Member Position

Dear Members of the Duffy School Community,

I am announcing my intention for re-election for the position of Parent Representative on the Duffy School Board. Over the past two years, I have had the privilege of serving as both a parent member and more recently as the Chair of the Board, and it has been an immensely rewarding experience.

As a parent of two daughters who attend Duffy, I have a vested interest in ensuring that our school continues to thrive and that the School Board works alongside and in support of the DPS executive and staff to provide the best possible education for all students. Several notable achievements during my time on the board include welcoming new leadership, working alongside the school and the P&C to herald the 50th Anniversary of DPS as well as actioning changes to the school budget to ensure effective and high-quality professional learning can be delivered to all staff.

If elected as a Parent Representative once again, I will continue to be a vocal advocate for everyone, ensuring that the voices of our community are heard and that the best interests of our students remain at the forefront of all decision-making processes.

Sophie Lewincamp Candidate 2
Candidate for Parent Member Position

My name is Sophie Lewincamp and I'm running for the Duffy Primary School Board. I am parent of two children, my eldest has just started at Duffy in Year 1. Our family have recently moved back to Canberra from Melbourne for work opportunities.

I am a conservator of cultural materials and work as Senior Manager of Conservation and Collection Management at the National Film and Sound Archive. I was an active member of our previous primary school community, developing and supporting a First Nations mural project. Through the project, the school community shared their Mother Languages and embedded First Nations language and storytelling into the school's values. The mural animals and birds are now new schoolhouse mascots.

As a Duffy Primary board member, I will support the schools' efforts to:

- Acknowledge and celebrate the diverse backgrounds, languages and stories of our students and families.
- Advocate for more resources and opportunities for intercultural learning and sharing.
- Champion the use of digital technologies to enhance teaching, learning & creative outputs.
- Encourage dialogue and openness across our school communities, including parents, teachers, students, locals and community partners.

Thanks for the opportunity. I believe I bring lots of relevant skills and expertise to the role and contribute in meaningful ways this vibrant school community.

Josh Kelly Candidate 3
Candidate for Parent Member Position

1. My name is Josh Kelly, I am a proud Worimi bloke with family ties to Biripi country. I am a father to six amazing children - Joseph, Aidan, Gabriel, Isabella, Kiara and Peyton, since moving to this beautiful country in 2015 we have resided in and around the Duffy Community/School. My whole world since the day I first held Joseph has been about my kids and giving them the best opportunities in life. This has been more evident through the many different coaching roles I have taken up with them and early Saturday morning games.

After taking some time to reflect upon what else I could be doing, I came to the realisation that giving back to the community/school who has cared for my children and many other families in the area would be the next contribution I could do as a father and community member.

2. The reason for my application to the Duffy School Board is to provide advice or suggestions that could bring outcomes for all the kids within the Duffy Community or thinking of relocating to the area.