



Salesian College
SUNBURY



CALL TO GOVERNANCE

DISCERNING THE ROLE OF BOARD DIRECTOR IN A SALESIAN SCHOOL

Catholic education in the Salesian tradition is committed to developing students who will engage with today's world as grounded, hope-filled young people who are equipped to lead wisely, listen deeply, and treat their neighbour and their environment with justice, love, and the compassion of Christ. Like St John Bosco, we are committed to developing the whole person, encouraging each individual to use their gifts and talents to become 'good Christians and honest citizens'.

Salesian College Sunbury is inviting you to share in the privilege and responsibility of ensuring that a school follows the guidelines and values of the Salesian Charter for Schools, providing the best possible educational opportunities for students within a faith community. The role of Board Director at Salesian College Sunbury offers you the opportunity to work in partnership in the ministry of education within the mission of the Church.

CATHOLIC FAITH

When you accept the invitation to be a Board Director at a Salesian school, you undertake to participate in formation experiences that lead to growth, both personally and within a community. Formation will enable, affirm, and guide you in your role and assist you to exercise your ministry within the school community you will be part of. Formation is a personal and communal journey and is the responsibility of all. It will involve the deepening of your appreciation of Catholic education within the Salesian tradition, while strengthening your understanding of governance responsibilities within the structure of the Charter for Salesian Schools and in the secular world.

Education in the Salesian tradition desires its schools to be conducted as authentic expressions of Catholic education. As a significant leader in the school community, you are called to model attitudes and behaviours that are consistent with the values and ethos of the Catholic tradition.

A Catholic world view is imbued with a sense of 'sacramentality'. That means that we become aware of the Divine through the sacredness of creation, in the daily lives of ourselves and others, and in the relationships we share. As humans, this sense of the Divine in everyday experience forms and empowers us as we undertake life's journey. Some key elements of this view include:

- belief in the fundamental dignity and equality of all human beings, and a commitment to community, the common good, kindness, and fairness
- concern for the rights and responsibilities of each person, social justice, and the dignity of work
- commitment to the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalised
- prioritising care of all of creation and service to others
- belief that our call is to be co-creators in making the world a better place
- acceptance of the limitations of ourselves and others as we strive for what is good
- a reflective sense of spirituality that enables us to listen with the ear of our heart and appreciate that the most important things in life are not wealth and possessions.



SALESIAN CHARTER

In keeping with the spirit of Saint John Bosco, whereby ‘education is largely a matter of the heart’ that leads young people to ‘know that they are loved’, the Salesian school community of today is challenged to be:

- a home that welcomes
- a parish that evangelises
- a school that prepares for life, and
- a playground where friends meet and enjoy themselves.

Faithful to the tradition of Saint John Bosco, the Salesian school community is constantly challenged to re-interpret and re-enliven his educational vision in every generation and circumstance, according to the requirements of the contemporary situation and the needs of young people, to whom he once said: ‘I have only one wish: that you be happy in this world and the next’.

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

As a Board Director of an incorporated company, you will need to give serious attention to board responsibilities. You will need to be willing and able to:

- give adequate time in preparation for board meetings
- engage in formation and prayer
- gain educational and financial literacy appropriate to the role
- become familiar with core governance documents
- engage with issues affecting Catholic education
- grow in understanding of and commitment to the Salesian charism
- participate in decision-making through processes of discernment
- maintain appropriate confidentiality.

IF YOU ARE APPOINTED YOU WILL:

- need to complete governance training in order to meet legislative requirements
- participate in ongoing formation, commencing with induction facilitated by the Salesians
- attend board meetings and participate in committee work
- be a presence at school functions and significant occasions.

NEXT STEPS:

Email your expression of interest, along with your curriculum vitae, to principal@scr.vic.edu.au. Your expression of interest will be forwarded to the Board Chair and Company Members of Salesian College Sunbury. You may be asked to attend an interview and undergo appropriate eligibility and suitability checks.

For any other enquiries, email principal@scr.vic.edu.au

The Salesian College Sunbury community is committed to promoting the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all students.

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