

2022 BOARD MEMBERS

David Harwood
Board Chair



I am grateful to have the opportunity to contribute to the Willetton Senior High School Board as a parent representative. I am a father of four with one daughter currently attending Willetton Senior High School. My siblings and I graduated from Willetton Senior High School in the 1990s.

My professional expertise is in law and governance. As a lawyer I represent and advise a range of State government departments, entities and Ministers. I have been a member of the Board since 2020 and I hope to continue making a positive contribution to the school which has been a foundational element of my family's education.



Jordan Newton Board Secretary

It is a privilege to be a leading member of the Willo community and I am pleased to work alongside other Board members to improve the inclusive and comprehensive educational experience offered to our students. With my background in Science and Humanities teaching and current leadership in the areas of school operations and senior student achievement, I offer the Board insight into the management of the school and the wide range of educational opportunities and pathways available. Willetton is an excellent school and is a credit to the depth of care and respect shown by our community towards its vision for excellence in student learning.



Wayne Nurse

Board Treasurer

I have had the pleasure of representing the school community on the School Board for the past four years. I currently have three boys at Willetton Senior High School, with a fourth child (my daughter) to commence in 2023.

I am an experienced and awarded Chartered Tax Adviser and operate my own accountancy practice in the southern region of Perth. I have been active on both primary and secondary School Boards for all my children's educational years. As a result, I have significant experience with the Independent Public School model used in Western Australia.

I am passionate about education and regularly present seminars in my professional area and have previously worked as a lecturer at Murdoch University and trained as a mathematics teacher. I believe Willetton Senior High School to be a wonderful educational institution and I am committed through my time on the Board to provide my financial knowledge, School Board experience and passion for education to help the school continue to thrive.



Jon Langford

Parent Representative

I am delighted to represent the parent community of Willetton Senior High School on the School Board. I am a Chemical Engineer, and a co-owner/Managing Director of an engineering consulting and water services business based in Willetton, employing a range of technical and support staff.

I am keen to work with the school and Board to provide an exceptional learning environment for our students. As well as maintaining the fantastic academic record, I believe we should be supporting overall physical and mental wellbeing through involvement in group and team sports, community groups and other group activities. This helps to build resilience and extended networks to support students as they move beyond school into further education, employment, and the community generally.



Chris Phillips

Parent Representative

It has been an immense privilege to be a member of the Board of Willetton Senior High School, one of WA's leading independent public schools, for the past four years. I have 26 years of experience working locally and internationally in the resources sector where I have been exposed to a diverse range of cultures and people.

My goal is to ensure that Willetton Senior High School remains the best school in Western Australia while providing opportunity for all students to reach their maximum potential, regardless of their background. Another key area of interest is student mental health and I have been actively involved in providing ways to support students in this area as they traverse their studies.



Tania Elliott

Staff Representative

I am a Level 3 Science teacher and lecture at Notre Dame University in educational pedagogy. I am dedicated to student engagement in Science, and Science Technologies Engineering and Maths (STEM), to empower students to excel as global citizens. My pursuit is education that values such reports as UNESCO's 2015 report; developing students with entrepreneurial and creative thinking skills; a school which is challenging current educational thinking with a view to ensure students are future ready.

I demonstrate optimism and integrity in challenging times. I focus on the relationships I build within the school community ensuring I initiate contact with parents, and community members, with a client-focused approach that is vital in achieving planned outcomes for our school. I deliver and promote a positive, effective learning environment based on 21st Century learning.

Erik Pretorius

Staff Representative



I have more than 20 years of experience teaching in metropolitan, country and overseas schools. For the last ten years I have been working as a middle manager in the Willetton Health and Physical Education learning area and feel honoured to have been selected as the recipient of the Rotary Teacher of the Year in 2021. I enjoy working to effect change within and between departments. I also understand and appreciate the hard work and efforts that all non-teaching staff have in promoting and supporting the strong ethos within our school.

I enjoy working in partnership with the community to promote student achievement through various avenues and have done so at a local level, all the way up to large organisations such as Arsenal Football club.

I value the contributions that all stakeholders have in ensuring students achieve to their highest level possible. As a new member to the School Board, I look forward to working together to achieve shared goals and help to sustain and improve our fantastic facilities, procedures, and initiatives.



Andrea Wheeler

Staff Representative

I have been an educator since 1985. Currently I am a Health and Physical Education teacher and I have been a part of the Willetton Senior High School staff since 2002. My teaching experience extends across all year levels including five years as the curriculum leader for ATAR Health Studies. Both of my children graduated from Willetton Senior High School.

Since 2015, I have been a member of the Student Services team serving as Year Coordinator (Class of 2019) and Program Coordinator. I am currently the Year 7 – 9 Program Coordinator and studying my Masters in Educational Leadership at Edith Cowan University.



Deepak Sharma

Parent Representative

It is a great privilege to be elected to the School Board as a parent member and I am excited to contribute to the school. I have over 25 years experience working in the area of Project Finance and Infrastructure Advisory. I currently work at Water Corporation in the Strategic Performance group. I am also an active member of a community organisation, Indian Society of WA and on the Board of the non-profit organisation, MIDLAS.

I aim to leverage the experience and knowledge gained through my professional and community work, to help shape the strategic direction of this prestigious school. I look forward to working with the community to ensure students maintain high standards of education and the school delivers the best possible outcomes for students, parents, staff, and the wider community.



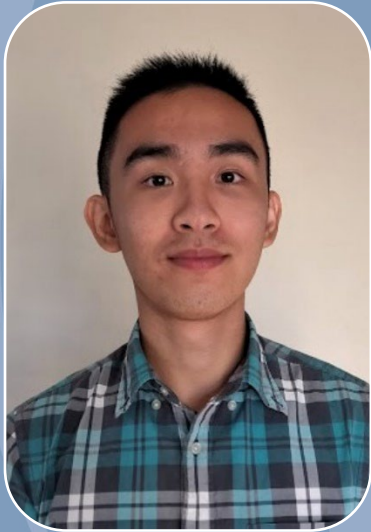
John Yeo

Parent Representative

I am an active member of the school community, having served on the Board since 2019. I have been instrumental in increasing students' involvement at the School Board level, encouraging dialogue and feedback between the student community and the Board.

Additionally, I was also responsible for introducing the WA Energy Club's Next Generation School Program, aiming to educate students about the energy industry and the important role energy plays in our society.

I am a commercial finance executive with over 20 years of experience in the oil and gas and mining sector, leading strategic planning, investment appraisal, commercial negotiations, and financial management.



Andrew Tan

Community Representative

I am a former Willetton Senior High School alumnus of 2017, and recent graduate from the University of Western Australia. As an aspiring Clinical Psychologist (BSci. Psychology, Hons.), I am currently working as a disability support worker to gain a better understanding of the community we live in. I also volunteer online as a peer supporter and am currently part of the *headspace* Fremantle youth reference group. In addition to research and university settings, I am also familiar with hospitality work and have experience organising events through volunteer roles.

Over the years, I found myself returning to Willetton Senior High School to visit friends and teachers, before applying for the School Board to contribute back to the community who helped raise me. While studying at Willetton, I was a student councillor and a regular around the school's arts community. I also have good general knowledge on many recreational activities (such as gaming, exercise, cooking). I look forward to contributing to the School Board.

Simran Vijayakumar

Community Representative

I am a Willetton Senior High School alumna of 2016 and have been a member of the Willetton School Board since 2020. During my time at Willetton, I was a student councillor and peer leader between 2013-2016. I graduated from Murdoch University in 2020 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Physics and Nanotechnology, and Finance, and have a minor in Asian Studies and a Post Graduate Certificate in Business Administration. During University I studied abroad in Osaka, Japan and speak fluent Japanese. During my time abroad I developed a passion for education and an appreciation for how different learning institutions teach students.

Currently I work in Risk Advisory at a multinational professional services firm and have various experiences across many sectors including education, state government, and health. I am also the Deputy Chair of the CPA Young Professionals Committee. In my spare time I enjoy playing hockey and piano.

