

2023 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.





Erik Pretorius

Secretary

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.



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.



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.



Rasha Abdelmonem

Parent Representative

It is my pleasure to contribute to the Willetton Senior High School Board as a parent representative.

Being an interpreting and translation practitioner makes me understand and appreciate the variety of cultures and backgrounds we have in our Willo community. I am thrilled to be part of a very healthy and diverse Board. I am a scientist and a crafter keen to share with the community and school, where everyone is empowering each other to reach our best.



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.



Louise Eksteen

Staff Representative

I have been in education for seven years, this being my fifth year at Willetton SHS. I teach Accounting and Finance as well as Business Management and Enterprise at Year 12 level. This year, we are bringing the Certificate IV Business course into the school, the first time that it will be delivered by a Willetton teacher on the school campus. This qualification will provide more of our students with an alternative pathway to university.

As well as a Graduate Diploma in Education I have a Commerce Degree with a double major in Financial Accounting and Logistics (Transport Economics). Prior to teaching I gained thorough industry experience and knowledge, mainly in financial accounting and management but also in marketing and exports, which I enjoy sharing with my students. I believe I can contribute to the Board through the organisational insight and corporate experience I bring from my previous career.



Jordan Newton

Staff Representative

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.



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.



Michael Lee

Community Representative

I am delighted to have the privilege of serving as a Community Representative on the Willetton Senior High School Board. I am a alumnus and I have recently completed my studies at the University of Western Australia, where I obtained a Bachelor of Science with a double major in Psychology in 2017 and a Juris Doctor in 2020. I am a lawyer and currently work as an Industrial Officer for the Health Services Union of Western Australia.

I am eager to bring my skills and experience attained through my academic study as well as my work in the Union movement. I was also an active participant on committees of student social clubs in university where I played a role in their growth and expansion. Willetton Senior High School has rightfully earned its reputation as a top-choice high school for students, and I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to contribute to its continuous improvement and excellence.



Arun Thavasi

Community Representative

As a collaborative leader, I have a strong background in information, communication, and technology across multiple industries.

I am filled with enthusiasm as I embark on my journey with the Willetton Senior High School Board. Joining it presents an exceptional opportunity for me to serve the community and actively contribute to the preparation of our children for their future lives. I am eagerly anticipating the chance to make a meaningful difference.

I look forward to collaborating with the Board and the School leadership team to tackle Willetton Senior High School's core challenges, contribute to the school business plan, and shape the future of both the school and the local community.



Divakar Subramaniam

Community Representative

I am excited to join the School Board as a former student graduating from the Class of 2015. With a background in Accounting and Data Science from UWA, and experience as an audit associate, I am all about numbers and strategy. I am here to make sure our school's resources are used wisely and effectively.

I founded *Moneywise and* have been running financial literacy workshops in high schools. Through Moneywise, I have learned about community, projects, and public speaking and am ready to use these skills to bring us all closer as a community.

As an Alumni, I get where we excel and where we can improve. Let's work together for an even brighter future for our school.