

About the PMSA

The PMSA – Presbyterian and Methodist Schools Association – owns four of Queensland's well-known independent schools: Brisbane Boys' College, Clayfield College, Somerville House and Sunshine Coast Grammar School. Established in 1918, the PMSA is a joint mission of the Uniting Church of Australia, Queensland Synod and the Presbyterian Church of Queensland.

The PMSA's mission is to provide outstanding teaching and learning environments for our students and staff in schools built on Christian teachings. The PMSA's vision is to build communities based on Christian foundations, by providing teaching and learning environments of excellence, permeated by Christian faith and actions.

The PMSA is guided by our six values: Relationships; Care; Ethics; Personal Development; Excellence; and Celebration.

About the PMSA Board

The PMSA is run by a Board which comprises up to 13 Board Members. The PMSA Board is supported by three advising committees, a School Council at each of the four schools and the PMSA Group Office.

About the School Councils

Each School Council comprises up to six independent School Council Members, up to two PMSA Board Members and the school Principal as a non-voting member. The School Council is a committee of the PMSA Board and is delegated the responsibility for administration and performance of the school. The school Principal reports to the School Council and has operational responsibility for the school.

Essential Skills and Attributes

A new member of a School Council is required to have the following skills:

- Proactive commitment to the PMSA's Christian ethos, mission, vision, values and frameworks
- A thorough understanding of the trends and issues in school education, specifically those within independent schools
- GAICD or equivalent qualification or board governance experience
- Community leadership or representation
- Ability to apply sufficient time and effort to achieve the objectives of the PMSA
- Demonstrated experience in committees/associations/boards and corporate governance
- Preparedness to publicly identify with and champion independent, Christian-based schools
- Current Blue Card eligibility
- Ability to meet the ACNC requirements of a Company Director

Desired Skills and Attributes

In addition to these essential skills, the Board highly considers new School Council Members with other specific skills and attributes depending on their skills matrix needs at the time. These will be outlined in specific School Council vacancy advertisements.

Remuneration

As a not-for-profit organisation, the PMSA does not remunerate Board or School Council Members for their position. PMSA Board and School Council Members are reimbursed a travel and other expenses allowance to cover costs incurred in performing their duties.

More Information

For general information on the PMSA, or to see the PMSA Constitution, By-laws and Charters, please visit pmsa-schools.edu.au.

For more information generally on becoming a School Council Member, or to submit your CV as an expression of interest for a School Council position, please contact the PMSA Group Office on (07) 3371 0709 or email vacancies@pmsa-schools.edu.au.