



School Council

Minutes of **New Members Meeting** - Tuesday 24 March 2026

School Council Special Meeting: Tuesday 24 March 2026

Members: **DET:** Tristan Lanarus (Executive Officer), George Ekonomopoulos, Kieran Jiwa, Marc Koenig, Jenny Vlahandreas
Parent: Tony Aravidis, Sharlene Connors, Emma Green, Yvette Herft, Michelle Kumarich
Student: Marcus Golonka, Kito Mukasa
Community: Aaron Huang, Jordan Novytarger, Arshika Vikram Prakash, Harel Saig
Non-Members: Joanne Antcliff, Correne Harry

Meeting commenced: 7:15pm

Venue: Conference Room

Chairperson: Tristan Lanarus (Executive Officer)

Apologies for Absence: Tony Aravidis, Kito Mukasa, Arshika Vikram Prakash, Jenny Vlahandreas

Observers: Helena Clements, Alexandra Yianna, Gabe Yianni,

Conflict of Interest: **Yvette Herft** – Family members are staff (Education Support) at Bentleigh Secondary College
Tony Aravidis – Landscaping for Bentleigh Secondary College

Quorum: The chairperson noted that a quorum was present

Agenda Alteration: Nil

School Council Members

Acting Principal welcomed School Council Members.

The following Parent, Staff and Student Members were successful in their nominations for School Council, for the term March 2026 to March 2028:

Parent Representatives: Sharlene Connors, Tony Aravidis, Emma Green,
Det Representatives: Kieran Jiwa, George Ekonomopoulos,
Student Elected Members: Marcus Golonka

Moved: Gabe Yianni

Seconded: Michelle Kumarich

Carried

Co-opted Members:

Community Member Category: Harel Saig (Captain)
Jordan Novtayer (Captain)
Aaron Huang (Deputy Captain)
Arshika Vikram Prakash (Deputy Captain)

Moved: Alex Yianni

Seconded: Emma Green

Carried



School Council acknowledged the contribution of retiring parent, student and staff members:
Teagan Abrahams, Alexandra Bird, Georgie Browne, William Hardy, Tadhg Lovelle, Schy Prewett, Alex Yianni, Gabe Yianni,

Election of Office Bearers

Tristan Lanarus called for nominations for Office Bearers

School Council President

One self-nomination received for the position, Yvette Herft

Nominated: Emma Green

Seconded: Michelle Kumarich

Carried

Congratulations to Yvette Herft who accepted the position.

School Council Vice President

One self-nomination received for the position, Tony Aravidis

Nominated: Yvette Herft

Seconded: Michelle Kumarich

Carried

Congratulations Tony Aravidis to who accepted the position.

School Council Treasurer

One self-nomination received for the position of Treasurer, Michelle Kumarich

Nominated: Emma Green

Seconded: Yvette Herft

Carried

Congratulations Michelle Kumarich to who accepted the position.

School Council 2026

Executive members:

- Executive Officer (Acting Principal – Tristan Lanarus)
- School Council President (Yvette Heft)
- Vice President (Tony Aravidis)
- Treasurer (Michelle Kumarich)

Parent Representatives:

- Sharlene Connors, Emma Green, Yvette Herft, Michelle Kumarich,

DET Representatives:

- George Ekonomopoulos, Kieran Jiwa, Marc Koenig, Jenny Vlahandreas

Student Elected Members:

- Marcus Golonka, Kito Mukasa

Community Members (School Captains):

- Jordan Novytarger (Captain)
- Harel Saig (Captain)
- Aaron Huang (Deputy Captain)
- Arshika Vikram Prakash (Deputy Captain)

In attendance:

Joanne Antcliff
Correne Harry

Child Safe Training Presentation

Presented by Schy Prewett

Motion:



That School Council approve and endorse the Victoria's Child Safe Standards as tabled and discussed

Moved: Marc Koenig

Seconded: Emma Green

Carried

Council Standing orders and Meeting procedures

Principal explained council standing orders and membership composition:

- Principal plus four school employees
- Six elected parents who are not school employees
- Two elected student members
- Up to four co-opted members from the college community (excluding DE employees).
- Bentleigh Secondary College may co-opt students. There are 6 student members in total.

The *Code of Conduct* and *Role of School Council Members* documents were emailed to all members/attendees and reviewed at the meeting.

Motion:

That School Council approve and endorse the 2026 School Council Standing Orders tabled and discussed

Moved: Marc Koenig

Seconded: Yvette Herft

Carried

Meeting Closed: 8:10 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 20 May 2026

School Council President: _____ Yvette Herft

Acting Principal: _____ Tristan Lanarus