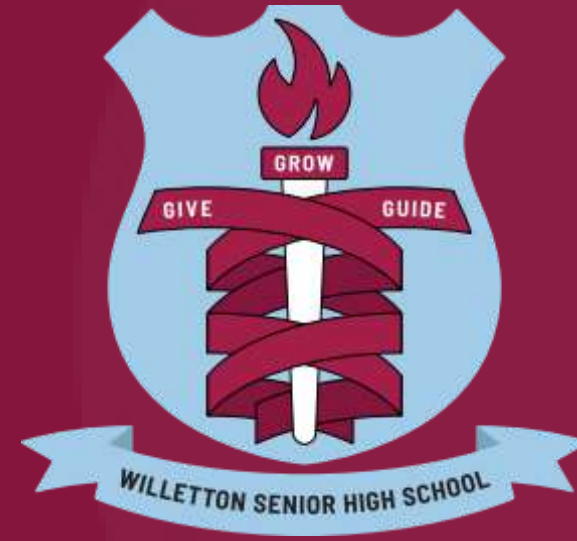


2024

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS



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STAFF REPRESENTATIVE

Having over 10 years of teaching experience, I am honoured to join the Willetton Senior High School Board team. With a background in the hospitality trade and experience as a senior leader in the retail industry before transitioning into teaching, I have had the pleasure of imparting my knowledge and insights to our students. My experience, as well as my ethos of being a passionate lifelong learner and hard worker, form the bedrock to my teaching profession as I support students to strive to achieve their best at Willetton and towards their post-schooling career goals.

As an active Award Leader of the internationally recognised Duke of Edinburgh Award, I encourage students to grow both as individuals and as our future leaders. Through engaging students in experiences outside of their comfort zone and leadership development exercises, I have been proud to witness many students at Willetton Senior High School strive to new heights as they demonstrate the Willo Way to our greater community.

I look forward to contributing to the School Board, our students and the greater community, whilst gaining insight of how I can further support our students at Willetton Senior High School beyond the Board.

MR BRAD CURRAN



2024 BOARD MEMBERS

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.

MS LOUISE EKSTEEN



2024 BOARD MEMBERS

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 member of the School Board, I enjoy working collaboratively to achieve shared goals and assisting in the maintenance and improvement of our fantastic facilities, procedures, and initiatives.

MR ERIK PRETORIUS
(Secretary)



2024

BOARD MEMBERS

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.

MS RASHA ABDELMONEM



2024 BOARD MEMBERS

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE

It is an honour to serve as a Parent Representative on the Board of Willetton Senior High School. My appointment to this role reflects my deep dedication to enhancing our educational system and promoting the well-being of our students, parents, and educators. Bringing a wealth of experience from my involvement in community services spanning both state and national initiatives, coupled with my professional background as a qualified member of the Australian Counselling Association, I aim to make a meaningful contribution to the Board.

My primary focus is on supporting individuals and families to thrive, and I am committed to ensuring that our school delivers the highest standard of education and support services to every student and their families. With three children currently enrolled in Years 7, 8 and 10, I also bring a personal commitment to representing the perspectives and interests of all parents and carers within the school community.

I am excited about the opportunity to collaborate with fellow Board members, administrators and stakeholders to support Willetton Senior High School towards continued excellence and success. Together, we can ensure that every student receives the resources and support they need to excel academically and personally.

MR TUCKER CHRISTOU



2024 BOARD MEMBERS

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE

I am very humbled to be elected as a Board member of Willetton Senior High School, one of the largest and most elite independent public schools in Western Australia with the commitment to intellectual, creative, physical and social growth of students.

I am currently an Associate Professor at Curtin University with a great passion for secondary education. I am among Stanford University's list of Top 2% Scientists worldwide for citation impact in Polymer Materials, and also received the 2020 Finalist Award for "Waste Innovation of the Year" by the Western Australian Waste Authority. I am one of a current and aspiring culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) leaders with the scholarship award for the 2024 Auspire Multicultural Leadership Program, Australia Day Council WA.

I have a long-term close bond with this excellent school where my daughter is currently learning from fabulous teachers here as a Year 9 student. I can contribute to STEM teaching technologies and pedagogies, school development plan, extracurricular, multicultural community and environment, school performance and ranking improvements, as well as students' wellbeing for the bright future of the school.

DR YU DONG



2024 BOARD MEMBERS

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE

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.

MR DAVID HARWOOD



2024

BOARD MEMBERS

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.

MR CHRIS PHILLIPS
(Chairperson)



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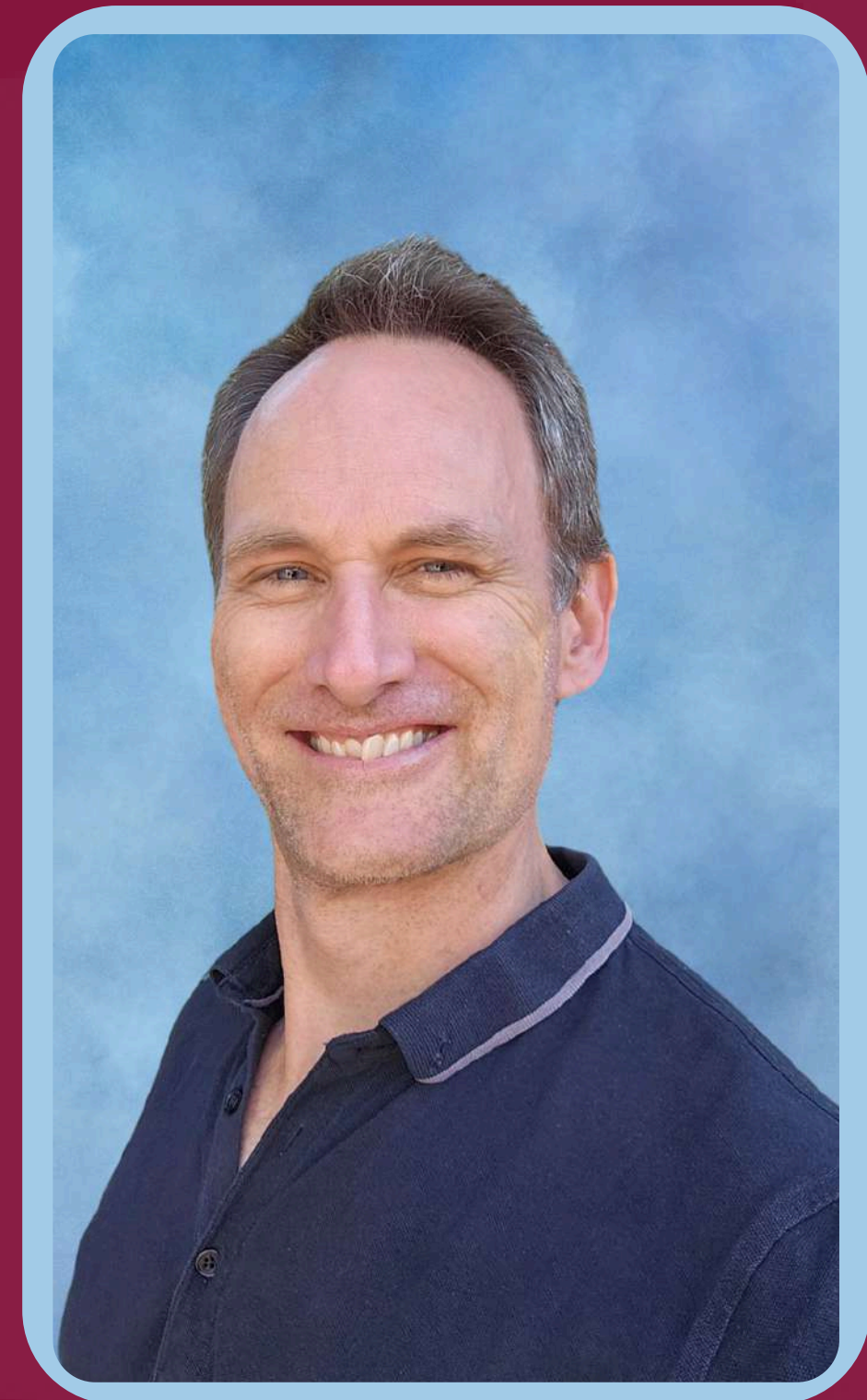
PARENT REPRESENTATIVE

With a 30-year tenure as a software developer, I offer a blend of technical expertise and a deep commitment to education. My dedication is demonstrated through three years of volunteering at the school's second-hand bookshop, where I have nurtured a passion for learning among students and supported the school community.

My technological knowledge and problem-solving skills equip me to address the challenges of contemporary education, ensuring that our school stays at the cutting edge of educational innovation and efficiency.

Eager to contribute more, I am committed to using my skills and experience to help the school achieve the best educational outcomes, championing initiatives that prepare our students for a rapidly evolving world. I am excited about the potential for technology and education to merge, creating exceptional opportunities for our students.

MR GEORGE THORNTON



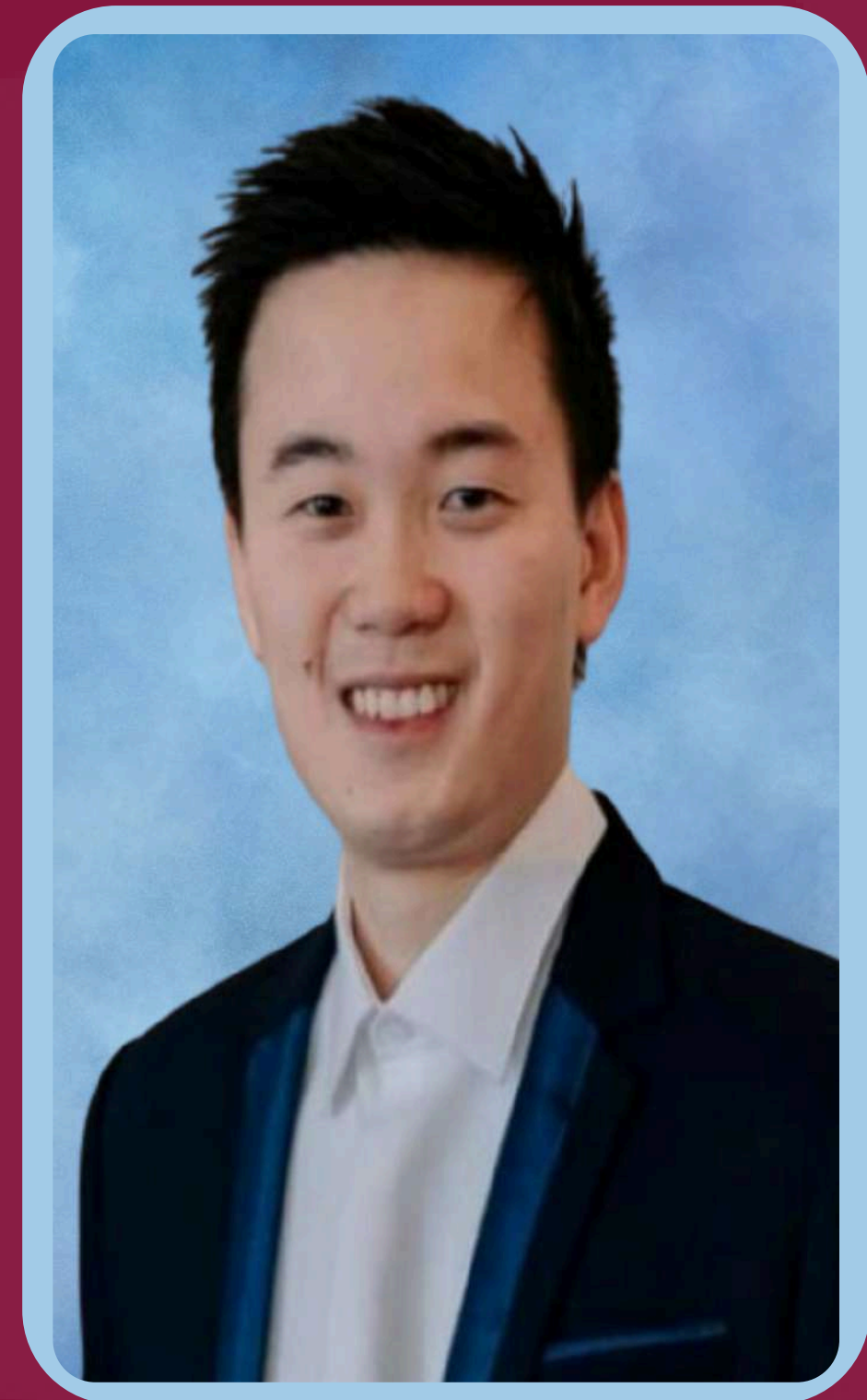
2024 BOARD MEMBERS

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

I am delighted to have the privilege of serving as a Community Representative on the Willetton Senior High School Board. I am an 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.

MR MICHAEL LEE



2024 BOARD MEMBERS

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

I am a committed community leader and advocate who has completed my Bachelor's Degree, followed by an MBA whilst employed at Curtin University.

I am a dedicated community member and volunteer regularly at local primary schools and non-profit organisations. Additionally, I support my children's pursuits through my involvement in P&Cs, sports clubs, and community associations. Noteworthy is my leadership of a diverse Women's group, focused on empowering women through connection and participation.

Currently, I hold the position of City of Canning Council Councillor for Beeliar Ward (Willetton and part of Leeming), bringing a wealth of experience, including my previous role as a cultural ambassador for the City. I am excited to apply my cultural expertise to serve Willetton SHS and its stakeholders!

MS SHEN SEKHON



2024 BOARD MEMBERS

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.

MR DIVAKAR SUBRAMANIAM
(Treasurer)



2024 BOARD MEMBERS

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.

MR ARUN THAVASI

