

## Candidate Statements

### Melanie Matthews

Hi GSSC community, my name is Melanie, and I am very keen to be elected as a member of the school council.

My daughter commenced Year 7 this year. I served three years on our local primary school council including time as vice president and valued being a part of and contributing to the school in this way. I am a qualified social worker with almost 20 years' experience working with children and families. I am a wife, a mum, I love musical theatre, sports and any extracurricular activities that support a child's growth.

I believe children need a balance of academic, artistic, and physical activities to achieve their full potential. I want to make their time at GSSC one which supports them to become the best they can be.

I will advocate for the best outcomes for the school and the students.

### Terri Cowley

My youngest child started at Greater Shepparton SC in 2023 and I am keen to do all I can to support the school. Previously, I was a McGuire College Parent for many years.

I am a journalist with many years of experience in both the print and broadcast media.

Currently the Breakfast Presenter on One FM Shepparton as well as the Associate Editor of R.M. Williams OUTBACK, I believe good communication with both the school community and the wider community, is key to the continued success of the college.

Currently a member of the Committee of Management of GV Hospice Care and a graduate of the Fairley Leadership Program, I understand the need for good governance.

I have experience working voluntarily for many community groups include school P&C committees, sporting clubs and local not-for-profit organisations.

### William Hemming

My name is William Hemming and I am a proud father of three children, with one entering year seven this year at GSSC.

In my professional life I am a Chartered Accountant with over fifteen years of industry experience, in various roles. Currently I am working in an agricultural business partnering role. I've also completed my Foundation of Directorship course with AICD.

I believe in giving back to the community and over the years have been actively involved in many local community groups. Currently I'm involved as an umpire with the Goulburn Valley Football Umpires Association, treasurer of the Shepparton Little Athletics Club and a parent school council representative at Grahamvale Primary School Council.

As I have the understanding of the importance of good governance, with my financial background, together with a passion to build good working relationships, please consider me as your parent school council representative.

## Ane Fotu

My name is Ane Fotu and my son is a Year 7 student who started this year in GSSC.  
I am currently employed by GOTAFE as the Acting Manager Student Growth and Partnership.  
I am a member of the Gowrie St Primary School Council committee, where two of our girls attend.  
I am one of the Leaders at Encounter Christian Church, where I volunteer and help run the Kids church on Sundays.  
I also volunteer at the Shepparton Bulls Rugby club where my son plays.  
I coordinate and organise Events for a group called Shepparton Culture Kitchen Women.

I love road trips, hiking and reading. I'm passionate about the community, all things learning and believe in everyone's right to a fair chance at education. I have 6 children and 4 that are still in school, this is my main reason for standing for election.

I would love the opportunity to support where I can and contribute to the decision making of the school.

Thank you.