



Avondale Primary School Council - Election 2020

The following statements were received from candidates; they are published in ballot order.

Annerley Juhlin-Beeck

I would love the opportunity to represent the parent community on school council. As a former student of Avondale, it was important for me to send my children here, who are third generation attendees. My family has resided in Avondale since 1963. The community has always been part of my life.

I started my career in Early Childhood Education before moving into the corporate world. Initially I assisted adults find work before moving into a National Managers role. I am on the committee at the Avondale Heights Football Club and am responsible for finding / running their sponsorship program.

With two children who thrive at this school and one more yet to attend, school council is my chance to give something back. I am not afraid to ask questions and contribute my skills and experience. I would be grateful if you would consider voting for me.

Carla Soul

My name is Carla and I have a daughter in Grade 4. I am an Event Coordinator, with a degree in Business (Event Management). Having served on the School Council for the last two years, I'd like to continue the work we do in order to accomplish the improvements and goals so we can give our kids the best school and education. I believe that Avondale Primary is a community-based school and holds this strong belief, which I appreciate and would like to continue. Outside of school-life, I play dance mum on the weekend for my daughter, go to the farmer's markets and walks around the river. I have a strong interest in acting, which my daughter has followed the path on me with. Work-wise, I create events from weddings to Gala dinners to sporting events to art exhibitions, always having been able to quickly adjust to change.

Dani Sophoulis

I am mother to Mia who started prep this year. I am keen to join the school council to help Avondale Primary continue to develop its fantastic programs and the fabulous school community that drew me to send Mia here. I would also love to play an active role in the ongoing improvements to the overall school and its facilities. As a qualified Graphic Designer, I would love to assist the school with all marketing material and advertising campaigns. In 2019 I served on the Avondale Heights Kindergarten committee participating in fundraising events and providing graphic design support for their fundraising campaigns. This is something I am passionate about and would love to contribute my skills to organise fundraising events which are fun and engaging for the community and profitable for the school. I am eager to volunteer my time at Avondale Primary and establish strong connections within school's community.



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April Ratkovic

Let's extend our school integrity within the local area, help our school to be the best it can be both inside and outside school grounds and continue to hold our no.1 ranking within our zoned area.

With over 13 yrs of Brand and Marketing Management experience I have successfully founded and currently operate a Marketing Consulting business that helps businesses and brands to grow and sustain their image.

I have a strong passion for re-inventing brands and finding opportunities to connect brands with people. Along with my recent voluntary education experience including the revamp of the current Avondale Primary 2020 Prep Handbook and a Vice President position on the Montgomery Park Playgroup Committee, I hope as a business woman and mum to influence positive and sustainable improvements to benefit our school.

Matias Abregu

I am the proud father of a prep student who is thoroughly enjoying her time at Avondale Primary. I'd like to participate in school council to ensure that Avondale Primary is highly valued and supported by the community, and remains a safe, inclusive, and happy place in which students experience world class education irrespective of their background. I am passionate about STEM education and lifelong health and wellbeing.

Professional background

I have held formal roles in the following areas:

- Biomedical research scientist
- International Baccalaureate educator
- Business leader in biotechnology industry
- Health and fitness trainer, board member of Western Suburbs Triathlon Club
- Musician

Skills applicable to school council

- Evaluation of contracts and negotiations
- Skilled at evaluating and writing policy related matters
- Advanced research/due diligence/consultation/reporting skills (e.g. government policies)
- Communication, public speaking, written
- Project management and strategy

Sladjana (Anna) Gregory

My name is Anna Gregory. I am a proud parent of four children attending Avondale Primary School.

In my professional life I am an allied health professional with 20 years of experience in leadership roles in both private and public sectors. I am a hardworking, organised and enthusiastic person.

With the combination of my personal experience as a parent of four children, aged 6-10 years and my professional experience in terms of creating, understanding and implementing effective policies and procedures, I believe that I would be a valuable member of the School Council at Avondale Primary School.

My hope, if I am successfully elected, would be to assist the school to continue to provide the highest level of educational opportunities for our children and to contribute to the overall enhancement of the programs and facilities at our school.

Thank you for your time.



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Ajay Bhargava

I seek your support in the 2020 School Council Elections. I am a current member of the Council and have been the Treasurer for the past year. I believe, with my banking background, I can continue to assist the school in complex finance matters and deliver cost effective solutions. In the last 2 years, I have contributed to the below initiatives raised by the School Council:

- Installation of additional playground equipment
- Introduction of alcohol free hand sanitisers in classrooms
- Installation of CCTV cameras to improve school security
- Launch of Flexischools for canteen lunch orders
- Overseeing the Afterschool care program

I am also committed in helping achieve the funding allocation for the new School Building. My kids (Neel & Riya Bhargava) are current students of the school and I hope to get the opportunity to make a difference to the School Community.

Thank you.

Ajay Bhargava

Stefania Lipoma

No blurb submitted

Andrew Barker

I've been a dedicated School Council member for two years, and in that time I have seen many improvements at Avondale Primary School. I would love to continue to contribute, particularly with more ideas for the whole new school building and the co-ordination with politicians and the Education Department.

My son is in Grade 4 and I have seen many changes in the four years we have been involved e.g. the move of before school and out of hours care programme to our school. I have helped cook for the Prep BBQ for the last two years and attended and contributed to many other school activities.

I am a member of the Facilities Committee and helped organise the new portable classroom for two Grades 5/6.

I would be honoured to continue to contribute my time and efforts in making a difference to Avondale Primary School.



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Mawgen Ralph

“Hi, I’m Mawgen (Morgan) and I am Isla (yr6)
Chase (yr 3) and Mila’s (prep class of 2026)
mum.

I am a General Manager of HR with a large
national integrated services business. My
family relocated from Sydney at the end of
2018 for better work-life balance and we have
found that here in Avondale.

I will bring with me a new perspective from
my experiences with schools in Sydney and
through skills obtained through my HR career.
I have the ability to think outside the box and
challenge the status quo to ensure our kids
are getting the most out of their schooling. I
am passionate and invested in the community
we live in and would love to use this passion in
such a role for Avondale Primary.

It’s important to me that we continue to
evolve Avondale Primary for the children of
today and those of the future.”