



**Mainstream and Steiner Education**  
**Two streams – one river**

# Governing Council Policy

## Purpose

The management and educational leadership of a site is the responsibility of the principal and employees, however site governance is the joint responsibility of the relevant council/committee and the principal.

*The Education Act 1972* prescribes the functions, roles, powers and operational rules of governing councils and school councils.

As outlined in the above Act, and in their constitutions, **governing councils** have a joint responsibility with the site leader to:

- involve the local site community
- develop and approve local site policies
- set the broad direction and vision of the site
- monitor and review the site improvement plan
- be an employing authority of some non-teaching services, including OHSC and canteen
- report to the site community and minister on council business and budgets.

**School councils** are advisory bodies only and have limited role and functions. School councils provide advice to the principal to strengthen and support public education in the community.

## School governance structures

The BRPS Governing Council operates within its constitution and includes a code of practice. The Governing Council consists of parents, the Principal and one elected staff representative. All members of the school community are entitled to nominate for Governing Council. Elections are held at the Annual General Meeting. Governing Council will address the matter of future membership balance if it deems it necessary to do so.

The subcommittees of Governing Council are Finance and others some of these subcommittees are developed according to the needs and priorities of the school.

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