

SCHOOL BOARD ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Bateman Primary School Board’s main role is to be involved in the governance of the school, which means playing a role in shaping and monitoring the school’s objectives, priorities and general directions. It is not the Board’s role to manage the school – that is the Principal’s responsibility. The main differences between School Councils and School Boards are that:

- the Board signs off on a Delivery and Performance Agreement (which is a binding agreement between the Department of Education (Director General), the School (Principal) and the School Board (Chair) that places specific performance and
- accountability expectations upon schools; and
- Boards take part in the DES independent review at the end of the three year DPA cycle.

The Board participates in:

- formulating, endorsing and annually reviewing the school’s Business Plan;
- processes to review school performance;
- processes to determine satisfaction levels of parents, staff and students; and
- endorsing the school’s annual report.

A School Board can have between 5 and 15 members. Members are elected for a maximum of three years, but can be reappointed more than once. Parents are elected by parents. Staff are elected by staff.

MEMBERSHIP

Felix Chan (Chairperson):

As an Associate Professor and Academic Lead, Discipline of Economics at the School of Accounting, Economics and Finance, I have been heavily involved in educating students for the past two decades across diverse fields of subjects including finance, economics, econometrics, data analytics and data science. This has provided me with firsthand knowledge and experience about the necessary things that an early childhood education requires to set students up for future success. This has been emphasised through my work as a university researcher, educator and administrator, across my interactions with hundreds of students with diverse backgrounds, along with my practical and theoretical knowledge in educational techniques and methodology. Given these experiences, I understand that the education provided by Bateman Primary School will have long lasting impacts on our children’s development. This motivates me to join the School Board to represent the concerns of parents as we all share the same interests in having our children receiving a quality education.



Dean Fearnall (Vice Chairperson):

My name is Den Fearnall and I have two daughters Milla and Indy as well as a younger son Nate who go to the school. I have lived in Bateman since 2012 and find the suburb amazing - the sense of community here is something not exceeded anywhere else I have lived.

Professionally, I studied the bachelor’s degree of Information Technology at ECU and completed the master’s degree in IT in 1995. Workwise, I have been at my current job working for a civil construction and engineering company since 2008 managing the IT. In my role, I interface with both internal and external entities to give the best result for both parties and am very customer focused. My experience in IT would be a major asset and having been in IT since 1996



seen some amazing changes in technology and can understand how people are overwhelmed with online world. I have experience in running committees as I am the president of the work social club and look after the business IT budget.

I was born in Perth, grown up in WA and have lived overseas for several years to experience what other societies have to offer. Community wise, I am involved in helping out at local little athletics competition on Saturday mornings running events. I also attend the Men of Bateman events run by the MOB committee which I believe is very beneficial for the balanced development of our children.

Marc Lockett (Principal)

I was appointed as Principal of Bateman Primary for the start of the 2011 school year, our 8th Principal in just three years! In my time at Bateman I have witnessed our community and school become far more connected, great improvements in the way we teach and corresponding increased performance in tests such as NAPLAN, improved grounds and play equipment and exciting projects like the kitchen garden. I love the Bateman community and working with our excellent students and staff and I am excited about the future of our school.



Cath Parry (Deputy Principal)

I am an experienced educator and have worked in a variety of contexts in both the metropolitan area and in the country. I am the Deputy Principal and have a number of roles around the school. I enjoy seeing the students have their 'lightbulb moments'. It is an honour to be on the School Board and to be overseeing the governance of the school.



Sonja Katnich (Deputy Principal)

Across twenty plus years I have had a passion for teaching and the privilege to teach every year level, while keeping in mind the role of a school in a child's life. I believe through creating a secure environment and connecting with students they can always achieve more than they believe they are capable of, nothing is more rewarding for me than sharing in a child's success. It has been an absolute pleasure working at Bateman Primary for the past six years, a school that embraces and supports all aspects of a child. As the Student Services and Early Childhood Deputy Principal my purpose is to work collaboratively with and to support the students, staff, families and community to build a strategic whole school approach to health and wellbeing creating a learning environment where all students thrive, knowing they are safe and happy.



PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

Louise Liu:

Hello, my name is Louise Liu, married with one daughter in Bateman Primary School. My family have lived in Bateman since 2009 and absolutely love our little tight community. You probably see us with our fluffy ball dog Shadow at the park every night.

I am a qualified CPA and working as a manager in the state government. I have years of experience in change management, project management, applying and implementing government legislations and working with people from all walks of life. I worked on the Chung Wah Chinese Leeming School Board and gathered valuable experience on the functions and the importance of school board. I am proficient in Mandarin and believe that my skills will be useful for our school Chinese program.

I want to play an active role in the management of our primary school community. I am a strong believer in acting with respect, honesty and open communication, and I want all our children to learn in a safe environment without harassment and bullying. I look forward the opportunity to be part of our school board and work closely with school management and P&C.



Damien Carter:

My wife and I have three children at Bateman and we have been at the school for a couple of years. I have a PhD in Chemistry and have spent many years in science education. I really enjoy teaching science and strongly believe in the importance of educating our next generation of young minds. I am currently Department Manager of Mineralogy at one of the largest minerals analysis companies in Australia. Outside of work I play the trombone and perform in local community concert and jazz bands. I have served on several committees over the past few years, including community bands and a primary school board. This is my first year on Bateman's School Board and I am really looking forward to working with the team.



Amy Henry:

Hello, my name is Amy Henry. I have been involved the community and education for many years and feel that I can bring a broad perspective and knowledge to the position. I am a parent to three vibrant Bateman Primary School children and have worked as a passionate Primary School educator for the past 18 years. My position as a teacher has given me the knowledge and skills that will be valuable as a board member. I have taught across many year levels, subject areas and interacted with people from all walks of life.

I have been a committed member of the Bateman Primary School P&C for three years and have played an integral part in fundraising and event organisation and a building a strong school community through events and programming. These include the annual school disco, Leaf fundraiser, colour run, ice cream Friday and most recently the 50th Anniversary Festival of Bateman. These events required a high level of organisation and leadership, good communication and interpersonal skills.



Outside of school the school community I also play an active role in a number of community groups such a team management for Manning Rippers Football club and Netball coaching.

I am proud member of the Bateman Primary school community and I will be committed to making our school exceptional for everyone in the community. I look forward to working with the school community to achieve the best outcome possible for all students and families.

Tania Allen:

I am a parent to 3 boys who attend Bateman Primary School and I also have the pleasure of being a teacher in the school. We have been part of the close community at Bateman for over 6 years and have had the opportunity to work with many wonderful staff along the way. My husband and I have been active members in various projects at Bateman and enjoy being able to support the school in different ways. I love Bateman for its values around whole-child teaching approaches and their commitment to building on this every year. In my profession, I am passionate about building relationships to enhance students' motivation and a love for learning. I have dedicated much of my journey to learning about building connections and supporting the wellbeing of students. I strongly believe the best outcomes are achieved through collaboration and strong connections between everyone in the community. I appreciate the opportunity to join the Board in continuing the great work at Bateman.



TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES

Elle Bray:

I've been a teacher at Bateman Primary School since 2012. Prior to my time at Bateman, I was a member of the School Council of my last school in rural Western Australia. I am looking forward to working with the board to make positive changes to the school and wider community, particularly in the areas of Early Childhood and English.



Brittany Ryan:

I am a passionate teacher who finds so much joy, challenge and reward in working in Early Childhood. I have been at Bateman since 2019 and was in a rural school prior. My experience continues to develop and inspire my teaching and learning. Being on the school board gives me the opportunity to share and collaborate in making Bateman a wonderful community.

