

***HUME CENTRAL SECONDARY COLLEGE***  
***SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS***  
***FEBRUARY - MARCH 2023***

Our School Council and those at other government schools in Victoria perform a very important role. They bring together parents, College staff and the broader community in planning and decision making, and provide genuine opportunities to contribute to the educational vision of the College.

There are 4 categories of membership:

- A mandated elected parent category. Department of Education & Training (DET) employees can now be parent members at their school
- A mandated elected DET employee category. The Principal of the school is automatically one of these members
- An optional community member category. Its members are co-opted by the decision of the College Council because of their special skills, interests and/or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be in the community member category
- Student representation on College Council - one Student Leadership member from each Campus

The Term of office for members is usually two years. Normally, half the member's tenure ends and this creates vacancies for the annual School Council elections.

There are 8 Council positions vacant for 2023, 5 parent members, 1 DET employee members and 2 student members.

Nominations must be in writing and on the official nomination form. If you are interested in standing for election to College Council, then please nominate. Nomination forms will be available from Reception at all 3 Campuses.

Nominations open for Parent members (5 vacancies), DET members (1 vacancies) and Student members (2 vacancies) on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and close on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 at 3.30pm. Completed nomination forms need to be returned to Town Park, Blair Street or Dimboola Road Receptions.

If there are more nominations than positions available, an election will be conducted:

- On the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023, ballot papers and candidates' statements will be available at Reception on each Campus for parents, and students can pick them up on their behalf. It is a secret ballot and voters are asked to return their ballot papers in sealed, unmarked envelopes to the general office.
- If there is an election you may lodge your ballot in person between 8am and 4pm from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 or post the envelope to the College Principal to arrive before the close of ballot, 4pm Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
- The declaration of the poll will be Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Please do not hesitate to contact the Campus Principal on any Campus if you have any inquiries.