

Functions of a School Board

The functions of the school board of a public school are:

- to establish strategic direction and priorities for the school
- to monitor and review school performance and to report on it to the Director-General, parents of students at the school and staff
- to develop, maintain and review curriculum for the school
- to develop and review education policies at the school
- to establish budgetary policies for the school and approve the school budget
- to establish policies for the efficient and effective use of school assets and the management of financial risk
- to develop relationships between the school and the community and between the school and community organisations
- to make recommendations to the Director-General on issue affecting the school and to give effect to the Director-General's directions
- to encourage parent participation in their children's learning; and
- to exercise any other function given to the board under this Act or any other Territory law.

Composition of a School Board

General schools

This section applies to a school board of a public school other than a school to which section 43 (Composition of school boards of school-related institutions and other schools in special circumstances) applies.

Section 43 applies to:

- Isabella Plains Early Childhood School
- Lyons Early Childhood School
- Narrabundah Early Childhood School
- Southern Cross Early Childhood School
- University of Canberra High School Kaleen
- University of Canberra Senior Secondary College, Lake Ginninderra
- Telopea Park School
- Woden School
- Murrumbidgee Centre for Education and Training
- Black Mountain School
- Birrigai Outdoor School

The school board of a government school consists of:

- the principal of the school
- 1 member (the **appointed member**) appointed by the Director-General as the appointed member
- 2 members (the **staff members**) elected by staff of the school and appointed by the Director-General
- 3 members (the **parents and citizens members**) elected by the parents and citizens association of the school and appointed by the Director-General
- the members (the **board appointed members**) (if any) appointed by the board under subsection (6), and
- for a school prescribed under the regulations—2 members (the **student members**) elected by the students at the school and appointed by the Director-General.

Eligibility of each position

For the making of appointments (including acting appointments), see the [Legislation Act 2001](#), pt 19.3.

In particular, a person may be appointed for a particular provision of a law (see Legislation Act, s 7 (3)) and an appointment may be made by naming a person or nominating the occupant of a position (see s 207).

A person is eligible to be elected or appointed as a staff member only if the person is employed as a member of the staff of the school, see the [Education Act 2004](#), s41.

A person is eligible to be elected or appointed a student member only if the person is a student at the school.

The appointed member, staff members, parent and citizens members and student members are appointed for the prescribed period.

The school board may appoint 1 or more people to be members of the board for a term (not longer than 12 months) decided by the school board.

The school board must not make an appointment under subsection (6) if there would be more than 2 board appointed members at the same time.

School-related institutions and other schools in special circumstances

Telopea Park School

The composition of the school board of Telopea Park School, a school in special circumstances, to be as follows:

- the principal of the school
- two teachers (the **staff members**) elected by the staff of the school and appointed by the Director-General
- three parents or other citizens (the **parents and citizens members**) elected by the parents and citizens association of the school and appointed by the Director-General
- two secondary students (the **student members**) elected by the students at the school and appointed by the Director-General
- a nominee of the Education and Training Directorate (the **appointed member**) appointed by the Director-General
- up to three co-opted members (the **board appointed members**) appointed by the board
- two nominees of the French Government appointed by the Director-General, and
- one nominee of the Australian Minister for Education appointed by the Director-General.

Woden School

The composition of the School Board of the Woden School, a School in Special Circumstances, is as follows:

- the principal of the school
- one member (the **appointed member**) appointed by the Director-General as the appointed member
- two members (the **staff members**) elected by staff of the school and appointed by the Director-General
- three members (the **parents and citizens members**) elected by the parents and citizens association of the school and appointed by the Director-General
- one or more members (the **board appointed members**) elected by the board for a term (not longer than 12 months) decided by the board, and
- two students (the **student members**) elected by the board for a term (not longer than 12 months) decided by the board.

Black Mountain School

The composition of the School Board of the Black Mountain School, a School in Special Circumstances, to be as follows:

- the principal of the school
- one member (the **appointed member**) appointed by the Director-General as the appointed member
- two members (the **staff members**) elected by staff of the school and appointed by the Director-General
- three members (the **parents and citizens members**) elected by the parents and citizens association of the school and appointed by the Director-General
- one or more members (the **board appointed members**) elected by the board for a term (not longer than 12 months) decided by the board, and
- two students (the **student members**) elected by the board for a term (not longer than 12 months) decided by the board.

Birrigai Outdoor School

The composition of the School Board of the Black Outdoor School, a School in Special Circumstances, to be as follows:

- the principal of the school
- the General Manager of the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve
- one representative of the Education and Training Directorate (Manager) nominated by the Directorate and appointed by the Director-General
- two members (the **Tidbinbilla Board of Management Members**) nominated by the Tidbinbilla Board of Management and appointed by the Director-General
- one member (the **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Member**) nominated by the United Ngunnawal Elders Council and appointed by the Director-General
- one member (the **Principal Member**) nominated by the School Network Reference Group and appointed by the Director-General
- one member of the Birrigai Outdoor School (the **Birrigai Staff Member**) elected by staff of the school and appointed by the Director-General
- one member (the **Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve Staff Member**) elected by the staff of the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve and appointed by the Director-General
- one member (the **Appointed Member**) appointed by the Director-General, and
- up to two members (the **Board Appointed Members**) representing non-government schools and the Tidbinbilla heritage community.

Murrumbidgee Education and Training Centre

The composition of the School Board of Murrumbidgee Education and Training Centre, a School-Related Institution, to be as follows:

- Bimberi Manager appointed by the Director-General
- Manager, Student Support appointed by the Director-General
- two community members appointed by the Director-General
- one teacher elected by the staff and appointed by the Director-General
- one board appointed member with voting rights (usually a Canberra Institute of Technology representative) appointed by the board, and
- one board appointed member with voting rights (usually a student representative) appointed by the board.

Early Childhood Schools

The composition of the school boards of Early Childhood Schools as school-related institutions, to be as follows:

- the principal of the school
- one member (the **appointed member**) appointed by the Director-General as the appointed member
- two member (the **staff members**) elected by the staff of the school and appointed by the Director-General
- three members (the **parents and citizens members**) elected by the parents and citizens association of the school and appointed by the Director-General, and
- up to two members (the **board appointed member**) (if any) appointed by the board.

A person is eligible to be elected or appointed as the staff member only if the person is employed as a member of the staff of the school.

University of Canberra High School Kaleen

- the principal of the school
- one member (***the appointed member***) appointed by the Director-General as the appointed member
- two members (***the staff members***) elected by staff of the school and appointed by the Director-General
- three members (***the parents and citizens members***) elected by the parents and citizens association of the school and appointed by the Director-General
- two students (***the student members***) elected by the students and appointed by the Director-General
- one member (***the University of Canberra member***) nominated by the University of Canberra and appointed by the Director-General; and
- one or more members (***the board appointed members***) elected by the school board for a term (not longer than 12 months) decided by the board.

University of Canberra Senior Secondary College, Lake Ginninderra

- the principal of the school
- one member (***the appointed member***) appointed by the Director-General as the appointed member
- two members (***the staff members***) elected by staff of the school and appointed by the Director-General
- three members (***the parents and citizens members***) elected by the parents and citizens association of the school and appointed by the Director-General
- two students (***the student members***) elected by the students and appointed by the Director-General
- one member (***the University of Canberra member***) nominated by the University of Canberra and appointed by the Director-General; and
- one or more members (***the board appointed members***) elected by the school board for a term (not longer than 12 months) decided by the board.