

Staff/Student Trustee Role Description Policy

It is a requirement that all state and state integrated schools have a staff trustee and in schools with students above year 9, one elected student trustee. The staff/student trustee is first and foremost a trustee, making decisions on behalf of all stakeholders at the school using all the information available. They are elected to bring a staff/student perspective to the board in the same way that parent trustees bring a parent view. They are bound by the same roles, responsibilities and codes of conduct as other trustees and must aim to be part of the board team rather than hold a single representational focus.

Staff/Student Trustee accountability measure	Requirements
1. To work within the board's Charter	1.1 The Charter is obviously considered in board decisions
2. To abide by the board's governance and operational policies	2.1 The staff/student trustee has a copy of the Governance Manual and is familiar with all board policies
3. The staff/student trustee is first and foremost a trustee and must act in the best interests of the students at the school at all times.	3.1 The staff/student trustee is not a staff/student advocate 3.2 The staff/student trustee does not bring staff/student concerns to the board
4. The staff/student trustee is bound by the Trustee Code of Behaviour	4.1 The staff/student trustee acts within the code of behaviour
5. It is not necessary for the staff/student trustee to prepare a verbal or written report for the board unless specifically requested to from the board	5.1 No regular reports received unless a request has been made by the board on a specific topic.

Review schedule: Triennially

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