

Bicton board communications with the school community

Bicton Primary School Board members exercise judgement and make decisions based on the highest standard of care towards the School. Members represent the school community. Members do not represent one viewpoint or the view of an individual. Members therefore regularly seek the views and opinions of the whole school community, especially when policies are being developed.

Members respect the need for confidentiality and privacy with regard to sensitive matters that might arise at council meetings, especially where there are matters of a personal nature relating to staff, students or parents.

The Board is not an appropriate forum for the discussion of individual school staff, students, parents or other members of the school community.

- A member who is approached by a parent with a concern relating to an individual is in a privileged position and is expected to treat such discussion with discretion, protecting the confidentiality and privacy of the people involved. If the issue relates to an operational matter of the school, the parent should be encouraged to speak with the principal or classroom teacher. If the issue relates to a school policy or procedure, it is put on the agenda and approached in a generic sense to protect the privacy of individuals involved.