



Carine Primary School

Independent Public School

Board Members 2024



Helen Maurice-Jones – Board Chairperson - I have a bachelor's degree in business management from Manchester Metropolitan University and 20 years' professional experience in Project Delivery, Process Improvement and Risk environments. I have worked in a range of industries including, Banking, Mining, Imports and Pharmaceuticals. I have lived in three different countries and seen the difference education and well-being can make on a child's life.

I am a full-time working parent of two amazing children at Carine Primary School. I am passionate about education and I believe my previous knowledge and experience will bring value to the Carine Primary School Board by applying my operational and risk, crisis management, process improvement, return on investment, policy adoption, change and communication experience to the school and its community. I believe in quality staff differentiating to improve student achievement and well-being.



Michael Black – Principal - My career in education began in 1985 when I accepted a teaching post to the small mining town of Kambalda West. For the next twenty years, I taught in several schools both country and metropolitan, as well as some time teaching in England and Japan. In the late '90s I was posted to North Beach PS and spent the next twenty years as a teacher, then Deputy Principal and eventually A/Principal. In 2017, I was appointed Principal of Mullaloo Beach Primary School and now I am very happy to be at Carine Primary School. My philosophy has always been that the building of strong, positive and respectful relationships is the cornerstone of all good schools. I am also passionate in my belief that every child can be a successful learner and we must work to develop our students academically, creatively, physically and emotionally in partnership with our community.



Megan Salom – I have been practicing in the field of Landscape Architecture since 2003, with a focus on Connection to Country, community development and environmental design. I am a registered Landscape Architect, with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (UWA) and have worked in the private sector, Local Government Authority (City of Perth), as well as an Adjunct Lecturer at UWA School of Design. I have been involved in a wide range of project typologies including Education, Public Realm, Master planning and Landscape restoration. I have gained experience in design thinking and problem solving, project management, stakeholder engagement, procurement, and project delivery. I have also recently joined AILA's National Connection to Country Committee, to continue to build cultural awareness and respect when working on Country. I am passionate about the crafting and design of outdoor spaces to support the well-being, learning and curiosity of children, of all abilities and ages. I have enjoyed being part of the CPS P&C Outdoor Project Sub-Committee, helping identify P&C funding opportunities relating to the enhancement, upgrade and/or expansion of CPS outdoor play and learning spaces. I have been a parent at Carine Primary School since 2016, with my second child in Year 5. I feel positive and excited about the direction of the school and look forward to the opportunity of being part of the School Board.



Cassie Guy - I am lawyer with over 10 years' experience specialising in commercial litigation and insolvency. I act for a variety of clients including financial institutions, professional advisors, large commercial organisations and individuals with disputes varying from small claims to large multi-million-dollar contracts. Through my legal career, I have become a critical thinker, strategic problem solver and excellent negotiator and advocate. In 2020, I commenced further tertiary studies at the University of New England, embarking on a Master's in Business Administration. Through my studies, I am gaining management and corporate governance skills that can benefit the Carine Primary School Board through measured decision making, open and honest communication and a commitment to planned outcomes. I was born and raised in Western Australia and have lived in Carine since 2017. My two children currently attend Carine Primary School and I am lucky enough to have flexible work hours to enable me to spend more time with my children through their education, social events and their sporting commitments. I also maintain my own sporting commitments, social and professional networks. I am an energetic and committed person and look forward to working with the Carine Primary School Board to achieve its goals and vision.



Penny Seet – I am a full-time working parent of 3 children, with two of those currently at Carine Primary and the third starting Kindy next year.

I have been a practicing veterinarian for over 15 years after graduating from Murdoch University and I am the Hospital Director leading and managing two busy Emergency Veterinary Hospitals which run 24/7. I am actively involved in the veterinary profession with Membership, Committee involvement and as an Examiner for the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists. I am also a mentor for young Veterinarians through the Australian Veterinary Association.

I am passionate about inspiring and empowering others to succeed and creating a positive and nurturing environment and I am excited about the opportunity to be involved as a parent member of the Carine Primary School Board.



Blake Jaenke - I have two children currently attending Carine PS and I have been the Treasurer of the P&C since 2019. I am a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) and have worked in the Construction, Mining, Telecommunications and Education industries as well as Public Practice.

I recently established my own Accounting and Advisory business and am the 2024 Chair of the Corporate Advisory Panel for the WA branch of CAANZ. I am passionate about contributing to the school community to ensure that all children's education needs are met.



Leanne Vardy - As a Deputy Principal, I bring to the School Board a strong contextual knowledge of the school community, having been at Carine PS for several years as a class teacher, Deputy Principal and Acting Principal. One of my key responsibilities is with Student Services, coordinating an early intervention team approach together with staff, parents, Departmental and outside agencies to meet the needs of students at educational risk. As the Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) Coordinator, I liaise with the North Metro Regional PEAC team to create opportunities for the most able students identified through regional assessments in Year 4 and incorporating the Early Years Extension Program for Years 1 to 3. I have strengths in classroom management and curriculum and my collaboration with colleagues and the school community reflects the school focus of quality teaching and high expectations to improve student progress.



Leanne Carville - I have taught for many years in a range of schools from the Kimberley Region to a selection of schools in the metropolitan area. At present my main areas of interest are Literacy and Numeracy and I have held specialist positions in Maths, Science, Art and Physical Education. In the past I have also run individualised school-based literacy and numeracy intervention programs for students who were below the required benchmarks. I know that Literacy and Numeracy affects all learning areas and our students need to acquire these important skills if they are to achieve success in their schooling, as well as in their lives well beyond school. I am involved in using portable learning technologies to enhance the quality of curriculum delivery. I look forward to a continuing successful and rewarding career in a good school within our public school system.



Hayley Neale - On completion of a Bachelor of Education at Edith Cowan University, I began my career with a country placement for a year at a small school in Esperance. I currently teach a Year 4 class at Carine Primary School. As a diligent, enthusiastic, and resourceful teacher, I enjoy sharing ideas and networking with teaching professionals. A particular interest of mine is contributing to the continuously evolving state of education by regularly mentoring and guiding student teachers during their practicum placements; in the hope they will become the high calibre teachers of the future.

I believe that students' mental health is essential to set them up to be resilient and positive young adults. I have completed Psychology units at Edith Cowan University to further my understanding of the cognitive development for learning as my aim is to inspire children, ensuring each child develops to their personal best - through a positive and effective teaching style.