

CANDIDATE FOR THE P&C MEMBER POSITION ON THE CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL BOARD

JON NAUGHTON

My name is Jon Naughton and I have been a member of the Canberra Community for approximately 28 years, having moved from rural Queensland in January, 1990.

Originally from the land, I was born and raised on a remote cattle station in Far West Queensland, but have since taken up an IT career in Canberra. To this day though, I maintain a love of the bush, and I feel that Canberra provides the best of both worlds. I am a keen and enthusiastic gardener and beekeeper. I enjoy getting outdoors and I participate in activities such as orienteering, bushwalking and kayaking. My daughter, Emily, attended Majura primary until year six and we came across to Campbell High because of the quality reputation the school has, particularly in the Learning Studio.

I am applying to join the Campbell High School board, as I have the skills and enthusiasm to make a positive contribution to the governance of our school. If I am fortunate enough to be elected, I would strive to see the Learning Studio be supported as much as possible. I will work toward it continuing to be a centre of excellence within the school and wider Canberra Community. I will work toward seeing the Learning Studio and our school attract maximum funding from both Territory and Federal Government as well as supporting fund raising efforts from within our P&C.

I will work closely with our P&C and do all I can to see it remain an active and vibrant community within our school. A lot of the children of our existing P&C members are leaving the school and this is a time of significant change within our community. It is a time of renewal, not only for the board, but the Parents and Citizens association. I am very familiar with the Education ACT 2004 and I maintain a keen interest in the public education system. I have a strong IT background and I am able to provide General IT advice to the board as our school moves further into a technologically based educational model. I have also, during my time in Canberra, made a number of contacts within the ACT Legislative Assembly and believe that the relationships I have made with some of those MLAs would also serve the school well.

Ultimately though, I simply wish to be better able to contribute toward my daughter's learning environment.

I believe that nominating myself for a spot on the board is a good way to not only provide a voice for my child, but to provide a better voice for all of the kids and parents at Campbell High. I believe in the maxim of "it takes a village to raise a child", and that parents, teachers and the board all play a part in helping each of our children reach their full potential.

If elected I would be proud to serve you on the Campbell High School board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jon Naughton