

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

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Parents and Citizens of Campbell High School

## ***Introduction***

By way of introduction, my name is Simon Hayter and I am nominating for the Parent and Citizen Member position of the Campbell High School Board. My motivations for nominating are that I would like to be more involved in the school now that I have two kids at Campbell High School (a boy in Year 9 and a girl in Year 7), and that I believe I could make an effective contribution to the board.

## ***Experience, Skills and Qualities***

My experience is not specifically in education, but more broadly in policy development, problem solving, consultation, negotiation and communication. As a career public servant (huge surprise there – another public servant in Canberra!), I have worked in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Department of Defence and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. I work a lot on policy development, which requires a level of experience in understanding complex problems, working with others, balancing a range of needs, communicating complicated matters in a simple way, and turning ideas into actions. I am also a parent, so I have good deal of experience in conflict resolution and complex negotiations!

## ***Representation***

My work style is consultative, so I tend to see others as a source of ideas, perspectives, brainpower and energy. I am a grounded person that is solution-orientated. I'd rather find workable compromises than fight pitched battles. My approach to working on the board would be to talk to other parents and represent their views in board discussions and ensure those views are taken into account as decisions are made. The school's values should be the framework for board decisions and the final litmus test should be whether board decisions provide the best outcome for the kids.