

Norman Wallace

I have been associated with this community and Green Bay High School for many years. It has been my very great privilege to be the Chairman of the Board during such an exciting time of growth within the school, growth that can be measured in all areas.

I hold a Bachelor of Teaching and have lived and worked in the area for over 30 years and have had five children attend Green Bay High School.



The role of a Board of Trustees is very wide-ranging, however if I were asked to sum it up in a few lines, it would be: “We aim to provide a strong effective learning environment where quality teaching can take place. A place where teaching staff and students feel happy and supported.”

I believe if there is any one magic bullet to education at all levels, it is simply the quality of the individual teacher in front of the class. With this in mind, the Board has invested heavily in the professional development and support of our teaching staff. Professional inquiry and constant self-review of teaching practices, along with the academic counselling programme, is showing clear results in student achievement data.

For any school or organisation to achieve its goals it needs to have a very clear set of values. These values guide us through all decision making. Our actions must at all times match our values. These values include:

- Excellence: striving to do the best; acknowledging and celebrating the best
- Respect: valuing individuals, the school and the environment
- Responsibility: being accountable for learning – students, teachers, families
- Innovation: taking intelligent risks; being enterprising and open to new ideas
- Integrity: walking the talk; honesty; transparency

Central to all these beliefs is the recognition that relationships are everything. We all have important roles to take in the school. Everyone’s contribution is enormously valuable. It is the wonderful combined effort of so many people who have enabled the school to continue to forge ahead to being a school that other schools seek to follow.

If re-elected, I promise to continue in a relentless pursuit of excellence both in myself and across the entire school and play a part in steering the school steadily into the future.