

# School Board Annual Report 2025



**North Dandalup**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## A summary of 2025 board composition

2025 has been another productive year for our school board at North Dandalup Primary School. The composition of our board has evolved this year, beginning with Gemma Carruthers departing in Term 1. To replace Gemma as the P&C representative, Natalie Elson was appointed. We thank Gemma for her years of service on the school board, and we welcome Nat to the group. Gemma Dingle chose to step down from the board due to her child relocating schools. Gemma served as our chair for 18 months and made valuable contributions to the board. Thank you to Gemma for her time and effort, and we wish her well. Chris Burgess nominated himself for board chair, unopposed. Chris has done a fantastic job chairing our meetings and leading some robust and positive conversations. To fill our last vacancy for the year, Emma Bennett self-nominated and was the successful new member of our board. We welcome Emma back after a one-year break from serving on our school board.

After an eventful and dynamic year with membership, we finish the 2025 school year with the composition of the board as follows:

- Chris Burgess – Parent
- Natalie Elson – P&C Representative
- Sophie Stacey – Parent
- Bec Miller – Parent
- Emma Bennett – Parent
- Michael Black – Staff
- Marion Drysdale – Staff
- Todd Clark - Principal

## Enrolments

We started and finished the year with 170 students. Despite our expectations for an increase in numbers, we have maintained our numbers throughout 2025. We are set to start 2026 with similar numbers.

K	PP	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
20	21	23	24	23	20	17	22	170

## Achievements of the Board

Each term this year has seen a different composition of our school board. For a range of different reasons, our members have changed – P&C representatives, board chair and parent representatives have all changed hands. Throughout this change, we have managed to maintain strong governance. I would like to acknowledge Chris Burgess who took on the role of board chair when Gemma Dingle departed on short notice, Chris has kept our meetings on track to work through agenda items while still providing room for rigorous conversation where appropriate.

Our meetings continue to be purposeful and clear, not simply a compliance exercise, rather, our board acts as the conduit between the school and the community by providing insight and expertise as part of strong governance at North Dandalup PS. Two strong examples of this are the 'Tell Them From Me' (TTFM) surveys

and the input and feedback provided for our first Parent teacher interview process for many years. Both of these school initiatives were delivered to the community in the manner that they were as a result of consultation with our school board. This is valued and appreciated by the school and its staff.

We continued our educative topics again this year, including presentations on reading knowledge units, our approach to play and the installation of a new nature playground and Student Voice To Leadership. This initiative helped our board to understand the current school priorities and how our staff are implementing these. This will continue into 2026.

### Into 2026

As we look forward to 2025, our priority will be to again, secure our new board composition for the positions coming to the end of their tenure. We will hold an election for a board chair in our final meeting for 2025, ready to begin in the new year.

I thank and acknowledge our school board members for their work throughout 2025 in supporting strong governance for our school. I look forward to all that we will achieve moving into 2026.

Todd Clark

Principal