

**WA Council of State School Organisations Inc.**

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Partnering with P&Cs to advance  
public education

**Does your P&C have a voice?  
Does your P&C have a suitable person who is willing to represent your Electorate  
on the State Council of WACSSO?**

The Western Australian Council of State School Organisations Inc. (WACSSO) represents the interests of parents, citizens, and students associated with government schools in Western Australia. WACSSO plays an important role in the development of education policies and influences the direction of education for the benefit of students and towards the views held by parents.

The role of the volunteer State Councillor is to assist P&Cs in resolving issues at a local level and canvas local P&C opinion on educational issues, ensuring WACSSO accurately represents our affiliates at a state and national level.

New State Councillors will be supported as they develop in their role through a mentor (buddy) system as well as training. A willingness to actively participate in discussions both at State Council meetings and with affiliates in the Electorate the Councillor represents is essential. While the volunteer State Councillor works with passion as they represent their Electorate, they also have a responsibility to abide by the WACSSO Constitution and Code of Conduct.

WACSSO is calling for nominations to fill the position of State Councillor to represent your Electorate. For further information please see below.

Candidates must complete and return a nomination form and either an Education Department Screening Clearance no older than 6 months or evidence that the clearance application has been submitted, to the WACSSO office by *noon, Friday 5 April 2024*. **The Election pack is available on our website [www.wacssso.wa.edu.au](http://www.wacssso.wa.edu.au) or contact the office to have a pack mailed to you.** The nominee must be a financial member of your Association. The nomination form must be signed by the President, Secretary, and the Nominee or by another Office Bearer if the nominee is either the President or Secretary. Please ensure that the P&C meeting minutes at which the nomination motion was voted on and accepted, are included with the completed and signed nomination form.

Any additional information can be obtained by contacting the WACSSO office.

Yours sincerely,

**Pania Turner  
President**

1 February 2024  
[wacssso.wa.edu.au](http://wacssso.wa.edu.au)

## Term/By Election Information

### Timetable for Elections

Nominations Close:	12 Noon, Friday 5 April 2024*
Ballot Closes & Declaration of Elections:	12 Noon, Friday 31 May 2024

\* Ballot forms will be posted the following week if required

### Eligibility

The nominee must be a financial member of a school organisation. The nominating school organisation must be a WACSSO affiliate from within the electorate.

### Nominations

All nominations are required to be in writing on the official 'nomination form' which is included in the election package provided by WACSSO.

Please ensure the following are provided:

- Nominee's full name;
- Name of nominee's school organisation;
- Electorate for which nominating;
- Signature of the President and Secretary of school organisation or members acting in this capacity;
- A short history of the nominee's qualifications, attainments, and aims;
- A completed National Criminal History Check
  - Apply *online only* at [www.education.wa.edu.au/ncchc](http://www.education.wa.edu.au/ncchc)
- The P&C Meeting Minutes at which the nomination was accepted; and
- A copy of the nominee's P&C membership receipt.

**Nomination forms must be lodged with the WACSSO office by the due date noted above.**

### Ballot Process

If a postal ballot becomes necessary, i.e. when more than one nomination is received for any electorate, then each association in that electorate is entitled to cast one vote for the candidate of its choice. The casting of the vote should be decided upon at a properly constituted meeting of the association.

### Communications

An email will be sent out to the email address we have on file for Vice Presidents and Secretaries to advise that the Councillor election process has begun. A reminder email will also be sent 2 weeks before the closing date for nominations.

### Term of Office Commences

Where there is a sitting Councillor, the term of office commences on 1 June 2024. Where there is no sitting Councillor and only one nomination is received, the nominee will be declared elected unopposed at the close of nominations and is entitled to take office immediately. A State Councillor elected at a by-election shall take office immediately for the balance of the original term of three (3) years applicable to that electorate.

### 2024 State Council Meeting Dates

24-25 February	4-5 May
25 July (via Microsoft Teams)	24-25 August (Annual Conference)
12-13 October	23-24 November

For any clarifications regarding the election process please visit [www.wacssso.wa.edu.au](http://www.wacssso.wa.edu.au) or contact the WACSSO office by phone on 9264 4000.