

## **Re: Expression of Interest - Maylands Peninsula Primary School Board – Parent Representative**

My name is Andrew Thomson, and I am a parent of children attending Maylands Peninsula Primary School, with children currently in both lower and upper primary. I previously served as a parent representative on the Maylands Peninsula Primary School Board from 2022 to 2024, and I am keen to continue contributing to the Board to support strong governance, positive educational outcomes, and a thriving school environment for all students.

I am a Chartered Professional Engineer with over 15 years' experience across leadership, governance, risk management, and strategic decision-making in both the public and private sectors. I currently work as a Principal Engineer – Rolling Stock, where I provide independent engineering assurance, oversee complex programs, and work closely with senior leaders and diverse stakeholders, including government agencies, operators, contractors, and community representatives.

Throughout my career, I have regularly contributed at board, executive, and governance levels. This has included supporting strategic direction setting, monitoring performance, managing risk, ensuring compliance with legislative and regulatory frameworks, and contributing to informed, balanced decision-making. These responsibilities closely align with the core functions of a School Board.

I bring a considered, practical, and community-focused approach, shaped by extensive experience in critically evaluating information, providing constructive and independent challenge, and supporting leaders to deliver agreed objectives while operating within clearly defined governance boundaries. My professional obligations require me to act with integrity, transparency, and accountability, consistently in the best interests of the community.

As a parent representative, I would aim to:

- Contribute governance, risk, and strategic planning experience to support effective Board decisions.
- Represent parent and community perspectives thoughtfully and respectfully.
- Support the school leadership in delivering high-quality educational outcomes.
- Promote the school positively within the local community.

I can commit the time required to attend meetings and participate fully as a Board member. I am motivated by a genuine desire to give back to the school community and to help ensure Maylands Peninsula Primary School continues to provide a supportive, inclusive, and high-quality learning environment.

Thank you for considering my nomination.

Yours sincerely,



*Andrew Thomson*