

Information Sheet No.27

Your role in School Board Elections

At the time of writing [February 2008] the Department has invited comment on a significantly revised draft School Board Manual, based on suggestions received from both School Board Chairs and principals. Until this revised manual is adopted, the School Board Manual 2006 is operational. It is available on the Department of Education and Training website at www.decs.act.gov.au.

The Department appoints a Returning Officer to oversee the election process system-wide, and it is advised that each school appoints several Assistant Returning Officers to manage the election process in the school, and report the results of the election to the Returning Officer in the Department.

The P&C should appoint a returning officer at the last P&C meeting of the year, so that dates for nominations and the election can be established to enable the election process to be complete by 31 March at the latest. This key role facilitates good communication between the P&C representatives elected to the school board and the wider parent community. As recommended in Information Sheet No.24: School Boards, parent representatives should be encouraged to attend P&C meetings regularly, and report on the deliberations of the board and seek feedback and advice from the wider parent community.

Eligible Voters

- parents or guardians of a student at the school (including teachers who are parents or guardians);
- adult persons resident in the area who specifically request that right. ★