

Call for Expressions of Interest to Join Elonera Montessori School Board

Elonera Montessori School is currently seeking expressions of interest from those with, or those wishing to build, strategic governance experience within the not-for-profit sector. Joining our Board will provide opportunities to contribute to continuous improvement initiatives that will help our organisation enhance relationships with stakeholders, further cementing Montessori service delivery across Australia.

Mission of Elonera Montessori School

Elonera's vision is of a world that lives in peace, a global community based on interdependence, respect for all life and all people, reached through the only path that can truly lead there, our children.

Mission Statement

Working together to help our children to help themselves.

Education in harmony with life. To inspire a passion for excellence.

To nurture the curiosity, creativity and imagination born within us all.

And to awaken the human spirit of every child.

Role of the Board

The role of the Board is to provide governance and strategic leadership to the organisation and comprises members with a wide range of skills and backgrounds. We are keen to ensure we have a skills-based Board following best practice governance and reflecting the diversity of Australian society.

Meetings and Time Commitment

The Board meets monthly. Sub-committee duties require additional time.

Selection Criteria

Elonera Limited has Director vacancies and is seeking community members with relevant skills to nominate for a three-year term. All professional skills are welcome and we especially appreciate nominations from those with Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) or Institute of Community Directors Australia (ICDA) credentials. We're particularly keen to hear from community members with skills in governance, legal, risk, finance, communications, marketing, social media, HR, technology, building/construction and education professional backgrounds.

As a Board member, you will have an engaging and collaborative style, to support the building of internal and external relationships, alongside the passion and professional skills to contribute to the development of Elonera Montessori School. While our Board needs to reflect the diversity of our Montessori community, we also seek to enhance the skills of our team to meet increasing governance and compliance obligations.

Expectations of Board Members

- Speak with one voice and maintain confidentiality
- Attend and actively participate in Board meetings
- Stay informed about Board matters, prepare themselves well for meetings, reviewing and commenting on minutes and reports
- Serve on sub-committees
- Build a collegial working relationship with other Board members and executive management that contributes to a consensual approach to decisions and fosters an uplifting mission-focused environment
- Utilise own skills, experience, and knowledge to support the growth and success of the organisation
- Help communicate and promote Elonera's mission, purpose and services to the developing child and the community
- Understand the Australian context, state issues, peak body status, service delivery, financial aims, and policies and procedures. Director positions are voluntary. There is no remuneration.

What to Do Now

If you are interested in nominating for a position on the Elonera Board you should first confirm your membership status. You must be a member of Elonera Ltd. in order to become a board member. If you are a parent within our community and have not opted-out of membership, then you will already be a member. If you have previously opted out of membership, you will need to reach out to the school and opt back in before you can stand for election to the Board of Directors.

You can then write a brief Expression of Interest letter including a summary of your relevant experience, an outline of why you are interested in taking on this role and how you can meet the expectations of Board members, please include a copy of your Curriculum Vitae. Applicants who best meet the requirements will be invited to further discuss the role.

Applications should be sent to chairperson@ems.nsw.edu.au