



Hills
Grammar

School Council 2018



Mr Charles Denes BEc, CA – Chair of Council

Appointed to School Council - 25 October 2010.

Charles is a Chartered Accountant with extensive experience in finance and operations with several multinational companies. He was formerly VP of Global Sales Operations for a leading telecommunications company, Registered Tax Agent, member of the Institute of Company Directors and Institute of Credit Management. He has lived and worked in Asia, Europe and the USA. He has served on a number of Boards internationally. All four of his children are alumni of the School.



Mr Craig Tegel Assoc Dip (Marketing) – Deputy Chair of Council

Appointed to School Council - 26 November 2014.

Craig is a Marketing and Sales professional with 30 years' experience leading regional operations for multinational companies in the IT Industry. In 2015 Craig launched his own leadership and executive coaching business and works with a range of commercial and education leaders across Australia and Japan. Prior to this, Craig was the President of Adobe Systems for Japan and Asia Pacific and during his seventeen years with the company he lived and worked in China, USA, London and Japan. Craig has served on a number of company and association boards in Australia and overseas. Craig is a past parent of four children at Hills Grammar.



Ms Gillian Wilson B.Bus (Finance/Economics) MEconomics, Grad Diploma in Education - Hon. Treasurer of Council

Appointed to School Council - 22 March 2017.

Gillian is a Portfolio Manager and Vice President at Dimensional Fund Advisors where she is responsible for the day to day management and trading of Dimensional's Fixed Interest strategies. She also has a client facing role in helping communicate Dimensional's Fixed Interest strategies to clients. In addition, Gillian is involved with staff training and development. Gillian has more than 14 years' experience in the Funds Management industry in portfolio management, trading, compliance and fund accounting roles. Prior to joining Dimensional in 2008, Gillian was an Economics/Business Studies teacher at the Hills Grammar School. Gillian earned her Master of Economics from Macquarie University in 2005, together with a Graduate Diploma in Education. She also has a Bachelor of Business degree majoring in Finance and Economics from Charles Sturt University.



Ms Lisa Ainsworth BA, MComm - Hon. Secretary of Council

Appointed to School Council - 22 October 2014.

Lisa is a Human Resource professional with extensive experience, sought after for her application of strategic human resource programs by many domestic and international corporations, as well as government departments seeking a commercial approach. Lisa enjoyed a very successful career working within global financial services before commencing her own consultancy in 2002. Now a Principal in FutureBuilders Group, Lisa advises clients across cultural transformation, executive coaching, leadership team development, mergers & acquisitions, succession planning and policy development. Lisa is a past Chair of the Family Advisory Council, The Children's Hospital at Westmead and a Founding Member of the Grace Gala Committee. Lisa is a current parent of the School.



Mrs Leonie Coombes DipT (Dept. Education)

Appointed to School Council - 29 September 2011.

Leonie began her professional life as a teacher. Later she established a furniture importing business and also served as a director of Allan C. Davis Investments, a family company with various interests. Since the mid-nineties Leonie has worked as a freelance travel journalist, writing mainly for The Weekend Australian. A Foundation Parent, Leonie was active in the school community from the beginning, firstly as an office-bearer in the Parents Association and later as a member of the School Council, from 1986 to 1995. In 1986 she was part of a three-person Management Committee who performed the duties of the Principal until the appointment of Mr Ron Ayling. She started The Pennant and headed the School's first fund-raising campaign, Building For The Future. Leonie has an enduring interest in education and Hills Grammar in particular. All four of her children are alumni of the School.



David Ellis MA (Cantab), MEng, PGCDMM

Appointed to School Council 22 November 2017.

David is a partner and IT practice lead at Bain & Company, a global management consultancy. In this role, he advises companies on strategy and supports them to execute major change – especially where technology is key. Through his 20-year career he has lived in 5 countries, and served with leading professional services organisations (Accenture, Morgan Stanley) and has held senior leadership roles within corporates during major turnaround and transformation (Cable&Wireless, Telecom NZ). David studied engineering, design and management at Cambridge University, and is deeply passionate about STEM as part of a well-rounded, first-class education. He is a current parent at the school.



Mr John Glover MAIM, MAHRI, MICD, JP, FInstSMM

Appointed to School Council - 27 July 2011.

John is a Director of three companies, covering migration, salary packaging, contractor management, payroll and international business setup. Past experience has been within the service industry as sales and marketing director for one of the largest hotel chains in the world and also experience in the IT industry. Currently a member of the fund raising board of the Children's Medical Research Institution CMRI/Jeans For Genes. John is also a member of Migration Institute Australia (MIA), Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA), NSW Business Chamber, Parramatta Chamber, Cumberland Chamber and Sydney Hills Chamber. He is a qualified migration agent. John's two children are alumni of the School.



Dr Stephen Weller BA, MCom, MBA, PhD, FAIM

Appointed to School Council - 23 July 2014.

Stephen is the Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Australian Catholic University (ACU). He has more than 25 years' experience in tertiary education across six universities in three states. ACU has 30,000 students with seven campuses across four states and territories and, in his current role at ACU, Stephen leads the Corporate Services Portfolio which includes infrastructure; information technology; properties; marketing & external relations; student administration; human resources; finance; planning & strategic management; and governance & corporate services. Stephen is also responsible for providing effective corporate governance through the University Senate and Company in his role as Company Secretary. Stephen is a current parent of the School.