



## What is membership of Moriah War Memorial College Association and The Moriah War Memorial Jewish College Association Limited?

**Moriah War Memorial College Association and The Moriah War Memorial Jewish College Association Limited** are the Associations that govern how Moriah College is run. Being a member of the Associations entitles you to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

## Who can become a member of the Associations?

All **parents or guardians of students** at Moriah College are eligible for membership of the Associations.

Please note that a parent does not automatically become a member of the Associations upon enrolment of your child(ren) at the College. Rather, if a parent/guardian wishes to become a member, a separate application for membership of the Associations must be completed by each parent or guardian.

Once you have applied for membership, in most cases you retain this for the duration of your children's education at Moriah College. While your children continue to attend the College, you will not be required to pay any membership fees.

**Other members of the community** (non-parent members) with some connection to Moriah College are also eligible to apply for membership, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. This includes former students, parents of former students, donors, Foundation members, Grandparents' Club members, and others in the community. **Non-parent members of the Associations are required to pay an annual fee (currently \$11 inclusive of GST)** to retain their membership. At present, there is no annual fee for Alumni, Foundation and Grandparents' Club members.

## Why should I become a member of the Associations?

Membership helps keep you involved with the Moriah community.

Every year in May, the Associations hold their Annual General Meeting (AGM), at which the members of the Moriah College Board of Directors are elected. On occasion, Special Resolutions are also proposed at the AGM. You must be a member of the Associations in order to vote for candidates for election to the Moriah College Board of Directors, or to support or oppose any Special Resolutions.

You **must** also be a member of the Associations if you wish to be a candidate for election to the Board of Directors, or to nominate someone else as a candidate for election to the Board.

All members of the Associations will be informed of the AGM, and receive voting information.

### **What do I need to do to become a member?**

If you are a **parent**, you need complete an **application for membership by current parent/guardian** form and submit it to the Honorary Secretary, Moriah College. You will be notified once your application has been processed, and your membership approved. You will only have to apply for membership **once**. However, if both parents wish to become members, each parent must apply separately.

For **financial (non-parent) members**, you need to complete an **application for financial membership** form from [www.moriah.nsw.edu.au](http://www.moriah.nsw.edu.au). Once your application has been approved by the Board of Directors, you will have to pay an annual fee to retain your membership. If annual Membership fees are not paid within 2 months of billing, the Board may revoke your membership at that point. However, you are free to reapply for financial membership at any point thereafter.

The application forms can be either downloaded from the College's website [www.moriah.nsw.edu.au](http://www.moriah.nsw.edu.au) or you can contact the Executive Officer to the Board of Directors on (02) 9375 1714 or email [dsultana@moriah.nsw.edu.au](mailto:dsultana@moriah.nsw.edu.au)

You should ensure that you have applied for membership well in advance of the AGM (usually held in May) if you wish to be eligible to vote in the event of a contested election.

### **What do I need to do to vote at the AGM?**

Each year, you will receive notice of the upcoming AGM. At this time, any member who wishes to stand for the Board may submit a nomination. If the number of nominated candidates exceeds the number of Board positions, there may be a contested election, at which all members of the Associations are invited to vote.

You may choose to attend the AGM in person, in which case you can cast your vote on the night. However, if you are unable to attend, then you may wish to vote by Proxy.

### **What does voting by Proxy mean?**

Voting by proxy means that another member of the Associations nominated by you votes on your behalf.

You have the choice to give an open or blank proxy. This means that the member of the Associations who is voting on your behalf can direct your vote however s/he sees fit. i.e. they fill in the names of the candidates that you will be voting for.

Alternatively, to ensure that your vote is cast according to your wishes, you can hand in a closed or completed proxy form where you specify the candidates you wish to vote for.