

**PUBLIC STATEMENT POLICY****RATIONALE**

The Wesley College School Board recognises the need to appoint appropriate persons to make public comments on behalf of the school.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that:

- an appropriate person is authorised to make public statements on matters related to the governance of the school.
- an appropriate person is authorised to make public comments on matters related to the management of the school.
- all employees of the School Board are advised of these authorisations and that only those authorised may make public comment related to the school.

DEFINITION

This policy covers any comment by members of the School Board or employees of the School Board who make comment that links Wesley College or any other event that takes place at Wesley College to mainstream television, radio, print media with regular bulletins or publication cycles, established networks, social media, and business premises.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY

1. The Chairperson of the Wesley College School Board is authorised to make public statements on matters related to the governance of the school and Board Policy matters.
2. The Principal is authorised to make public statements on matters related to the management of the school.
3. The Principal may delegate staff to provide comment on his behalf, or approve public comment by an employee on Wesley College matters, where this is appropriate. Delegation / approval is at the sole discretion of the Principal.
4. Staff are advised that any public comment that links an employee of Wesley College with reporting any event at Wesley College is regarded as a breach of fidelity.

The Wesley College School Board approved this policy August 2022.
This policy will be reviewed on / before the August meeting 2025.

PRESIDING MEMBER

25 August 2022
DATE