

## Brief Biography

### Dinesh Weerakkody

Please list any connection points to St Margaret's Berwick Grammar:  
*i.e. What attracts you to serve in Governance for St Margaret's Berwick Grammar? or what brings you back?*

As a parent of two children attending SMBG, I have a personal stake in the school's continued success.

I wish to contribute to its strong tradition of excellence and uphold its values, as they are similar to those of my Alma mater, the Royal College in Sri Lanka, to which I still maintain a strong connection today. I wish the same for my children as well. Living in Berwick, I've seen firsthand the positive impact the school has on students. Serving on the governance team is an opportunity for me to give back, support the school's vision, and contribute to shaping a thriving future for all students.

Please list any history points with St Margaret's Berwick Grammar:  
*i.e. Past student (1996), favourite subjects, did you play an instrument or sports?*

A parent of two daughters currently attending SMBG

Local community links:

- Long-term member and past secretary of the Casey rate payers' association. Long-term residency in the City of Casey local government area, familiarity with local issues, culture, and needs.
- Links with local and other community, political, and government members, as well as participation in neighbourhood or community groups.

Eg: Assist Districts area for the Victoria Police Professional Standards Command Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Assist in Multi-Faith Network activities, Past President of The Aus Audio Visual Arts Association.

What are your areas of interest?:

My areas of interest include education and community engagement, underpinned by my professional background in law and ethical leadership. As a practising lawyer and someone involved in community legal services through LawHelp Australia, I'm committed to promoting access to justice, fairness, and integrity. I believe that applying sound legal principles—such as accountability, transparency, and procedural fairness—can strengthen decision-making and policy development. I'm also passionate about equity in education, student wellbeing, and creating an inclusive, values-driven environment where all students can thrive.