



## **CARDINAL NEWMAN HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL**

### **WHY JOIN THE PARENT COUNCIL?**

As a Parent council we are really keen to have as many parents as possible involved. We would like to have representatives on the council from all year groups. The parent council is our way of working with the school to improve our children's experiences in class and in school.

Here are the views of some of our Current Council Members and their reasons for joining.

**If you would like to join the council, please contact the school office who will put you in touch with the current Chair of the Council, Mrs Duffy.**

***Meetings are held in the school on a Monday evening at 6pm***

***Meeting dates for the rest of 2025-2026***

***26 January***

***16 March***

***8 June***





## PARENT 1

I joined the parent council during what felt like a daunting time—my son’s transition from the familiar environment of primary school to a much larger high school. As the parent of a child who is both autistic and visually impaired, I knew this transition would present unique challenges. The larger campus, increased number of students, and new routines could be overwhelming for him, and I wanted to ensure his safety and well-being were prioritized every step of the way.

Through my involvement, I’ve been able to make a tangible difference. I helped advocate for and implement new, clearer signage throughout the school, including floor level indicators and classroom numbers. These improvements have made navigation easier not just for my son, but for all students, staff, and visitors who benefit from a more accessible environment. Being part of the parent council allows me to continue advocating for practical changes that support students who may need additional accommodations. **I believe that by participating in school decisions and fostering open communication between parents and staff, we can create a safer, more inclusive environment where every child has the opportunity to thrive.**

## PARENT 2

I joined the parent council because....

As I thought it was natural transition from primary one  
I'm invested in my children education and wanted to know what was CNHS provisions &  
future plans for the best education possible  
People moan about aspects of the school, there is a platform there to have your say.  
I wanted to have my say in making changes or in disagreements.





### PARENT 3

I joined the Parent council at Holy Family to be informed about my child's education and the councils future plans for progression.

I therefore, in turn, joined CNHS parent voice for the same reasons. I care deeply about my child's education and in any way I can help the school to improve the wellbeing and future potential of my child and all other children in the school.

### PARENT 4

I joined the Parent council because it's a way of being involved in my children's education and supporting it as much as I can. Also being on the Parent council helps me to get to know the school better and make a positive contribution. It doesn't involve lots of time but it makes a difference. Parents have a voice and this is a way to have a positive voice to make things better. *Can you give a little bit of time to your child's education?*





### PARENT 5

I joined the PC in Holy Family Mossend to stay informed about activity and updates at the school and to ensure I was aware of how I could support my children, other children and the school throughout the journey. I was involved in a number of rewarding experiences such as volunteering for Number Box support with the upper school and also attending parent events where possible. I found all of this helped me stay connected and informed and be a big part of my children's school experience. Moving to high school is a big transition for the kids and I feel that CNHS has done a great job in welcoming the kids into S1. These coming years are crucial for our kids development and progression into careers and adulthood and I want to stay close to this and have as much involvement as possible from a Parent Voice Perspective. **It's a great way to stay connected to the school, council updates and ultimately our children's every day school life. It would be great to see more and more parents with suggestions and ideas to help drive initiatives and improvements across the board.**

### PARENT 6

I joined the PC at my son's primary school to support with trips and events initially. This led to attending meetings on a regular basis to keep informed of educational changes and improvements to the school and the impact the whole school community can make to our young people.





## PARENT 7

I got involved in the Parent Council when my daughter started primary - it had been so long since I had had any involvement in education that it was important that I understood what was going on and what my role as a parent needed to be.

As she has moved to high school it is even more critical to understand the education system and how CNHS can support my child's development.

I have also changed career and am now a teacher and can see that parent power is key to making changes.

If I don't advocate for my own child then I can't expect others to do it.

