Meet the Candidates – Seat of Riverton

With a state election coming up next month, we are reminded of our good fortune to live in a democracy that celebrates freedom of speech and a diversity of views. As is all too evident on the news each night, this is a freedom denied many people in our world.

All Saints’ College is pleased to host a ‘Meet the Candidates’ event for the seat of Riverton, seeing this as one way in which the College can support the respectful exchange of diverse views on how best we govern our society.

“There is certainly a diversity of views within our community, and a range of parties representing these views,” said College Principal, Belinda Provis.

“We recognise that political debate can be confronting and sometimes even uncomfortable, but feel it is important to model for our students the respectful ways in which our society can accommodate a diversity of views, especially given what appears to be a lack of such accommodation in various parts of the world today.

“And, while we are happy to host this particular political discussion, the College makes it clear that it in no way endorses the views of any particular political party.”

The College has two staff members who indicated their wish to stand in the coming election.

Any College staff who chose to stand for election for a political party agree to stand down from their roles at the College for the period of the election campaign, returning to work following the election. This helps avoid any potential conflicts of interest and makes it clear that the College in no way endorses the views of the political party/ies represented.

Further, all teaching professionals stand firmly by the view that - while they aim to encourage a robust discussion of ideas in class, encouraging young people to explore the many facets of all issues - there is no place in classrooms for the dissemination of personal political views.

“As with all workplaces, no doubt, there is a diverse range of views, opinions and ideologies that are personal and exclusive to the individual, and are not a reflection of the organisation for which they work,” said Ms Provis.

The ‘Meet the Candidates’ event is taking place on Monday, 20 February 2017 between 7.00pm – 8.30pm in the College’s Centre for Performing Arts.

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