



## VPA Life Membership Policy

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The Victorian Principals Association (VPA) values the contribution of its members whose dedicated expertise and time have contributed significantly to primary education in Victoria.

### Life Membership

The Victorian Principals Association (VPA) may confer life membership on not more than five (5) Principal Class members (Ordinary Members) or former Principal Class members in any calendar year.

A Principal Class member (Ordinary Member) or a former Principal Class member may be nominated for Life Membership of the Association by VPA Principal Class members (Ordinary Members) via the approved nomination form. The Life Membership Award Committee will consider all nominations.

A Life Member shall have the rights of a Principal Class Officer member (Ordinary Member).

A Life Member shall be required to pay the annual Association membership fee until departure from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

### Life Membership Awards Committee

Life Membership Award Committee will consist of:

- The President (Convenor);
- A Board Member;
- A Council Member; and
- A Life Member.

Life membership is bestowed upon an individual member who has made a significant contribution to the VPA and/or education in Victoria.

The Life Membership Award Committee has the final recommendation of awarding Life Membership to an individual. If the Life Membership Award Committee cannot reach a unanimous decision, the decision rests with the President (Convenor). The recommendation is then presented to Council for approval by majority vote.

Criteria for assessing and awarding Life Membership:

- Compliance with the nomination process;
- Satisfaction of the following criteria:
  - The nominee has made a major contribution to primary education in Victoria;
  - The nominee has made a major contribution to the VPA;
  - The nominee has not brought ill repute to the Association; and

Life Membership awards will be presented at a significant VPA meeting decided by the President.

## **Life Membership Nomination**

The Life Membership nomination process is:

- The Association is to invite nominations for Life Membership.
- Appropriate forms are to be available on request;
- Nominations are to be open for a maximum of 60 days closing 31 July;
- Life Membership nominations and citation are to be prepared in writing by a Principal Class member (Ordinary Member) with the supporting signatures of at least 15 Principal Class members (Ordinary Members);
- Nominations are to remain confidential until Life Membership is conferred; and
- Life Membership is to be conferred at a significant VPA meeting.

## **2009 Timeline for Life Membership Nominations**

The closing date for nominations for Life Membership in 2009 will be October 5, 2009.