

# Wellington College Old Boys Association

## Constitution

Summary of changes to the Constitution as presented to members for adoption at its Annual General Meeting to be held on 25 May 2022.

1. Clause 4 – Membership. The proposal is to add a new class of General Members to enable establishing an annual subscription for membership of WCOBA.
2. Clause 6 – reinstatement of title of Headmaster to replace Principal.

### 6. → PATRON¶

The Patron of WCOBA shall be the incumbent **Headmaster** of Wellington College.¶

#### 4. MEMBERSHIP (Proposed)

##### 4.1 Classes of & Applications for Membership:

Members of the WCOBA shall enjoy one of the following classes of membership:

- I. Honorary Life Members;
- II. Life Members;
- III. General Members;
- IV. Associate Members.

Each candidate for admission to membership of the WCOBA shall apply in writing to the Secretary of WCOBA or via any such electronic registration systems the WCOBA Executive Committee deems appropriate. All former students of Wellington College shall be deemed to be members of WCOBA unless they seek Cessation of Membership as provided under Clause 4.2 b).

##### I. Honorary Life Membership:

Honorary Life Membership shall be conferred by the Executive Committee to whom WCOBA desires to show appreciation for services to Wellington College or WCOBA or to the community at large. Any such Honorary Life Memberships are to be ratified at the next available Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, excluding election to the Executive Committee, without being called upon for any subscription.

Honorary Life Members may be co-opted on to the Executive Committee.

##### II. Life Membership:

Life Membership shall be conferred on all former students of Wellington College who left prior to 1 January 2020 and who are registered with WCOBA as having paid Life Membership fees. Such members shall not be required to pay any membership fees.

Former students who left/leave Wellington College after 1 January 2020 and apply for Life Membership shall pay a Life Membership fee decided by the Executive Committee from time to time. Upon payment of the Life Membership fee, such members shall not be required to pay other membership fees.

##### III. General Membership:

General Membership shall be available to all former students of Wellington College.

Former students of Wellington College who apply for General Membership shall pay an annual General Membership subscription decided by the Executive Committee from time to time.

##### IV. Associate Membership:

The following persons shall be Associate Members of WCOBA:

- a) all former students of Wellington College who are not paid up Life or General Members of WCOBA; or
- b) all former staff of Wellington College; or
- c) all present staff who have served employment of not less than three years' full-time equivalent as such; or
- d) any other person on whom the Executive Committee deem Associate Membership should be conferred.

Associate Members shall not be entitled to vote at General Meetings of WCOBA.

Associate Members may be elected or co-opted on to the Executive Committee.

#### **4. MEMBERSHIP (Current)**

##### **4.1 Classes of & Applications for Membership:**

Members of the WCOBA shall enjoy one of the following classes of membership:

- V. Honorary Life Members;**
- VI. Life Members;**
- VII. Associate Members.**

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Honorary Life Membership shall be conferred by the Executive Committee to whom WCOBA desires to show appreciation for services to Wellington College or WCOBA or to the community at large. Any such Honorary Life Memberships are to be ratified at the next available Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

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Honorary Life Members may be co-opted on to the Executive Committee.

##### **II. Life Membership:**

Life Membership shall be conferred on all former students of Wellington College who left prior to 1 January 2020 and who are registered with WCOBA as having paid Life Membership fees. Such members shall not be liable for any other membership fees.

All other former students of Wellington College applying for Life Membership shall pay a Life Membership fee decided by the Executive Committee from time to time. Upon payment of the Life Membership fee, such members shall not be liable for any other membership fees.

##### **III. Associate Membership:**

The following persons shall be Associate Members of WCOBA:

- e) all former students of Wellington College who are not paid up Life Members of WCOBA; or
- f) all former staff of Wellington College; or
- g) all present staff who have served employment of not less than three years' full-time equivalent as such;
- h) any other person on whom the Executive Committee membership should be conferred.

Associate Members shall not be eligible for membership of the Executive Committee and shall not be entitled to vote at General Meetings of WCOBA.