



Villa Maria College
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TRUSTEE PROFILE: CHRIS PONGA

I joined the Villa Maria College Board of Trustees as a Parent Trustee in 2019. After travelling for many years throughout Europe and Asia for work, I am fortunate to now have the opportunity to work from home as a part-time house husband. This gives me much more time to be a father to our daughter, who is at Villa Maria College. Family is really important to me and being involved in family events and sports is a lot of fun.

Aside from cooking and cleaning (yes, I do this) I am also a professional Health and Safety Consultant, so ensuring a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff is one area that I am passionate about. I also write and understand policy and long-term planning.

I have three university qualifications – in engineering, management and health and safety, and I am still learning! We all learn in different ways, and I like that Villa teaches our girls that they can all be high achievers in whatever they want to do and however they want to get there.

Having a variety of subjects at school and encouraging our students to try different things is really important. This generation will have to be life-long learners, as students will change their career many times over their working life. Learning and experiencing new things will be an ongoing theme for our girls. Continuing to encourage life skills and building the ability to learn into the future is important for Villa.

Villa has a lot of great people on board and I look forward to helping this school and our girls move towards a positive and bright future.