



St Martins School

Letter from the Board of Trustees Chairperson

Tēnā koutou,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for your interest in applying for the position of Principal at St Martins School.

Our school is a very special place. We are nestled at the bottom of the Port Hills with the Heathcote River nearby and our community is a very connected one, making it a wonderful place to live, work, bring up children and enjoy the outdoors.

St Martins School is a great place to learn and grow. We have a dedicated and talented teaching staff who strive to bring out the best in our children and help them progress and achieve their personal best which is one of our school values.

The school is well known for its love of the performing arts, its sporting achievements and for developing well-rounded, capable students who are well-prepared to contribute and succeed in a diverse world. We are seeking a Principal who inspires a passion for learning, who is child-centred and who encourages students to show respect and caring for those around them and for their environment.

We also value highly the well-being of our students and of our staff. We want a leader who also values this and contributes to our on-going work as a Board on our strategic vision which has this at its centre.

We want our parents, whānau, community, and iwi to feel a sense of welcome, belonging, and connection with the school, and to engage in supporting both the learning of their tamariki and wider activities of the school.

St Martins School recognises, values, and celebrates the diversity that constitutes culture and identity in its various forms, and encourages students to have a strong sense of who they are and what they value.

We as a Board are committed to wherever possible including whānau in the decision making of the school particularly in consultation and collaboration with our whānau

group. We are very responsive to the needs of our Maori learners and are committed to culturally inclusive practices.

We value high quality learning and our students receive high quality collaborative teaching and learning that promotes both equity and excellence, with a focus on students who are not currently achieving or are at risk of not achieving, as well as supporting all students to achieve their personal best.

All our staff are committed to leading innovative teaching methods. We have just completed our new building which we will move into in Term 2. This is a period of big changes for the school and we need a Principal who has good pedagogical understanding and who can lead our staff through the next 18 months as we transition into these new teaching and learning spaces.

We have a very strong and committed senior leadership team and our staff have already done a huge amount of work in collaborative teaching methods and we are very well prepared to transition into this new space.

We really value a sense of connectedness through relationships. We are looking for a Principal who can maintain and strengthen relationships in our community. It's a very exciting time for us and we look forward to your application.

Nāku noa, nā,

Jo Malcolm
Board of Trustees Chairperson