

Letter from Board Chair

Tēnā koutou,

The Board of Trustees very much appreciate your expression of interest in the position of Principal of John Paul II High School.

Our school is located in Greymouth. The West Coast region offers a wide range of sports facilities, and access to the great outdoors is literally on your doorstep. There are a great variety of biking and hiking trails, fishing and other outdoor activities. Greymouth offers many sporting and cultural activities, and Christchurch is an easy three hour drive on excellent roads through spectacular alpine scenery.

John Paul II High School enjoys an excellent reputation on the West Coast. Our academic results exceed national averages, and we successfully transition students into meaningful career pathways. Locals frequently comment favourably on the behaviour, values and attitudes of our students. Our staff are highly regarded in the community, both for the results they achieve and the sense of purpose they encourage in our students. JPIIHS is also known for its achievements in sports and national school competitions, where the school achieves remarkable success for its size.

The small size of JPIIHS, in conjunction with dedicated staff, creates a strong sense of identity and belonging. Teachers and staff get to know students and track their development between years on a more personal level than is possible in big schools. The small roll creates a range of opportunities that will provide a new Principal with many professionally and personally satisfying challenges.

The Board of Trustees has considerable respect for and confidence in the school's dedicated teachers and staff. Staff have great pride in JPIIHS, and students are always at the centre of their work. The new Principal will find strong board and staff support for innovation that is evidence-based and grounded in robust pedagogy. We are seeking to appoint a Principal who can reflect these principles in all aspects of the school's operations, and has the leadership skills to unite the staff, students, whānau and community behind a shared vision.

Parent/whānau support of their children's education at JPIIHS is strong, and we are keen to attract a Principal who can strengthen and diversify these relationships. JPIIHS serves a small West Coast community, where many parents know most of the school's students personally, which contributes further to the school's sense of pride and shared vision.

JPIIHS's Marist and Mercy charisms are of course very important to the Board, staff and parents/whānau, and we enjoy excellent and active support from the local parish. One aspect of our 3 year strategic vision is to strengthen opportunities for students to have more meaningful encounters with Christ.

Our students come from a variety of backgrounds and we enjoy celebrating our diversity with our community. We seek a strong educational leader who will foster staff and students to develop their knowledge and skills in te reo and tikanga Māori and support all in our school community to realise their own cultural potential.

If you would like any additional information about the school or would like to visit the school, please do not hesitate to give me a call on: 027 445 1600.

Nāku noa, nā



Alan Berry
Board Chair