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BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER

Marist School Mt Albert

PROFILE EDITION



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Nominations
Close 12pm
16 August!**

We Welcome

A very warm welcome back for the chilliest term of the year!

It has been great to see so many familiar and new faces at our Community Catch Up sessions this week.

With the NZ wide Triennial Board of Trustee elections on the horizon, we thought we'd share a series of profiles of the current members of our Board.

We cannot reiterate enough that whilst each current member brings a wealth of commercial and life experience to their Board role, the primary qualifications for being an effective Board member are enthusiasm and a genuine interest in our school and community.

If you are interested in being a part of our Board of Trustees, submit your nomination form now!

If you need another nomination form, please feel free to pop into the school office to collect one.

The key date at this point in the election process is the closing of nominations:

Tuesday 16 August 2022 - NOON

Feel free to contact me at anytime on 021 764 747.

Amy Smith
Board Chair

We Profile



Gerard Thompson

Fleur and I have been involved with Marist for more than 10 years. Our two girls, Iris and Esther, are now at Marist College and our youngest, George, is in Year 6.

After many years of involvement with the PTFA, I joined the Board of Trustees in 2019. For my day job, I am a town planner and I have really enjoyed being able to use my skills as part of the Property Committee at a time when the school has been undertaking significant development projects. Following the opening of the new building in 2020, it's been particularly rewarding seeing the playground works being implemented over the past couple of years - especially the pump track and the thriving Garden-To-Table programme. There's still plenty more in the pipeline.

Marist is a great little school with a very active parent community – it has been a privilege to serve on the Board as a parent representative. As our family's time at Marist draws to a close, I'd encourage others to consider putting themselves forward at the upcoming elections – the Board is a great way to get involved in governance and to help shape the direction of our wonderful school. Give it a go!

Your 2022 Board of Trustees

Carolynn Phillips (Principal)

I have a Dip in Teaching and Master's in Religious Education. I have taught in Catholic schools for 38 years. I have 3 adult children who all went to Marist School.

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Amy Smith (Chairperson)

I became part of the Marist family in 2016 and a Board of Trustee member in 2021. It was an unexpected honour to be elected by the Board to take the position of Presiding Member in May 2022.

I am the Mum of Lulu, who is in Year 6 and 3 year old Baxter who will join Marist in September 2023.

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Fr Carlo (Proprietors Rep)

I joined St Mary's Parish and the Board of Trustees in 2020. I am also our Parish priest.

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Cate Lal (Teachers Rep)

I have been a teacher at Marist School for 6 years, I love having the opportunity to teach and guide our children through Years 2 & 3.

I'm originally from Ireland and have 4 grown children,

2022 is my fifth year as Staff Rep on the Board.

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Your 2022 Board of Trustees

Denise Sampson (Secretary)

I have been our Board of Trustees' secretary for nine years. I have two children that attended Marist School, Maxten & Laci. I am also our school administrator.

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Gerard Thompson (Parent Rep)

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Ramona Cobb (Proprietors Rep)

I am a Mum of 5 beautiful children. 4 of whom have, or are now attending Marist School.

Our youngest, Levi, began his Marist journey during lockdown last year and is now thriving in Hub 4.

My other job is Head of Operations for a Travel & Medical Emergency Assistance company.

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Matt Pickering (Parent Rep)

I'm proud to have been a board member for the last 6 years, during which time my 3 sons have enjoyed a fantastic primary education at our school. My youngest son, Arlo is now in Year 6. My role on the Board has been head of the Finance Committee.

Outside of school I work in a management role for a major bank.

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Sian Kelly (Parent Rep)

I previously worked at Marist School for 2 years. I am the Mum of Theo in Year 6 and Devan at St Mary's College.

Outside of parenthood I work in Property Management.

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