

Dr Sally Coulson

I have had the pleasure of being a member of the GBHS board since 2016. We have two children currently at GBHS, Zara in Year 12 and Scott has just joined Year 9.

I work as a Forensic Scientist for ESR (Institute of Environmental Science and Research) where I am the Team Leader of a group of scientists who examine items from crime scenes for the NZ Police. My strengths include analytical thinking, problem solving and open communication. I have previously been a union delegate (Public Service Association) and as such have had experience working with many diverse groups to solve people-related issues to the benefit of all parties involved.



As a parent, I am passionate about ensuring a high school education meets the needs of all students at the school, including academic, social and cultural aspects. Any high school should be at the core of the local community and GBHS has come a long way in recent years to imbed itself as the preferred local high school. The Board of Trustees plays a key role in ensuring the success of the school by providing excellent governance, planning and vision for the future. I was proud to be involved in the recent appointment of the new principal, Fiona Barker, and believe she will provide leadership and vision for the school in the coming years.

I am standing for election to be a parent representative, as I strongly believe I can continue to contribute towards the ongoing and future success of the Board so that it can continue to grow and develop the school in partnership with the principal, staff, students, parents and the wider community.