

Sonya Russell

I am running for a position on the Board of Trustees because I want to contribute my skills and experience to ensure that Green Bay High School remains a positive, connected and innovative learning environment for our next generation.

As the mother of two boys (Sean at Green Bay and Zak at Glen Eden Intermediate) and a community member, I am committed to ensuring the best outcomes for our local young people and have a long-standing commitment to youth development. I have led and supported a range of initiatives to improve health and wellbeing for youth and understand the importance of positive learning environments to build self-confidence and help our youth thrive.



I am an experienced senior manager, with broad experience across the health and community sector having worked in a range of roles from Principal Advisor to the Ministry of Health to Senior Planner and Funder through to Acting CEO for a charitable company. My academic qualifications include a Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Psychology & Biology, Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology and a Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (Community Development). Currently working with the Ministry of Health, my knowledge of youth development, government agencies, accountability and legal requirements will be beneficial to the board.

I offer not only leadership and governance skills but also experience as a board trustee having served on the Glen Eden Intermediate Board of Trustees for the last three years. As an incoming board member, I will ensure that the interests of all the students of Green Bay High School are central to decision making and the school continues to succeed.