

VISION STATEMENT

AIS NZ equips member schools to make an increasingly distinctive and influential contribution to Special Character education in New Zealand.

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Through exemplary representation, networking, support and stewardship AIS NZ will provide a service to member schools, in particular Proprietors, Boards, Principals and Bursars enabling enhancement of Special Character and positioning amongst New Zealand's most influential schools.

NEWSLETTER – March 2020

Kia ora koutou to all the AIS NZ family

On behalf of the Executive (Vaughan, Chris, Rosalie, Warren, Rob) Lyn and myself – we are looking with enthusiasm to continuing to assist you to make an increasingly distinctive and influential contribution to Special Character education in New Zealand.

As always if there is any way we can assist you big or small please don't hesitate to contact us.



☺ CONFERENCE DATES FOR 2020 ☺

Brentwood Hotel, Wellington – Tuesday 9th/Wednesday 10th June 2020

Holiday Inn Auckland Airport – Thursday 3rd/Friday 4th September 2020

JUNE CONFERENCE POSTPONED

COVID-19 – Executive met last week and the June Conference has been postponed and is very likely to be cancelled.

The Business Managers Conference is under review. However, we have longer to make that decision.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING BILL 2019

An Education and Training Bill was introduced to Parliament on 2nd December. This bill is intended to replace both the Education Act 1989, and what is left of the Education Act 1964, as well as incorporating some parts of a couple of other acts which deal with matters in the education sector. It is now with the Education and Workforce Committee for consideration, and consultation closed on Friday 14th February.

The Association of Proprietors of Integrated Schools has made a submission. Follow this link to read the [APIS Submission](#). AIS NZ did not make a separate submission but supports the APIS submission.



MAINTENANCE FUNDING –

On 1 December 2019 the Government announced its decision to provide approximately \$400 million in funding towards school property projects. Although the policy details have not yet been provided to the Association of Proprietors of Integrated Schools (APIS), I understand from news reports that the money is intended for works including classroom upgrades, replacement of roofing and guttering, upgrading of drainage systems, the installation of energy-efficient lighting and heating, and the resurfacing of outdoor areas. State integrated schools have been excluded from this scheme.

Paul Ferris and his team have been working very hard to ensure a strong case is made to the government to be included in a one-off maintenance top up announced by the government just before Christmas.

Good progress is being made on the matter.

LEARNING SUPPORT CO-ORDINATORS

State Integrated Schools in Kahui Ako who are hosting a new Learning Support Co-ordinator positions will be entitled to a property grant of 85% for 15 sq.m. at \$5,500 per sq.m per FTE. APIS is co-ordinating the distribution of a fund with \$8m in it for this purpose in 2020. Such new square metres will also generate a Furniture and Equipment set up grant and ongoing furniture and equipment maintenance grants.

NATIONAL EDUCATION GROWTH PLANS

The Ministry of Education have identified high growth areas in New Zealand and are preparing detailed growth plans which in the case of some areas have been published.

To date integrated schools have not been formally consulted on the development of these plans and APIS are taking this matter up with the Ministry who have agreed that this needs to happen with some urgency.

Follow this link to read about [National Education Growth Plans](#)

NEW ZEALAND SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

AIS NZ continues to work with the Association to provide governance training to Integrated Schools. The Association will be running workshops at both our June Conference and the Business Managers Conference.

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APPLICATIONS TO INTEGRATE NEW SCHOOLS

Congratulations to Hamilton Christian School who became integrated at the beginning of 2020. Their opening roll is in the low 400's and they have a new maximum roll (to be arrived at in stages) of 850. Hamilton Christian School also attracts a number of international full fee-paying students. Motueka Steiner School are in negotiations to integrate, effective the commencement of 2021. Those negotiations are well advanced. Iqra School (Muslim – Mt Roskill) have an application to integrate which is also well advanced.

NEW PRINCIPALS

The Association acknowledges that a number of our Member Schools have new Principals or are in the process of recruiting a new Principal. These Schools include:

- Westminster School (Auckland)
- Bethlehem College (Tauranga)
- Cornerstone Christian School (Palmerston North)
- Middleton Grange School (Christchurch)
- Dunedin Steiner School (Dunedin)
- Raphael House Steiner School (Lower Hutt)
- St Matthew's Primary School (Hastings)
- Taranaki Diocesan School (was St Mary's – Stratford)
- Hadlow School (Masterton)
- Miramar Christian School (Wellington)
- Te Ra Waldorf School (Raumati South)

PROPRIETOR HANDBOOK

A reminder that one of the key resources AIS NZ offers to Member Schools is a handbook designed primarily for Proprietors to assist them in working with their Boards of Trustees and Principals. This resource is also useful for Boards and Principals in their own right. Follow this link to read the [Proprietor Handbook](#) 2020 version. There will be some updating as a result of the passage of the Education and Training Bill.

It offers a wide range of information and advice and the office can support this with customised coaching for Schools who are interested.

We recommend your Proprietors, Boards and Principals are aware of this resource and there are sections that are designed to be useful in Board training. Some Boards take a section of the Handbook and include it on their Board Agenda as a discussion point for professional development.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES HANDBOOK

The Catholic Education Office has launched its updated Handbook for Boards of Trustees. It has a number of new features which make it user friendly to access on a range of devices including phones. Link to view [CEO Board of Trustees Handbook](#)

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WELCOME TO ROSALIE CONNORS

Rosalie joins the Catholic Education Office team as Manager of Special Character and Communications.

EXECUTIVE MEETING DATES 2020

- 18th March
- 8th June
- 9th June (AGM)
- 22nd September

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