

AIS Nomination Biography

Dan Carrasco M.Ed., Director of Education, The NZ Seventh-day Adventist Schools Association Ltd

I am usually known as “the forgotten AIS Executive member”. Thank you for electing me to the AIS Executive this past term, where I have acquired a thorough understanding of all matters related to the function of the AISNZ. Continuing for another term as an Executive Member will strengthen the AIS sector with other educational agencies before the Ministry of Education and direct access to the Minister of Education. Continuing to achieve AIS’ strategic goals in strengthening school members in the areas of government funding, legal representation, and governance policy development.

I am deeply committed to serving and contributing to the family of state-integrated schools to safeguard the operation of each school’s special character philosophies across New Zealand. By doing this, AIS can support families who recognize the importance of parental choice through special character values and wish to reinforce these in their children's lives.

As the current Director of Education for the NZ Adventist schools, my role involves all levels of support for school leaders, boards, and proprietors/trustees and with the Ministry of Education agencies. I have served as Assistant Principal at the Auckland Seventh-day Adventist School, as Principal in Australia and Christchurch for 17 years and as Education Director for NZ Adventist School for the past 8 years. I also serve as a member of the Board of Directors for The NZ Seventh-day Adventist Schools Association Ltd.

I am blessed to have married Adrielle Rex, the proud father of five vibrant adult children (including sons-in-law!) and two gorgeous grandsons.