

## INTRO TO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS - ONLINE

The boards of all state and state integrated schools are required to hold elections every three years, and this will be happening again in 2025.

The School Board is an important part of our school as they set the strategic direction for our school, consult with our school community about our school ensure the schools funding is spent wisely and ensure that we are giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi within our school. Our board is made up of five parent reps, the Principal a staff rep elected by the staff, and one student rep elected by the students.

The current board have made the decision to appoint Election Pilot as the Returning Officer for our election and for the election to be provided online. They have been assisting schools with elections for over 20 years and have been the only election provider accredited by the Ministry of Education to provide online election services since online elections started in 2022. Nomination and voting forms will be sent to all eligible voters by email directly from Election Pilot. If we don't have an email address for you, nomination and voting papers will be sent by post so no one will miss out.

School Board Elections must be held in accordance with the provisions in the Education and Training Act 2020 and the Education (Board Elections) Regulations 2022. Your name and contact details have been provided to Schooled Election Pilot to enable the provision of elections services for our school as required by legislation. They will use your contact details for the provision of election services for Wellington High School and Community Education Centre only and your details will be deleted 60 days after the election date as required by legislation.

Correspondence will be sent from [noreply@electionpilot.nz](mailto:noreply@electionpilot.nz). The first message will be sent to you during the second half of July. Check your mail settings and your email's spam/junk mail folder to ensure that you receive the messages sent to you from Election Pilot.

If you have any questions about the election process, please contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or [election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz).

We will continue to keep you updated through the various stages of the election process, and our election date is **Wednesday 10 September 2025**.