Valerie Broomfield



I, Valerie Broomfield, am seeking re-election to the Board of Trustees 2019

My 3 children completed their primary education at St Joseph's Catholic School Takapuna. Harriet is now first year at Otago University; Emily, Year 13 at Carmel College and Thomas is Year 10 at Rosmini College.

I believe that Boards need trustees with a range of skills to function and I also believe the Carmel Board will operate and continue to effect positive change with more continuity of service, hence my willingness to re-apply for an additional term.

Oliver (my husband) and I value, and have been impressed with the academic achievement that Carmel College delivers year after year. In particular, we recognise and acknowledge the commitment of the teachers and are impressed with the girls' active input to their education that Carmel has inspired.

We have previously enjoyed a real sense of community from both St Joseph's and the Parish. This has been and is particularly important to us, as we are not originally from Auckland. The Parish and the school families are our family and this is now our home.

My goals as a parent representative have not changed. One was to further develop into Carmel the healthy atmosphere of community that St. Joseph's School and Parish provides. We are someway towards that, and it is especially important to continue to foster this belonging for all of us. I feel the new uniform has gone some way toward this as the girls seem to have gained in confidence and pride wearing it.

My second was to further equip Carmel girls to the new demands of not only IQ, but EQ. I support and encourage the current change environment Carmel has embraced as well as the understanding of the importance of 'wellness' and I feel that this environment provides the perfect opportunity to widen our internal and external focus.

Whilst the last 3 years have been very challenging, as a board member I am keen to continue to assist the school to further develop and equip our girls, to improve our communication, to operate without a Limited Statutory Manager and to be a school revered among schools.

It is with the belief we can achieve these things and I can assist with them, I put my name forward to be considered for the Board of Trustees.

(I am a qualified CA currently working as Financial Controller at Pita Pit and also operate my own Payroll Audit business)

Michael Chinnery



My career background includes working as a Financial Controller for the past 20 years in hotels and property development. I'm currently working as a CFO for Sudima Hotels which is a fast-growing NZ hotel company which will own/manage 7 hotels in the next 12 months. My responsibilities include the financial management of all the business units, oversight of all properties and their assets and the strategic direction of the company's IT infrastructure.

Currently I have two daughters at Carmel, Isabella in Year 12 and Sophia in Year 7. Their younger sister Liliana will be joining them next year. My wife Leanne has been on the ArtFusion's committee for the last four years.

For the past three years I have been a member of the St Mary's School, Northcote Board of Trustees in which time the Board oversaw a massive change in the management programme led by the new Principal.

During my time on the Board I led the Property and Finance Sub Committee and assisted the school to get their refurbishment programme up and running. I also worked with the school management to give guidance in getting the finances back into surplus.

My spare time is mainly filled with family time and working on our family olive grove and olive oil business in Mangawhai.

I feel I could bring to the Board skills from my past experiences to make a positive contribution.

Kerry Jones



Hi, I'm Kerry Jones, a 52 year old Construction Project Manager. My wife and I have four daughters.

Our eldest daughter, Eilish, has now finished her time at Carmel and is currently studying at university, our second eldest daughter Bronwyn is in her final year at Carmel, our third daughter Niamh is in Year 8 at Carmel, whilst our youngest daughter Tegan is currently at Stella Maris in Year 4.

I have over 30 years' experience in the property and construction industry including international experience gained from working in the UK, the Middle East and Ireland after leaving New Zealand in 1989 to travel abroad. A 'two year overseas experience' soon became 15 years after meeting my Irish wife in the Middle East and then working in the UK and Ireland before returning home in 2004!

Since coming back to New Zealand in 2004 I have been project managing the design and construction of commercial buildings as well as refurbishment/alteration of existing buildings including managing design teams, contractors and dealing with regulatory processes.

Being not only part of but also giving back to the community is important to myself and that is why previously I was a volunteer firefighter and now I would like to be involved in the Carmel School Community. When my two eldest daughters did their Year 12 camps I went on these camps as a parent helper and found this very rewarding and would like to further my involvement with the school through becoming a member of the Board of Trustees.

With the school's upcoming building programme and my property skillset and experience I feel that I will be able to bring valuable knowledge and experience to not only the building programme but the Board in general.

Julie Scott



My name is Julie Scott. I am a current Parent Representative on the Carmel College Board of Trustees, having been selected to fill a vacancy in early 2019. My daughter Mia is a student in Year 7 and Emily is due to start in 2021. I attended Carmel myself from 1988-94 and have a strong family connection with the school; my aunty was a founding student, my sister and now my niece also students at Carmel.

I am a Nurse Practitioner (Master in Advanced Nursing) in the Emergency Department at Starship Hospital. As a senior nurse I have been a member of a number of health related committees and governance groups and I am the chair for the Service Clinical Excellence group which works in collaboration with the senior leadership team and the Child Health Clinical Excellence and Safecare groups. I lecture at Auckland University across multiple nursing and medical post-graduate papers and I am currently the primary investigator for an international nursing research project. I provide Multi-Disciplinary Team leadership and mentoring, am involved in clinical nursing and medical education (simulation based crisis resource management training and in-house teaching), and with a team travel to Kiribati yearly to provide medical education and support.

I have previously been a parent representative on the Board of Trustees of my children's primary school – successfully working with the senior leadership team overseeing a facilities upgrade/new build, development of a governance charter, re-branding of the school and development of the strategic direction of the school. Through my previous and current experience I believe I have a very good understanding of the governance role of the Board of Trustees of a school.

Carmel College is a unique and special school with a history and culture to be preserved and cherished. It is the role of the Board to work closely and collaboratively with the school's leadership team to ensure the school is constantly striving for educational excellence and that our students are provided with every opportunity to grow and succeed both academically and personally. It is a privilege to represent the community on the Board and I feel I have the necessary experience, leadership skills and inter-personal skills to continue to represent effectively. I bring a sensible and pragmatic approach to the table and give my commitment to ensuring the school successfully transitions out of statutory management in the coming months and continues its journey as leaders in the education sector.

Pravina Singh



Kia ora, I put myself forward for this role with great enthusiasm.

I am a born and bred Wellingtonian where my faith journey was shaped by the Home of Compassion. I am already active in the school community on the PTFA and as a regular parent helper. I have a genuine desire to continue to serve the school and endorse its mercy values. I have strong skills and experience to offer. I contribute with initiative and vision. I have a commitment to maintaining high standards. I am pragmatic, approachable and relate well to people of diverse backgrounds.

I have previously served as a primary school BOT member and was integrally involved with the re-drafting of school policies and procedures, improving school-community communications and the usual board duties.

My profession places me well to undertake a governance role that being on the Board requires. I have a BA (Public Policy)/ LLB (Hons) with over 18 years' post qualification experience. I have extensive courtroom practice and a wide range of skills and knowledge covering civil, criminal, judicial review and regulatory law. I have an excellent rapport with stakeholders; building on relationships, to me, are the key for progress and success.

My work has given me relevant experience and skills serving on committees; such as, when I was Chief Legal Counsel of Customs' Prosecutions team, I was a member of a steering committee that worked on strategy to help NZ tackle profit-motivated border crime to meet its international objectives. I was also a project sponsor and member of Customs' steering committee dealing with the administrative penalties' compliance regime.

I am also a Visiting Justice for Auckland prisons, which involves the hearing of charges and appeals of offences against prison discipline, the treatment and conduct of prison inmates and to inquire into alleged abuses in prisons.

I have a meaningful appreciation for teaching dynamics that the Board will be working alongside with as I also teach at the College of Law and recently redrafted the national curriculum for Family, Criminal and Civil Litigation modules for students doing their professional legal studies.

Outside work, I chauffeur and fund a Year 9 student, regularly attend St Vincent de Paul parish and the Good Shepherd Jesus Prayer Group. I enjoy choir, reading, walking my dogs and Zumba. God Bless and thank you for considering me. Nga mihi nui.