

**Rotorua Girls' High School Board of Trustees**  
**Chairperson's Report**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2016**

Our Vision - Every young woman is a leader in the global environment

Our Mission - To create a connected legacy of excellence

It is my pleasure to present my fourth report on behalf of the Rotorua Girls' High School Board of Trustees.

The past 12 months has again been a busy, challenging, exciting and successful period for the students and staff at the school.

The school's financial position continues to strengthen with a working capital surplus of \$709,991 for 2016. The strong financial position enables the staff to provide the best possible education opportunities to every student at the school. I thank Ally Gibbons (Principal) and Barbara Leckey (Executive Officer) for such a pleasing result and also extend my gratitude to the Education Services team who provide financial guidance to the Board and Management at the school.

The continual improvement of academic achievement remains an annual priority for the Board. As with previous years, the overall NCEA Participation results improved again in 2016 with 91.5% of the students passing Level 1; 96.5% passing Level 2 and 93.8% passing Level 3. A total of 45 Excellence Endorsements and 62 Merit Endorsements were achieved by the students. Congratulations to those students and special thanks to our dedicated staff for these extremely pleasing results.

The Board recognise and appreciate the financial contribution that Ngāti Whakāue has made over many years to our literacy and numeracy programs through their endowment fund. We also express our appreciation to the Ngā Pūmanawa e Waru team for their ongoing professional advice and support that they provide to the school and our community of learning.

Our students continue to be involved in the many extracurricular activities offered by the school. We have had strong representation across many sports, cultural and community events. There have been some outstanding results by individuals, teams and groups at regional and national events. I thank the staff, parents, community groups and organisations who devote their time and expertise or financial assistance in order to make these activities possible for our students.

To my colleagues Ally Gibbons, Sharlene Easthope-Harper, Chelsea Pita, Sarah Riley, Herman Jansonius, Leonie Kiff, Mercia Yates and Kay Asplin, I thank you for the trust that you place on me to lead and speak on behalf of the Board. The knowledge and experience that you all bring to the Board allows us to make important and sometimes difficult decisions with the best interests of our students, staff and community at the forefront.

In conclusion, I thank Ally Gibbons for her leadership of the school and the Senior Leadership Team, Teaching and Support staff for another successful year for Rotorua Girls' High School.



Chris Nairn  
Chairperson  
16 May 2017