

Rotorua Girls' High School Board of Trustees
Chairperson's Report
For the year ended 31 December 2017

Our Vision - Every young woman is a leader in the global environment
Our Mission - To create a connected legacy of excellence

It is again my pleasure to present my fifth 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 is down on the previous financial year but remains strong with a working capital surplus of \$701,932 for the year. I thank Ally Gibbons, Barbara Leckey and Heidi Symon 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 school's strong financial position enables the Board, Management and staff to provide the best possible educational opportunities to every student at the school.

The continual improvement of academic achievement remains an annual priority for the Board. As with previous years, the overall 2017 NCEA Participation results improved again:

- 94.9% of the students passed Level 1, an increase of 3.4%
- 98.1% of the students passed Level 2, an increase of 1.6%
- 93.8% of the students passed Level 3, a decrease of 2.5%
- 56.6% of the students passed University Entrance, an increase of 9.7%

This month our school was named as a finalist for the 'Excellence in Teaching and Learning/Atatū Award'. The winner will be announced in July at the 2018 Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards. This Award recognises and celebrates outstanding achievements in early learning, primary and secondary schooling. Being named as a finalist endorses the comments that were made by the Education Review Office in 2017 that our learners are achieving excellent educational outcomes, the School has a well-designed and responsive curriculum, highly effective leadership, effective teaching and learning support, meaningful partnerships with parents and whānau and strong governance.

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.

The Board recognises and appreciates the financial contribution that the Ngāti Whakaue Education Endowment Trust Board has made over many years to our literacy and numeracy programs. We also express our appreciation to the Ngā Pūmanawa e Waru team for their ongoing professional advice and support. Your commitment and continued support is helping the school to deliver on 'Our Vision' and 'Our Mission'.

To Ally Gibbons, Mercia Yates, Vaishali Morarji, Sarah Riley, Sharlene Easthope-Harper, Herman Jansonius, Leonie Kiff, Kay Asplin and past student representative Chelsea Pita, I thank you for the trust that you place in 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 your dedication and congratulate you all on another successful year for Rotorua Girls' High School.



Chris Nairn
Chairperson
23 May 2018