



# Cambridge High School

## Board of Trustees

### Parent Election Nominations

#### **Chantel Fourie-Stokes**

My name is Chantel Fourie-Stokes, and I am proud to be standing as a candidate for the School Board. As a parent of two children, one stepson currently attending Cambridge High School and a younger child in primary school, I am deeply invested in the present and future success of our school community. I believe that every child deserves a high-quality education in a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment, and I am committed to contributing my time, experience, and energy to help make that a reality.



Professionally, I serve as a Deputy Principal at another school, where I have the privilege of working closely with students, staff, and families every day. This role has given me a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities within our education system, as well as a clear view of what effective school leadership and governance look like. I bring practical knowledge of curriculum development, student wellbeing, staff collaboration, and school operations—insights I believe will be valuable at the board level.

I am particularly passionate about supporting student learning and wellbeing, fostering strong partnerships between home and school, and ensuring transparent, thoughtful decision-making that reflects the needs and voices of our diverse school community. As a parent, I understand the importance of open communication, trust, and accountability. As an educator, I am dedicated to continuous improvement and equity for all students.

If elected, I will advocate for policies and initiatives that prioritise student success, support our dedicated teachers and staff, and build on the strengths of our school while addressing any areas for growth. I believe in collaborative leadership and am committed to listening to the perspectives of parents, students, staff, and fellow board members.

I would be honoured to serve on the School Board and to work together with our school community to help every student thrive. Thank you for your consideration and support.

#### **Nathan Shore**

My name is Nathan Shore and I'm standing for election to the Cambridge High School Board of Trustees.

As a parent, coach, and active community member, I'm passionate about supporting our school to be a place where every student can thrive. I coach both netball and water polo, and through these roles I've seen the importance of communication, collaboration, commitment, resilience, and inclusive leadership — values I believe are just as vital at the board table as they are on the court or in the pool.



I also serve on the board of the Hamilton Astronomical Society, where I contribute to strategic planning, community engagement, and governance. This experience has deepened my understanding of how boards can shape the direction of an organisation while staying grounded in the needs of its people.

I will bring a collaborative, future-focused mindset to the board. I believe a strong board listens to its community, supports its staff, and ensures that every decision is made with student wellbeing and achievement at its heart. I'm committed to upholding the values of Cambridge High School and helping it continue to grow as a place of excellence, equity, and opportunity.

## Cambridge High School Parent Candidates—continued

### James Francis Goodrich

I have lived and worked in Cambridge for over 25 years and my wife and I have raised our children here. We have two children at Cambridge High School, and our oldest child graduated in 2022.



I have been a parent representative on the Cambridge High School Board for three years and I am the current Presiding Member.

I have been working as a dental surgeon in the Cambridge community continuously since 1999, and share that time contributing to the police and coronial services as a forensic odontologist, services I also provide to the NZDF as a reserve officer. I worked during the Christchurch Earthquake, the Mosque Shootings, and the Whakaari Volcano disasters to help return loved ones to their families.

It's a privilege and a responsibility to serve as a parent representative on the CHS Board and I hope to continue contributing to build on the excellent work done by the Board,, and working hard for positive outcomes for all students and all staff of Cambridge High School.

### Megan Vuglar

I'm happy to put my name forward for the role of parent representative on the Cambridge High School board. As a parent of a CHS student, a registered nurse, and an active community volunteer, I bring a calm, thoughtful, and collaborative approach to supporting the wellbeing and success of our school community.



With my background experience, I've developed strong communication, problem-solving, and advocacy skills—qualities that are essential when representing others and working constructively in a team. I have also previously served on the board of a childcare center when my children were young, giving me valuable insight into governance, policy, and strategic decision-making.

I would be honoured to be a participating member on the school board, helping to create a school environment where every child feels safe, supported, and inspired to learn, and respectfully ask for your support.

### Amy van der Loo

My name is Amy van der Loo, and I would like to stand for election to the Board of Trustees.



My eldest son is currently in year 11 at Cambridge High School, and my younger son is excited to start year 9 next year, having seen the amazing opportunities on offer at the school. With my husband Chris, we all moved to Cambridge from Auckland three years ago, and we are enjoying the friendly community and less hectic pace of life here. We like cycling, exploring the outdoors and walking our goofy dog.

I am a medical writer and editor, currently working for a publishing company to provide clinical education to GPs, nurses and pharmacists across New Zealand. As such, I value clear and accurate communication, attention to detail, dependability and adaptability. I also understand our obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

I strongly believe in the power of good education for lifelong wellbeing – for example, did you know that achieving higher levels of education reduces the risk of dementia in later life? All students should leave high school with the ambition, skills and knowledge they need to excel in their chosen path and tackle the challenges of the future, with no one slipping through the cracks. Given that each student has unique needs, this is not an easy task.

If elected as a trustee, my aim would be to continue to help build a safe and supportive environment in which all students and staff are self-motivated to try new things and achieve their best. I consider some of the key roles of the Board of Trustees to be effective and responsive governance, collaboration with staff, and active engagement with parents and students, all undertaken with respect and honesty.

Making a contribution to the local community is important to me, and it would be an honour to represent you on the Board of Trustees.

## Cambridge High School Parent Candidates—continued

### Elizabeth Harvey

As a passionate supporter of quality public education, I would like to be considered for the Cambridge High School Board so that I can contribute to the school's continued success and support our students to thrive both in school and beyond.



As a parent and a museum professional, I bring experience in governance and community engagement, along with a deep commitment to equity and inclusion. I have a strong interest in ensuring that every learner is challenged, supported, and celebrated whether in academic, cultural, sporting, or wellbeing pathways.

Cambridge High School is entering a significant period of change. With the curriculum redesign and NCEA changes underway, we have a critical opportunity to reshape learning to be more relevant, inclusive, and future-focused. I am particularly interested in:

- Supporting the implementation of a responsive, high-quality curriculum that engages all aakonga.
- Strengthening Māori student achievement and retention and promoting culturally sustaining practice across the school.
- Backing initiatives that enhance student wellbeing, belonging, and participation, including through sport, arts, and leadership.
- Contributing to the school's financial and property planning to ensure long-term sustainability as our community grows.

If elected, I would listen carefully, ask thoughtful questions, and work collaboratively to uphold the school's values and strategic direction. I would be proud to help ensure that all students leave Cambridge High School with choices, confidence, and a sense of purpose.

### Corren Ebbalena Taasha Ngerengere

I am a Māmā first and foremost. My children and the children in this community are my motivation. I have over 15 years educational governance experience in Cambridge and the Waikato and come from a social services professional background where children are at the centre of what I do.



I was co-opted onto the Cambridge High School board in 2021

and successfully elected as a parent elect in 2022. I am proud of what the board and staff at Cambridge High School have achieved in that time.

Education is complex and requires a deep understanding and working knowledge of the challenges and opportunities especially in the coming years as we navigate significant changes in the education sector.

I believe firmly in challenging success criteria and yes, while the pursuit of excellence should always be a focus, it is important to understand that might look different to each individual child and whānau.

I have always spoken uncomfortable truths and while I cannot guarantee we will always agree, I will forever be open to the discussion and learning.

I bring a strong strategic lens to the role of governor and when appropriate, engage a practical approach. I see this as being incredibly important and crucial to success as a trustee.

If re-elected, I commit to building on the work already done while continuing to plan for the future and ensure, every child gets what they need from their time at Cambridge High School.

### Dan Finn

It is with genuine interest that I put myself forward as a parent representative for the CHS Board of Trustees.

Being a husband and dedicated parent of three, two of whom are currently at CHS, I am an HR professional with 25 years' experience as a senior leader in large and complex organisations where leadership, influence, facilitation, conflict resolution and business acumen have been important.



I have a high level of energy, passion for what I do and motivation to achieve excellent results both personally and professionally. I like to work collaboratively, think innovatively, challenge the status quo, and enjoy building meaningful relationships.

I like to keep fit, spend time with family and travel to warm places. Cooking and spending time at the beach are also things I love to do.