



## Trinity Schools Trust Board

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Trinity Schools are Hadlow Preschool, Hadlow School, Rathkeale College and St Matthew's Collegiate School

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### From the Chair and Chief Executive of the Trinity Schools Trust Board

The Trinity Schools Trust Board (TSTB) is immensely proud of the high-quality Anglican faith-based education that our schools have once again provided this year, having achieved outstanding educational results and maintaining a well-deserved reputation for excellence.



### Our Special Character

This past year saw investments in key areas to strengthen our Special Character, enhancing pastoral care, and reinforcing our academic reputation. Highlights include the establishment of youth groups led by Reverend Mannie Marara providing a vibrant opportunity for spiritual growth and connection for our young people at Hadlow and the Preschool. Reverend Wendy Scott, although transitioning from TSTB to a new role at St Matthew's Church in Masterton, continues to enrich our community, particularly as Chaplain to the Preschool. Her weekly story readings to the children there are a special and valued experience, providing for learning about the Anglican faith from a young age for our tamariki. The Bishop's representative on our board, Reverend John Hughes continues to provide sound governance for the whole Trinity system and has overseen a reinvigoration of the Special Character Committee bringing together members from across the school community.



We celebrated the opening of a dedicated prayer space at Hadlow, an initiative made possible by the generous support of the Hadlow Foundation and the Friends of Hadlow. This tranquil space stands as a testament to the strength of our partnerships and our unwavering commitment to fostering our Anglican Special Character. We also acknowledge the ongoing contributions to the Trinity Special Character from St Matthew’s and Rathkeale Chaplains. Their dedication continues to enrich the spiritual and academic fabric of our schools.

Sport is an integral part of life at Trinity Schools, where it fosters Hauora—health and wellbeing—while developing character and engaging our community. Recognising the interconnectedness of our schools and their shared relationships with sport providers and stakeholders, a Trinity Sports Strategy has been developed, led by the schools, to unify the approach to school sports. This Together as One initiative has established clear values, ensures transparency, and aligns sporting resources across Trinity, through actively engaging students, parents, and staff for their insights. We look forward to the progress that the newly established Trinity Schools Sports Management Team make on the strategy over the next few months and years.



## Strengthening Governance and Leadership

We welcomed new board members in the year to TSTB whose expertise and commitment further strengthen our governance. After three years on the TSTB Board, John Kirkup was honoured to take on the role of Chair, after taking over from Lisa Rossiter who made a significant contribution to Trinity in her time on the board and as Chair. Our thanks go to Lisa and her family for her dedication and leadership across her six years with TSTB. We are grateful for the commitment of the entire board, whose wise counsel and experience this year has helped ensure we are well-equipped to navigate the future.

We extend our gratitude to our TSTB staff for their tireless efforts in ensuring the smooth running of the Trinity system, providing a strong foundation upon which our schools continue to build upon. To our Principals, we acknowledge your unwavering dedication to your staff and students. The support of all the numerous volunteers across Trinity, including School Board of Trustee members and the Friends of Trinity, we thank you for your support that has been instrumental in enabling our students to achieve their best selves.

In the background we have made some great strides on the services we provide the schools. You would've noticed during the year that after a full review of the uniform services across the schools, we moved to a new provider with an improved level of quality and an online option, while retaining the second hand service which we know our families value. We have also completed a review of catering services, based on the great feedback we received from families, students and staff. The change over to a new provider will be happening in the new year, and while there is always a settling in period for such large changes as these, we appreciate the efforts of all to minimise this and look forward to the improved catering offering.



## Looking Forward to 2025

As we look to the future, connection and clarity will remain at the heart of our mission. The shifting tides of education demand that we remain agile and forward-thinking to meet the evolving needs of our students and community. It is important that we take the community with us on this journey, so look out for communications on our newly developed TSTB Strategy next year and opportunities to engage on the future shape of Trinity.

Our focus on well-being and pastoral care will continue to grow in importance as we strive to create an environment where every student can thrive. The principles of kaitiakitanga guide us as guardians of our schools, our students, and our shared future in the Wairarapa.

We draw strength from the collective commitment of our community, and we deeply value the input and support we receive from parents, caregivers, and all who contribute to the life of our schools. Together, we are building a legacy of excellence and unity to position the Trinity family of schools as leading education providers in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Ngā mihi nui o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou  
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Nāku noa, nā,



John Kirkup  
Chair  
Trinity Schools Trust Board



Cath Archer  
Chief Executive Officer  
Trinity Schools Trust Board