



STANLEY BAY SCHOOL

Board of Trustees 2020

Tracey Ryan – Property Portfolio



Mum of Saoirse (yr3) and Niamh, I joined the school board at the last by-election and am really enjoying the challenge and engagement with the school community. Since joining the board, I led on behalf of the board the development of the 3-yr Strategic Plan for the school. I am keen to see us focus on and develop a strong 'Stanley Bay' culture based on trust, partnerships and shared vision which brings together the children, parents, wider community and the school to give us a real sense of community and pride.

I am a Director at Aurecon with a technical STEM background of 23 years of international professional services experience. I am incredibly passionate about getting more young women to choose STEM careers and I coach and mentor several female emerging leaders in the Infrastructure industry and represent career-level women on the advisory board for NZ Women's Infrastructure Network (WIN). I am also on the Board of Infrastructure NZ and a member of the Institute of Directors.

Communication and community come up regularly as issues the school can continue to improve on. These are something I would like to specifically focus on as part of the the implementation of the strategic plan while Saoirse finishes out her time at Stanley Bay.

Josh Wilson – Finance Portfolio



After growing up in Devonport, I returned here with my wife Sophie eight years ago and we feel very lucky to call it home. We have two boys at school, Tom (Yr 5) and Hugo (Yr3).

I was previously the Treasurer of the Devonport Community Creche where I gained an insight into Ministry of Education governance and funding processes, and the difficulties of balancing a very tight budget while meeting the needs of the community. My day job is portfolio manager and chief investment officer at Clarity Funds Management.

As a father of three, I understand that all children are different and have individual learning and cultural needs. I would like to see Stanley Bay School as a place that attracts and retains great teachers and where everyone is encouraged and supported to reach their potential.

Matthew Crawford - CHAIR and Legal Portfolio



My wife Charlotte and I have two children in years 3 and 5 at Stanley Bay School. The school was a large factor in us settling in the area, on good advice from friends who live here. We are glad we did. We previously lived in London and then the Cayman Islands, where all the children were born. I now work as a barrister. I am originally from Matamata in the Waikato.

Catherine McNellan – Communications Portfolio



I have one boy left at SBS, Roman in year 2 and since moving here I've been blown away by how strong the school community is and what a unique opportunity that gives SBS to raise the bar for its pupils.

I'm a marketing and communications professional, mainly in the tech sector but what gave me insight and a passion for education was policy implementation, working for the UK Department of Education. I led communications for Extended Schools - a national transformation programme across 23,500 schools aimed at raising achievement. I worked with schools, local authorities, education ministers and Ofsted (UK equivalent of ERO) and as part of the team that developed the National School Improvement Planning Framework.

I've seen the impact that strong communications and community engagement can make first-hand and am keen to add value in this area.

Alastair Wright - Finance Portfolio



My wife and I moved from the UK with our two boys in 2018. Chance had us living on Russell St, so Seb (aged 6) enrolled at Stanley Bay School and Ben (4) goes to kindy. We have been warmly welcomed by the school and wider community and consider ourselves very lucky to have ended up here.

I previously served on the board of a school in the UK, for children with a variety of additional needs, and was chair of the finance and audit committee. This was a very rewarding experience and I learnt a lot about governance and the education system, I hope to be able to use what I have learned to help at SBS.

I am a chartered accountant with a variety of experience. I was trained at KPMG working on audits of large corporates, as well as with public sector entities such as universities and housing associations. Currently I work in the finance team at Southern Spars who build carbon fibre rigs for racing and super yachts.

I love sailing and have been racing in the winter series out of RNZYS whenever I can get on a crew. In my spare time I enjoy watching and occasionally playing most sports, particularly rugby and cricket as well as exploring New Zealand's natural environment.