

Candidate Profile of
Simone Varney
For Board of Trustees Nomination
Whangarei Boys' High School



Having recently moved back home to Whangarei I am keen to offer any skills I have to serve my son's school and the community. Firstly, I am strongly relational, which has been reinforced by my having completed a Bachelor of Counselling several years ago. I have counselled in schools and briefly in two community agencies, one that supported families and the other providing supportive accommodation to those who find themselves homeless. I thrive in a team environment, enjoying the sharing of different viewpoints, the back and forth that ensues and the eventual coming together into a shared solution. Over the years I have developed an ability to deal with conflict constructively.

I am also administrative; performing the role most recently in two youth directed and focused charitable events that included liaising with Police and local council. Prior to that I carried out administrative duties in my past employment in banking and insurance, and in the running of our own dairy farm.

I am currently focused on supporting my son through his high school years and alongside that doing what I can to contribute to a greater desire for community amongst us. In particular, ensuring that those whose voices we seem to hear less from are encouraged to speak and are honoured by those they share themselves and their knowledge with.