



# Otorohanga College

Ko te mana mō mua i te whakamana  
Honour before Honours

Principal: Ms Traci Liddall Dip Tchg, Dip TEFL, BA, PGDip Ed, M Ed (hons)

Friday 29th October, 2021

RE: Community Update

Kia ora e te whānau,

## **Senior Students Returning To College:**

After another period of Lockdown at home and on-line learning, our Year 11 to 13 students were able to return onsite this week to complete Derived Grade Examinations. As a Board we express our grateful thanks and appreciation to the staff and College leaders who work tirelessly to support our students through these periods of disruption.

Otorohanga College will follow government and Ministry of Education guidelines for the return of our Year 9 and 10 students later this term. Thank you and well done to all the parents/caregivers who have been home schooling and supporting their children through the Lockdowns.

## **Resignation Of Our Principal – Traci Liddall:**

It is with great sadness that we inform our school and community that this will be Traci's last term in the Principal's seat of Otorohanga College. We are proud of the work that she has led over the last 2+ years which sees her leaving the school in a strong position for a bright future. The implementation of the Junior Learning Programme and steadfast approach to putting students front and centre are a few highlights among many.

We wish Traci well in whatever her future holds.

## **Acting Principal:**

As a Board we recognise that a principal resignation can be unsettling for many. We have therefore moved quickly to appoint Lyndsay Kurth (Deputy Principal, Senior) as Acting Principal, with effect once Traci is no longer in her role. We believe this move will provide confidence, certainty and continuity for staff, students and our families while the Board starts the process of recruiting our next permanent principal. Lyndsay has the skills and experience to step into this position, ably supported by the staff.

## **Board Leadership And Membership**

Last month's update communicated the change in Board Chair with Lorraine Fox's resignation. We also communicated that as a Board we were working through our leadership construct and I will inform on development of this in due course. Whilst I have taken on the role of Chair we are very much working as a team. To share the load Kim Ingham has agreed, with the support of the Board, to a joint leadership position where we can draw off each other's strengths and experience to lighten the load of the Chair's role where need be.

The Board has also resolved not to hold another Board election to fill the vacancy created when Lorraine stepped down. With elections next year we thought it best to consolidate the Board as it currently is, after a period of significant change.

Stay safe everyone and look out for each other.

Noho ora mai,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'D Coull', followed by a period.

**Duncan Coull**  
**Presiding Member**  
**Ōtorohanga College BoT**