

# Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand 2019 Elections

## Candidate Directory for Secondary Principals Sector

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### **James THOMAS**

(Auckland)

#### **Academic Qualifications:**

M. Ed.; Dip. Tchg.; Dip. Bus. Admin

#### **Current Position:**

Principal, Whangaparaoa College (appointed April 2012)

#### **Active Teaching Experience:**

Awatapu College 1979-1988; Birkenhead College 1988-1994; Senior College of NZ 1994-1997; Mt Roskill Grammar (Deputy Principal) 1997-2001; Parenting with Confidence (NGO) 2001-2005; Kristin School 2006; Whangaparaoa College (Associate Principal) October 2006-April 2012; Whangaparaoa College (Principal) April 2012-present.

#### **Governance Experience:**

Bayview Primary School (Trustee and Chair) mid/late 1990's; Polyfest Trust Board 2015-2018; Whangaparaoa College Board 2009-present.

#### **Personal Interests:**

Family, friends, music, athletics, windsurfing, swimming and interesting walks

#### **PROFILE STATEMENT:**

I am happy to serve on the Teaching Council if my experience in, and passion for, education can contribute to excellent outcomes for our young people. To ensure the delivery of excellent outcomes we need a good supply of quality teachers. Therefore recruitment, training, ongoing support (including leadership development) and wellbeing of teachers are essential; as well as maintaining our code and our standards.

I have had many roles in a cross-section of schools and I'm currently Principal of Whangaparaoa College (Year 7-13, co-ed, 1500 learners) on the northern fringe of the Auckland metropolis.

Over the years I have also contributed as an author, examiner, Achievement Standard writer, NCEA marker, PLD facilitator, ITE lecturer, and education advisor.

During my time as a Principal, I have served as President of the Auckland Secondary Schools Principals' Association; and am currently on the SPANZ Executive.

Thank you for considering my nomination.

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### **Patrick WALSH**

(Rotorua)

#### **Academic Qualifications:**

MA (Hons) LLB (Hons) Dip Tchg, Dip S.M, Dip RelSt

#### **Current Position:**

Principal, John Paul College Rotorua (15 yrs),  
Deputy Principal: De La Salle College, Mangere (10 yrs)

#### **Active Teaching Experience:**

Manurewa Intermediate 1985-86, Rosmini College 1986-93, De La Salle College 1993-2002

#### **Governance Experience:**

Elected member of NZ Teachers Council 2002-05, President of SPANZ 2009-12, Chair of SIEBA 2018, President Australia/NZ Education Law Association.

#### **Personal Interests:**

Gardening, reading, travel.

#### **PROFILE STATEMENT:**

I bring an extensive track record of service and advocacy on behalf of Secondary Principals, including 3 years as President of SPANZ (life member of SPANZ), Chair of the SIEBA Board and Chair of the NZ Law Society Seminars on Education Law.

The teacher shortage crisis is a 'national disgrace' which had been signalled for a decade by secondary principals. The Teachers Council needs to 'step up' and help resolve this with urgency.

I would strongly advocate the following:

- Expand employment-based training of teachers such as 'Teach First'
- A high quality teacher workforce strategy which meets the needs of secondary schools rather than 'bums on seats' approach
- Reduce the compliance surrounding Teacher Registration
- Raise the bar for entry into Teacher Training Providers. Ensure the 'programme' reflects what Provisionally Registered Teachers need to know as they enter secondary schools
- Raise the status of the teaching profession so it becomes an attractive option for secondary students.