



van Asch
Deaf Education Centre

2019 BOARD OF TRUSTEE PARENT ELECTIONS

Combined Board of Trustees for Kelston Deaf Education Centre (503)
& van Asch Deaf Education Centre (519)



NZSL Link – <https://vimeo.com/328302056>

Nominations are invited for the election of six parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

Nomination Form

Enclosed is a nomination form to enable you to put your name forward as a candidate in the forthcoming board of trustees' elections, or to nominate someone else as a candidate.

Note: If you are on the school roll and eligible to vote, you can nominate yourself and do not require a seconder, but you must sign both parts of the form. (Section A and Section B).

Complete the nomination form, including the necessary signatures. Complete the candidate's contact details including their address and telephone numbers (home and mobile), and post, hand deliver or email the form to the returning officer at the address shown below. If emailed, promptly make arrangements to get the originals to the returning officer.

Nominations close at **12 noon on 2 May, 2019** and must be posted to the Returning Officer (in the enclosed envelope) at:

Freepost Authority 127016

Returning Officer
Board of Trustee Elections
Private Bag 93008, New Lynn
Auckland 0640

Eligibility

The enclosed nomination form and a copy of this notice is being posted to all eligible voters. A copy of the voting roll is available for inspection at the Centre office during normal school hours or by telephoning the Deaf Education Centre.

Anyone may stand for election for the board of trustees, other than those ineligible under sections 103 and 103A of the Education Act 1989. Information about who is eligible is on the back of the nomination form.

Note: If you are not on the voting roll you must be nominated by a person who is.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the Deaf Education Centres. Nomination forms are also available in Te Reo Maori. Please contact the Returning Officer if these are required. There will also be a list of candidates' names as they come to hand published on the website of each Deaf Education Centre.

Candidate's Statement

As a candidate in a nation-wide election you are strongly advised

to submit a brief statement (up to 400 words). This should include any relevant governance experience or previous involvement with the Deaf Education Centres and/or associated institutions; your reasons for standing for election; and your abilities as they relate to the following skills.

The ideal candidate will be someone who is committed to working within a group that is focused at a national level on the development and strengthening of deaf education across all of New Zealand. This will require the ability to absorb large amounts of written information, assimilate and evaluate differing views and perspectives, and to collectively make sound decisions. Candidates must also have the time and availability to devote to the role.

Note: the Returning Officer will omit or abridge any part of the candidate's statement where it exceeds 400 words, or is offensive or defamatory.

It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure the signed candidate's statement is received by the Returning Officer. If the statement is not received by 12 noon on 2 May, 2019 it will be presumed you do not want a statement to be sent to voters with the voting papers.

Scrutineers

A candidate may appoint a scrutineer to observe the vote count. Please advise the returning officer in writing of the scrutineer's name and contact details before election day.

Voting and Results of the Election

If the number of nominees is the same as, or less than, the number of vacancies then the nominees will be declared elected and no vote will be required. If there are more nominations than vacancies for parent representatives, eligible voters will be posted voting papers and candidates' statements on or about Wednesday 22 May, 2019.

Each parent may vote for up to three parent representatives nominated in respect of the Kelston Deaf Education Centre and up to three parent representatives nominated in respect of the van Asch Deaf Education Centre (up to six votes in total). No more than the three highest polling candidates nominated in respect of each Deaf Education Centre will be elected to the combined Board.

The poll closes at 12 noon on 21 June, 2019. The results will be made available by the Deaf Education Centres on their websites and also published in *The Press* and the *New Zealand Herald*.

Nominating Yourself

- Complete Sections A, B, C & D of Nomination form
- Provide a Candidate Statement of no more than 400 words
- **BY NOON 2 MAY 2019**

Nominating Someone Else

- The Person Nominating must complete Sections B & C only and be on the electoral roll.
- Person being Nominated must complete Sections A, and D
- Person being nominated to provide a Candidate Statement of no more than 400 words
- **BY NOON 2 MAY 2019**