



Memorandum of Understanding

Christchurch Girls' High School and Christchurch Boys' High School

Christchurch Boys' High School and Christchurch Girls' High School are committed to their separate and single sex identities and see collaboration as a means of enhancing the two schools.

Commitment to Collaboration

Christchurch Girls' High School and Christchurch Boys' High School both have a long history in the Christchurch community and are proud of their students and the successes they have made in their personal and professional lives. The schools both share a passion for providing the best opportunities to enable outstanding achievement in academic, cultural and sporting endeavours so as to ensure the development outstanding leaders for New Zealand and the world.

Both schools, along with their wider communities, hold dear their independence and their own goals and the values that they seek to instil in their students. The schools have an unshakeable belief in the advantages for learning provided by their core value of single sex education and the values described in their Charters. They are each respectfully committed to maintaining their geographical independence as well as their independence in governance and management.

Notwithstanding this...

The schools recognise the benefits that can arise for their students from a collaborative relationship between each other. They will look to explore these mutually beneficial opportunities in their strategic outlooks.

Two meetings of the Principal, Headmaster and BOT chairpersons will be calendared each year to discuss topics of mutual interest and the outcomes of these meetings will be reported to the CGHS and CBHS Boards of Trustees. It is expected that the Principal and Headmaster will be in regular communication

Further collaboration

In meeting to discuss the shared use of future school facilities the Principal and Headmaster have identified other future areas of collaboration that will serve to strengthen our schools.

These include (and are not limited to) the design of classroom space, professional development, partnering in marketing for international students, enrolment schemes, scholarship, Te Reo and Te Ao

Maori, Agribusiness, hard to staff subjects for example Physics and Maths, subjects with low subject numbers and Pastoral Care.

The Principal and Headmaster will present a report to their respective Boards in October of 2016 outlining specific intended future collaboration. This report is to outline how future collaboration will be enabled.

Regarding sharing of the Hall and PAC

Christchurch Boys' High School and Christchurch Girls' High School are both undertaking extensive building programmes at their respective schools in partnership with the Ministry of Education. The Hall at Christchurch Boys' High School and the PAC at Christchurch Girl's High School are pivotal buildings within the rebuild programmes of the two schools. The schools see these buildings as complementing each other and this Memorandum of Understanding confirms the understanding that the Hall and PAC will be used by both schools, often in collaboration.

The Hall

The Hall will accommodate 1350 students seated in the body of the Hall as well the staff on stage. The Hall will be a venue for assemblies, prize givings, special ceremonies, fundraising events, dinners, balls, mihi whakatau, and performance to a large audience. The flat floor will make possible a wide variety of configurations.

The PAC

The PAC will be a 275 seat specialist performing arts venue, with raked seating a stage to accommodate an 80 piece orchestra and a recording studio

Intent to collaborate

In designing the PAC and Hall the Boards of Trustees of both schools have shared plans and been conscious of what the other school is building. The schools are using the same architectural firm and have worked together over areas of shared concern with the Ministry of Education. It is intended by the Boards of both schools that these facilities will be shared. This is a strategic intention that will be promoted by the respective board and enabled by the leadership of both schools.

- The schools will not charge each other for the hire of venues
- Where additional costs are incurred by activities by an individual school using a venue this school will cover these costs for example (additional cleaning, hireage of furniture, breakages)
- The schools will look to partner with each other for performing arts, fundraising occasions, and community events

Signed:



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