



HEAD OF PRIMARY

Sandra Hastie M.Ed (Admin) (Hons), B.Ed, Dip Tchg

Although many are very familiar with Sandra Hastie and her achievements to date, it is appropriate that we acknowledge the vast experience that Sandra will bring to her new role as Head of Primary.

Sandra began her career within the education sector 28 years ago and for 23 of those years has held senior management positions in both state and independent schools. Sandra came to Saint Kentigern in 1995 when she took up the role of Dean of the Senior School at the Boys' campus. In 1999 Sandra was appointed to Deputy Principal; notably this was the first time a female had been appointed to this level in an independent boys' school in New Zealand. In 2009 Sandra was appointed Principal at Saint Kentigern School for Girls – Corran, where she has cemented the vision to build a great girls' school.

Sandra's extensive academic background extends from her early days. On completion of her teaching degree, she went on to obtain a Masters in Educational Administration with Honours and then on to her current pursuit of a Doctorate in Education which focuses on goal setting and academic achievement in primary schools. Although pleased her Doctorate is coming to an end, this latest challenge has allowed Sandra to research an area that has been her passion for most of her career.

Those who have had the opportunity to work with Sandra, or have children under her supervision, know that her enthusiasm for education and learning is infectious. This passion is testament to her ability to engage, inspire and lead with great vigour. Sandra is dedicated to ensuring that every learner has the capacity to unlock his or her potential. She believes this should be done in a caring environment where children understand the need for resilience in order to achieve their success.

Sandra is deeply committed to the core values that underpin the Saint Kentigern Way. As she says, 'These marks of integrity are what will ensure our students serve and lead with distinction.'

Sandra is looking forward to working alongside the Trust Board and the new Principal at the Boys' School to ensure that Saint Kentigern continues to be educationally progressive whilst upholding the tradition of Saint Kentigern. She is delighted to once again be part of the Boys' School and working with all the Saint Kentigern community.

Sandra is not one to sit still and is constantly setting her own personal goals. Last year she completed her first half marathon and is set to challenge herself again as she attempts an improved time in her next event. Sandra and her husband Bruce, who is a pharmacist, can often be seen walking their Sealyham Terrier, Callum. If you were to look back into the archives of TVNZ, you would find Sandra and Callum as they appeared (rather unsuccessfully!) on Wonder Dogs.

As we move into the next chapter of Saint Kentigern, the appointment of Sandra Hastie into the role of Head of Primary gives us the assurance that great leadership will continue and the certainty that we will remain at the forefront of primary education in New Zealand.