

## INTRODUCING OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

**Chairperson:** Suzanne Adair



**Suzanne Adair** (Proprietor's Rep) My name is Suzanne Adair and my husband, Matthew, and I have four children (Elizabeth, Alice, James and Charles). The youngest three are at Sacred Heart Cathedral School. I was appointed to the Board of Trustees as a proprietor's appointee in 2016 and have been the chairperson since December 2018. I have also previously been involved in the Friends of Sacred Heart Committee. I work as a lawyer in the financial services sector. We returned to live in Wellington in 2015 after having lived in Singapore, London and Melbourne for 13 years.



**Sera Vatuloka** (Parent Rep) was born in Fiji migrating to New Zealand at the age of 6. Her daughter Lynda is currently in the senior syndicate. Sera was educated in Wellington and is a graduate of Victoria University of Wellington. She is an educator at VUW working closely with Maori & Pasifika students. Recently Sera has taken on a role at Victoria International working with New Zealand Scholarship students. Sera is passionate about guiding and supporting Pasifika students to reach their full educational potential.



**Trudy Lagolago** (Proprietor's Rep) Hello my name is Trudy and I joined the Board as a Proprietor's Appointee in 2014. Together with my husband Roy, we have two children at Sacred Heart Cathedral School and our eldest is in college. I am currently an executive officer and my work supports Pasifika strategy, policy, planning, data analysis, communication and engagement with the community and region. I enjoy serving our school and archdiocese through the meaningful and positive work of our Board of Trustees.



**Nigel Ingram** (Parent Rep) was elected onto the Board of Trustees in the 2019 Elections. Nigel is the Director Corporate Services at Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga where he has responsibility for information technology, knowledge management, human resources and finance.

With central and local government experience spanning over 30 years, Nigel has held a variety of roles associated with strategic development, planning, and community engagement.



**Keiran Kennedy** (Parent Rep) was elected onto the Board of Trustees in the 2019 Elections. Keiran and her husband Michael have two children at Sacred Heart Cathedral School – Alex and Maia. Keiran is a tax lawyer and accountant and is currently seconded into the Minister of Finance's office as a tax policy advisor. She has worked in a variety of roles in the public sector in Wellington and prior to that worked overseas in tax law. Keiran brings the benefit of her professional skills and background, her own Catholic education and her upbringing and her community governance experience to her role on the Board.



**Kitchie de Guzman** (Parent Rep) was elected onto the Board of Trustees in the 2019 Elections. She and her husband Joseph, both Filipinos, migrated to Wellington in 2007. They have 2 children attending Sacred Heart Cathedral School – Keiffer and Jiezl. Her professional background spanned across the areas of training and development, qualification assessment, team management, project delivery and report & data analysis. Currently, she is focused on system development and implementation, stakeholder engagement, mentoring as well as programme planning and management as a Business Solutions Analyst from an IT Consultancy firm. Kitchie's interests are driven by her personal background and passion. She believes that parents must partner closely with the school in the education of the children to ensure they develop their young minds, build their characters and equip them with the tools necessary to be happy and successful.



**Nicola Nation** (Parent Rep) Tēnā koutou, ko Nicola tōku inga – my name is Nicola, and I was elected onto the Board of Trustees in the 2019 elections. I have three children in the Sacred Heart community, and have been involved with the school since 2014, and contributed to the Friends of Sacred Heart for four years prior to joining the Board. I am passionate about education, as a gateway for success, and I believe in achieving equality in educational outcomes regardless of a child's abilities or background. My work background is as the General Manager of the Ākina Foundation, working across all aspects of the business to help it thrive. I hold a LLLB / BCA from Victoria University of Wellington



**Jay Manu'a** (Proprietor's Rep) joined the Board of Trustees in March 2020, the week after attending my first board meeting, such was the impact I made, the country went into lockdown. I have twin girls Madeleine and Azaria who started at Sacred Heart Cathedral in 2019, so we are a new family to the school. My background is in management, governance and operational policy advice with the Ministry of Justice where I have worked for 17 years. We have been warmly welcomed by the school community. It is a privilege to serve as the proprietor's representative to ensure the integrity of the school's Special Character.

**Tessa Gudgeon** (Proprietor's Rep) joined the Board of Trustees in 2020.