

### *What is the SS4C movement?*

School Strike 4 Climate is an international movement started by the sixteen-year-old student Greta Thunberg who was the first to strike for the climate in August of 2018. From there the school strikes have expanded rapidly into **a global movement that is over a million strong** which demands that the government take action on the climate crisis.



### *Why school strikes?*

The symbolism of the school strike is built on questions such as why should we study for futures that we might not have due to inaction on the climate crisis? Why should we spend our time learning facts in school when the most important facts in this society are being ignored? From this, the notion of the school strike was born. We plan to continue the school strikes until our following core demands are met:

#### *Core Demands:*

- We demand that the Government acknowledges the magnitude of the climate crisis by **declaring a climate emergency**. This move will set the narrative for the urgent pace at which we need to act on climate change but must uphold our democratic values and obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- We demand that all parties in Parliament support passing an ambitious Zero Carbon Act into law that puts in place a **legally enforceable plan** to get to **net zero carbon by 2040**.
- End fossil fuels - we demand that the Government **ceases all new exploration and extraction of fossil fuels**. This includes not granting any extensions of existing permits. This must be paired with the Government's investment in renewable energy production and sustainable transport systems to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels.
- We demand that the Government invests in building a renewable and regenerative economy now. This means immediate investment in retraining and the provision of alternative jobs in clean, sustainable industries that don't harm the ecosystems on which we depend for survival. This must be done through meaningful partnerships with communities, Tangata Whenua and youth to ensure a just transition and that no one is left behind.

### *How is SS4C organised?*

The New Zealand strikes are organised by student volunteers with adult and expert aid in collaboration with local councils and communities. Together, we organise school strikes that are safe and welcoming to all, encouraging the values that are essential for a successful movement. Alongside this, regional groups are also active in organising other activities to protect the environment and engage the local community, such as tree plantings and beach clean-ups. Members have the opportunity to be involved in the national team which is composed of student volunteers who assist in the coordinate strikes across the country by developing strategies, communication, and content. The national team are involved in communicating with national strike teams from a variety of other countries, meaning that our strikes are part of an international effort with each strike in New Zealand being coordinated with global strikes across 150+ countries. The School Strike 4 Climate NZ team believes that it is **essential for the youth to include their voices and have their say in the defining moment of our futures**. We also believe the Climate Crisis is an **intergenerational issue that affects everyone**.