

## Update for our School Communities – November 2022

Kia ora koutou, warm greetings to everyone in our school communities. As 2022 draws to an end, the NZ Christian Proprietors Trust (NZCPT) and the Kingsway Trust (KWT) extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to making our schools the wonderful Christian communities of learning that they are. The provision of Christian education in our schools is made possible largely because of the funding received from the attendance dues paid by families. We thank you for your faithfulness and acknowledge this often comes as a sacrifice, as families prioritize the quality and nature of education you want your children to receive.

To keep you informed, here's a snapshot of the work NZCPT and KWT have been doing behind the scenes to support our schools this year.

**NZCPT** – we are the Proprietor for eight schools that provides Christian Education to over 2700 children across the country. The role carries a range of lawful responsibilities. Four key functions of the Proprietor are to:

- supervise and maintain the Christian Special Character of our schools. The main ways we do this include conducting three yearly reviews to see how each school is delivering the special character and by funding our Special Character Coordinator, Dr Jacqui Lloyd, who supports teachers in their growth in biblical literacy and delivering Christian Education in their teaching.
- collect the Attendance Dues paid by parents. These are forwarded to the Land Trusts who use them to provide the land and the buildings for our schools.
- provide Proprietor appointees on every school board following board elections
- be a liaison between our schools and the Ministry of Education

**Kingsway Trust** – KWT provides the land and buildings for our four Auckland based schools. This year has been a huge year, completing a number of large building projects as our schools continue to grow. Here's highlights of some of the projects delivered in 2022, in addition to the many more tedious but critically important tasks such as roof replacements, drainage solutions and renovations.

### Horizon School

**Amphitheatre** – it was a vision of Principal Helen Pearson to turn a largely unused and unfinished area of school grounds into a stunning space that can be used as an outdoor classroom and general recreation space for students. A huge thanks to local dad Gary Morning for his landscaping skills in completing this stunning space.

**School Field** – an uncompleted earthmoving contract and a commercial insurance dispute has substantially delayed the delivery of more field space for the school. This year, these issues have been resolved and KWT has taken over the task of providing this field for the school. We hope to complete this work over summer providing a second large sports field to support the school in its continued growth.

**Hardcourts** – ground subsidence and age had affected the school's hardcourts. KWT coordinated the resurfacing of these courts giving them a new lease of life for years to come.

Having previously received permission to progress to a Year 1- 13 school, in 2023 Horizon starts Year 12 for the first time.

The end of this year also sees their inaugural Principal Helen Pearson step down and their newly appointed Principal, Tina Utting take up the role from 2023. We thank Helen for her enormous contribution and look forward to working with Tina in the years ahead.



**Kingsway School - COLA** - a huge 'Covered Outdoor Learning Area' over the school's Astro Turf was completed earlier in 2022, now allowing all weather use. The Astro Turf itself is now in the process of being replaced after serving the school so well for over 17 years.



A new \$9M Primary block has just been commissioned for Kingsway Primary Campus which is to be ready in 2024, providing space for a further 360 Year 1 and 2 students. The continuing demand for Christian Education means making most of every space on campus to accommodate the school's burgeoning roll as they head towards their maximum roll cap of 2100 students in 2026.

The old Primary campus at Jelas Road

has been completely remodeled and now hosts 174 Year 10 students.

**Jireh** - Refurbished and additional classroom space is being provided as the school quickly heads towards its maximum roll cap of 300. All weather covers have been installed outside many of the classrooms and air conditioning units added to several of the classrooms.

**Kingsgate School** - After months of waiting so patiently, the school has finally relocated from a tiny, leased church facility to their new 20 acre site in Pukekohe with two large studios built to enable a flexible learning environment. The design is similar to the Kingsway Primary studios that have been so well received by teachers. With the new increased capacity, the school is receiving huge interest from local parents, keen for their children to enjoy Christian Education. This year Kingsgate also received permission to grow progressively to a Year 13 school starting with Year 9 in 2023.



**Kumeu Christian School** - Work continues to confirm a new site for the replanting of Kumeu Christian School after it went into a temporary hibernation at the beginning of this year following the loss of its staff during Government vaccine mandates. Parent interest remains strong for a Christian school in this area.

For those in a position to financially contribute to supporting Christian Education please visit [www.kingswaytrust.nz/legacy](http://www.kingswaytrust.nz/legacy). More information about our Trusts, attendance dues, financial support and our special character can be found on our websites [www.nzcpt.nz](http://www.nzcpt.nz) or [www.kingswaytrust.nz](http://www.kingswaytrust.nz).

On a personal note, my employment contract finishes with NZCPT and KWT in January 2023 and I welcome the newly appointed CEO, Philip Mark Bradley who will bring a strong background in both business and education and a deep personal Christian faith. I am confident that Philip Mark will contribute very positively to the continued growth and wellbeing of our schools and network in the years ahead.

May your family know God's wonderful grace and peace in your season ahead.

Ngā mihi nui,

Peter Wilding CEO for the New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust

