

Creating a Difference

35th Annual Conference

11 - 13 July 2025



Te Whakarōputanga
Kaitiaki Kura o Aotearoa
New Zealand School Boards Association
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Friday 11 July


7.00am	Registration opens	Foyer
8.00am - 8.40am	Mihi Whakatau	Auditorium
8.40am - 9.00am	Morning Refreshments	Exhibition Hall
9.00am - 9.30am	MC Opening President address	Auditorium
9.30am - 10.30am	Ministerial Address Hon Erica Stanford	Auditorium
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning Tea	Exhibition Hall
11.00am - 12.30pm	Seminar Session 1	
	Seminar 1: Effective onboarding and induction <i>Sheree Garratt</i>	Dobson 1 & 2
	Seminar 2: Board reports – what do you need to know? <i>Rachael Spencer</i>	Bealey 2
	Seminar 3: Employment and Making a Difference – Topics to Know <i>Maynard Scott</i>	Bealey 3
	Seminar 4: Natural Justice – what, why? <i>Cheryl Bunker</i>	Bealey 4
	Seminar 5: Recruiting the right Tumuaki – the greatest difference a board can make <i>Ngaire Cooper</i>	Bealey 5
	Seminar 6: Let’s revisit Hautū: Māori Cultural Responsiveness Self Review Tool for English Medium school settings <i>Sharlene Rogers</i>	Conway 1 & 2
	Seminar 7: Strengthening Your School Connections through Meaningful Consultation <i>Lisa Dunn</i>	Conway 3
	Seminar 8: Matamoana: An as and By theory of change- Ministry of education <i>Mark Tulia</i>	Conway 4
	Seminar 9: Setting the budget <i>Paul Wright</i>	Conway 5
	Seminar 10: Education Outside the Classroom <i>Fiona McDonald</i>	Auditorium
	Seminar 11: Equipping School Boards: Understanding the OIA and enhancing decision-making <i>Lee Flockton and Taylor Te'o</i>	Dobson 3 & 4
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch	Exhibition Hall
1.30pm - 2.30pm	Keynote Presentation: The Neuroscience of How We Learn Kathryn Berkett	Auditorium

2.30pm - 4.00pm	Seminar Session 2	
	Seminar 12: Effective onboarding and induction <i>Sheree Garratt</i>	Dobson 1 & 2
	Seminar 13: Board reports – what do you need to know? <i>Rachael Spencer</i>	Bealey 2
	Seminar 14: Employment and Making a Difference – Topics to Know <i>Maynard Scott</i>	Bealey 3
	Seminar 15: Natural Justice – what, why? <i>Cheryl Bunker</i>	Bealey 4
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	Seminar 17: Let’s revisit Hautū: Māori Cultural Responsiveness Self Review Tool for English Medium school settings <i>Sharlene Rogers</i>	Conway 1 & 2
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	Seminar 19: Matamoana: An as and By theory of change- Ministry of education <i>Mark Tulia</i>	Conway 4
	Seminar 20: Setting the budget <i>Paul Wright</i>	Conway 5
	Seminar 21: Education Outside the Classroom <i>Fiona McDonald</i>	Auditorium
	Seminar 22: Equipping School Boards: Understanding the OIA and enhancing decision-making <i>Lee Flockton and Taylor Te'o</i>	Dobson 3 & 4
4.00pm - 4.15pm	Afternoon Tea	Exhibition Hall
4.15pm - 5.30pm	Hui Fono Networking / Connection Time	Dobson 1 & 2 Dobson 3 & 4
5.30pm - 7.00pm	Te Whakarōputanga Kaitiaki Kura o Aotearoa Welcome Function	Exhibition Hall
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Saturday 12 July

7.30am	Registration opens	Foyer
8.30am - 8.45am	Welcome & Karakia	Auditorium
8.45am - 9.15am	Keynote Presentation Ellen MacGregor-Reid	Auditorium
9.15am - 10.45am	Regional Meetings:	
	Auckland	Auditorium
	Bay of Plenty	Dobson 3 & 4
	Canterbury	Dobson 1 & 2
	Central East	Conway 4
	Central West	Conway 3
	Marlborough / Nelson / West Coast	Bealey 5
	Northland	Conway 1 & 2
	Otago	Bealey 2
	Southland	Bealey 4
	Waikato	Conway 5
	Wellington	Bealey 3

10.45am - 11.15am	Morning Tea	Exhibition Hall
11.15am - 1.00pm	Te Whakarōputanga Kaitiaki Kura o Aotearoa Annual General Meeting	Auditorium
1.00pm - 2.00pm	Lunch	Exhibition Hall
2.00pm - 3.30pm	Seminar Session 3	
	Seminar 23: Can we ever really be ready for a crisis? <i>Carla Palmer</i>	Conway 3
	Seminar 24: Governance and Management, creating the difference <i>Michael O’Brien and Alan Curtis</i>	Conway 4
	Seminar 25: The Presiding Member: Inspiring coach or couch potato? <i>Chris France</i>	Bealey 3
	Seminar 26: Get on board - a practical guide to inducting new board members <i>Sarah Fleming</i>	Bealey 4
	Seminar 27: Strengthening Governance: Ensuring Principal Accountability for School Success <i>Patrick Ikiua</i>	Bealey 5
	Seminar 28: AI Governance in NZ Schools: What 2000+ Board Members Reveal About Effective AI Implementation <i>Rod Lane</i>	Auditorium
	Seminar 29: Unlocking Excellence: A Framework for Effective School Governance <i>Belinda Weber</i>	Conway 1 & 2
	Seminar 30: Clicks, Hacks and Risky Gaps: A Board Member’s Guide to School Cyber Security <i>Danielle Vandendungen</i>	Conway 5
	Seminar 31: Rural School Governance update <i>Andrew King</i>	Dobson 1 & 2
	Seminar 32: Encouraging Māori participation in board elections <i>Maxine Graham</i>	Dobson 3 & 4
	Sponsored Seminar 1: Beyond the Chalkboard: Conflict Resolution Among Educators <i>Brannigans</i>	Bealey 2
3.30pm - 4.00pm	Afternoon Tea	Exhibition Hall
4.00pm - 5.30pm	Seminar Session 4	
	Seminar 33: Can we ever really be ready for a crisis? <i>Carla Palmer</i>	Conway 3
	Seminar 34: Governance and Management, creating the difference <i>Michael O’Brien and Alan Curtis</i>	Conway 4
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	Seminar 42: Encouraging Māori participation in board elections <i>Maxine Graham</i>	Dobson 3 & 4
	Sponsored Seminar 2: Beyond the Chalkboard: Conflict Resolution Among Educators <i>Brannigans</i>	Bealey 2
	Gallagher Insurance Gala Dinner	Rivers Rooms
	<i>'Once upon a change'</i>	
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Sunday 13 July

7.30am	Registration opens	Foyer
8.45am - 9.00am	Welcome & Karakia	Auditorium
9.00am - 10.30am	Seminar Session 5	
	Seminar 43: Elevate your energy: If the word ‘wellbeing’ gives you the shivers then this is the workshop for you! <i>Ashlee Sturme</i>	Auditorium
	Seminar 44: Womb to Tomb <i>Shona O’Keefe</i>	Dobson 1 & 2
	Seminar 45: Were we effective tonight? What difference did we make?: Making meetings strategic, translating words into action <i>Liz Clark</i>	Conway 1 & 2
	Seminar 46: Navigating School Leadership - ‘BEST’ practice through the eyes of a tumuaki <i>Dan George</i>	Conway 5
	Seminar 47: Team Dynamics: Where understanding your differences can add strength to your board team <i>Meredith Kennett</i>	Conway 4
	Seminar 48: Pasifika Governance Space <i>Joycelyn Tauevihi</i>	Dobson 3 & 4
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning Tea	Exhibition Hall
11.00am - 12.00pm	Keynote Presentation: Tomorrow’s Schools: “Creating a Difference” with learners, whānau, and community Mere Berryman	Auditorium
12.00pm - 12.15pm	Prizegiving	Auditorium
12.15pm	Poroporoaki	Auditorium

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