

Waimea Community of Learners

Kāhui Ako

News from the Waimea COL (for BOTs)

This is the first of regular updates on the work of the Waimea COL for sharing with Boards of Trustees. We invite your feedback on these matters.

The Waimea Community of Learning has appointed John Armstrong from Henley School as its Establishment Leader and Peter Verstappen from Wakefield School as Consolidation Leader. John's contract runs until the end of 2017 and Peter's from then until 31 October 2018 but, as agreed among all COL schools, John and Peter are working as joint leaders for the entire period.

A Memorandum of Agreement has been agreed by COL principals and will be presented to Board of Trustees for discussion and approval.

A stewardship group has been appointed with representatives from Boards of Trustees and principals. Iwi representation has been suggested and we invite your feedback on that idea. Board representatives on this group are Natalie Doty (Henley School), Marina Tristram (Brightwater School) and Lisa Dunn (Garin College); thanks to these three for taking up the role. The stewardship group has a governance function for the COL and a proposed guiding document for this group will be circulated to Boards for discussion and approval.

Leadership and data teams have also been established: the leadership team's role is to support leaders to manage the work of the COL, and the data team will focus on identifying achievement challenges and plans.

We intend to have our achievement challenge plan approved by the MOE in July-August and will then begin appointing our across-school expert teachers (5 places) and in-school expert teachers (29 places).

We will make opportunities for Boards to be directly involved in COL work in the months ahead. Boards can expect a monthly summary of COL activity.

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