

Kāwanatanga (Governance) 1.16 - Board of Trustee student election campaigning guidelines

These campaigning guidelines will assist candidates, to campaign for their election in an ethical way and help ensure the integrity of the election process. These guidelines are in the spirit of our special character and core values of whanaungatanga, whakaute (respect), kaha, tiakitanga (trust) and aroha.

When can candidates campaign? Election campaigning can start at any time and ends at noon on the day voting closes.

How can candidates campaign?

- Written statement to the Returning Officer before nominations close that can be enclosed with voting papers.
- Posters and flyers.
- Candidate meetings, either candidate or board organised.
- Social media. However it is important for candidates to think about our core values, privacy, permissions, consent and the accuracy of the content. You, and anyone acting on your behalf, are personally liable for content they publish and once published, the content is almost impossible to control.

Where is it ok to put campaigning material around the school? Check with the Property Manager or Office where it is OK to put up material to minimise property damage.

What are examples of unethical campaigning?

- Untrue or defamatory statements/comments on candidates to influence voters.
- Interference in another candidate's campaign. This is including but not limited to, defacing or removing other candidates campaign materials.
- Influencing or interfering with a person about to vote.
- Offering an inducement, gift or item of value to another person with the intention of receiving their vote. This is usually something useful other than election literature or advertising.
- As a general rule, all campaigning should be conducted in a way that is in the spirit of our special character and core values of whanaungatanga, whakaute (respect), kaha, tiakitanga (trust) and aroha.

What can I do if I am unsure? Question both of the following.

1. How would I feel if another candidate did this to me?
2. Is this in the spirit of our special character and our core values mentioned above.

If you are still unsure, please get in touch with the director (director@aotawhiti.school.nz)

What can happen if candidates do not follow these guidelines? If these guidelines and the school's core values are not followed, the Director becomes involved and incidents are followed up as part of the school's behaviour process.

Cleaning up Candidates are responsible for removing campaigning items within 72 hours after voting has been completed.

Signed: Danette Wereta, Board Chair

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