

Board of Trustees

Ficino School is owned by the Ficino Educational Trust (FET), established in 1997 and governed by six appointed trustees. The Board of Trustees meets every month and is primarily responsible for the strategic and financial governance of the school and management of school assets.

As guardians of the school, the Board is committed to ensuring that the unique qualities of the founding charter are maintained and that the pupils and staff have the best possible environment in which to realise their greatest potential.

The Board sets the purpose and policies of the school; including establishing and monitoring the strategic development needed for school growth; and each year agrees the annual plan and objectives in consultation with the Headmaster for the following year; and receives regular progress reports.

Board sub committees, sometimes with co-opted non-board members, are established from time-to-time to attend to specific projects.

Board members can be contacted via the School Manager. The present trustees are:

MR LAWRENCE AMES, BSc. (HONS), MBA - CHAIRMAN

Lawrence has held various management positions in industry, including five years as general manager of a mid-sized manufacturing company, and for seven years worked as a self employed quality systems consultant and auditor. He is currently employed as a business analyst by a government department.

MRS ELIZABETH WALL

Mrs Wall has been married for 43 years and is a mother of two sons. She has worked in a voluntary capacity in the community with the Plunket Society (administration/ fundraising - 8 years), Netball (player, administrator and umpire to NZ level - 26 years), Citizens Advice Bureau (25 years), and Justice of the Peace (10 years).

MR MARK RASSIE BE, B COM

Mark has held various management positions within major New Zealand corporates and is currently a self employed business consultant. Mark offers mentoring support to small business organisations through Business in the Community and to students through the University of Auckland's Alumni Careers Network. He enjoys cycling and an active family life.

MR PETER ASHTON ANZIA NZCD (ARCH)

A senior director and co-founder of Ashton Mitchell Architects Limited since 1993. The practice has received Branch and National NZIA awards and Peter has served for two years as a juror for the local Auckland Branch NZIA awards.

MR ROBERT BREE B COM (Marketing and Management)

Career history includes various marketing and senior management roles in the food, beverage and pharmaceuticals industries. Since 2005 Rob has run his own strategic marketing consultancy. Rob is married, a father and grandfather and has been involved with Ficino School and the School of Philosophy for many years. As well as being a Board member he is the volunteer marketing manager for Ficino School.

BRUCE WATSON BE, NZCE, MInstD

Bruce has held various senior management roles including Managing Director of Kent Heating and Group GM of Humes. For the last 14 years he has been consulting to boards and management on strategy, business development and product development. Bruce has been a member of Rotary for 10yrs, is currently a voluntary Business Mentor and has represented NZ in yachting. He has 3 adult children and has worked closely with Ficino since its inception, managing the design and construction projects on the property.

In addition, the following executives are invited to attend all Board meetings:

Mr Peter Crompton
Mrs Kerrin Waterer
Mrs Adele Walsh

Principal
School Manager
Board Secretary