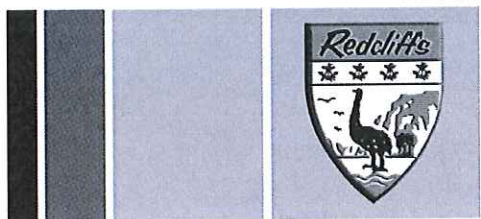


Appendix 10: Redcliffs School Board of Trustees Submission



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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REPORT AUGUST 2014 BOARD'S PERSPECTIVE

The Redcliffs School Board of Trustees strongly urges the Ministry of Education to commence preparations for the school to return to its Redcliffs site without further delay. The school has faced enormous challenges since February 2011, with resilience, courage and positive determination. Being relocated and site-sharing out of our school enrolment zone has had a profound effect on our staff, students and community. Despite these challenges the school remains in good heart; with a thriving learning environment, underpinned by strong pedagogical practice. For 2014 we have started to see a growth in the number of new entrant enrolments; a sign that the Redcliffs area is starting to recover.

Redcliffs School has a proud tradition and excellent reputation as a high-functioning, successful full primary school that provides quality education to students from Years 0 to 8. We offer a wide range of programmes in a safe and happy learning environment. Our vibrant and rich school culture and our well-qualified, experienced teaching staff ensure that the needs of a diverse group of learners, including Redcliffs community's special needs and Māori students, are catered for and that children's learning potential is achieved. We provide employment for over 30 hard-working and committed Christchurch residents.

Redcliffs School is a strong, self-managing school with a high level of self-review. It has a well-established and robust infrastructure that includes:

- Outstanding 2013 Education Review Office report, placing us on a 4-5 year review cycle
- A cohesive and committed Board of Trustees
- Strong support from parents, families, local businesses and community groups
- High-quality (acknowledged) Annual Report financial reporting and Annual Charters
- Strategic and annual plans developed with our children at the centre of future planning

Redcliffs School has a long record of high performance and achievement that includes:

- Consistent above-average achievement results in a range of curriculum areas, particularly literacy and numeracy across the year levels
- Success in a range of academic arenas including: scholarships to secondary schools; Speech, Science, Future Problem Solving, and Sporting competitions
- Extensive provision of Cultural, Arts, and Gifted and Talented programmes to meet the needs of learners

- Successful and effective provision for a diverse range of learners, including special ability and special needs students, which includes six high-needs ORS-funded students.

Redcliffs School is part of an active and collaborative cluster of five schools that make up the Bays Cluster. The Bays Cluster works closely together to share skills and resources to the benefit of our students and wider community. Redcliffs School is a vital component in the ongoing redevelopment and regeneration of Redcliffs. The temporary relocation of Redcliffs School to premises in Sumner has had a profound effect on the vibrancy and connectedness of the suburb and its people. The Board strongly urges the Ministry of Education to commence planning for the school to return to Redcliffs forthwith.