



Board Chair - Medbury School Trust Board

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Medbury School is seeking an experienced director and governance leader to Chair its Trust Board and help steward the School into its next chapter.

For more than 100 years, Medbury has been dedicated to the education and development of boys. Guided by its purpose of Growing boys to learn, lead and succeed, and its values of Excellence, Integrity, Respect and Empathy, Medbury is committed to remaining true to its heritage while continuing to evolve for future generations.

This is a significant governance role at an important time in the School's development.

Working closely with the Headmaster and fellow Trustees, the Chair will provide leadership to the Board and help guide the School's long-term strategic direction. The role provides oversight across a broad range of areas including strategy, educational outcomes, people and culture, finance and property, risk and assurance, safeguarding, reputation and long-term sustainability.

The Chair will lead an effective, constructive and strategically focused Board, promoting a culture of trust, accountability, open discussion and collective responsibility, and will work closely with the Headmaster, providing appropriate support, challenge and wise counsel.

The successful candidate will also help guide the Board's oversight of organisational performance and risk, support sound governance disciplines and decision-making processes, and contribute to the ongoing development, succession and effectiveness of the Board.

We are looking for an accomplished director with significant governance experience, preferably including experience chairing a board or committee.

You will bring strong strategic, commercial and financial acumen, excellent judgement, and the ability to facilitate robust discussion and build consensus. You will have a collaborative leadership style, combined with the confidence to challenge constructively, and the credibility and presence to lead conversations when matters are complex or contested.

Importantly, you will have a genuine commitment to the education and development of boys and to stewarding Medbury's purpose for future generations.

Previous experience within education would be valuable but is not essential. The successful candidate will understand the importance of intergenerational stewardship and will be comfortable engaging with the wider Medbury community, including alumni, supporters and advancement activity.



The Chair role requires genuine time and availability, with an expected commitment of up to five hours per week on average, although this will vary across the School year. The appointee does not need to be an educator but will need to develop a strong understanding of the School and the environment in which it operates.

This is an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to one of New Zealand's respected independent preparatory schools and to help shape its future.

Medbury has a clear sense of purpose, an engaged community and an ambitious strategic direction. The Trust Board is committed to high-quality governance, thoughtful decision-making and a strong partnership with the School's leadership.

This is a remunerated appointment for an initial term of three years.

Expressions of Interest

To express your interest, please provide a current governance CV and a brief covering letter outlining your interest in the role and the governance experience you would bring.

Applications close Friday 9 October 2026.

For a confidential discussion, or to request a copy of the full Position Description, please email chair@medbury.school.nz with attention to "Board Chair role" in the subject line.