

VISCOUNT SCHOOL STAFF BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATE PROFILES

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Respectful gratitude to a wonderful fellow colleague of the approach, asking of my interest for "Staff Representative". I had to ask "Why?", the reply was very encouraging and professional. Focussed in the reply, the ONE word that stood out to me "approachable". I thought about it for a while, and now here I am bringing to you all my Candidate Statement. Enjoy! Talofa Lava, Kia Ora, Malo E Lelei, Kia Orana, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Malo Ni, Bula, Ni Hao, Namaste, Kamusta, Halo, Goeie Dag, Salam, As-Salamu Alaikum, Konnichiwa, Greetings All! I come from a beautiful, humble, blessed Samoan Family. Matua Peleina, my cherished parents Dad Tavui Mapesone and Mama Tamasa'ilau Tavui a.k.a. Mama Fili, my amazing siblings, sister Janet, brothers Michael and Fisoand myself, the eldest of them all. I speak very well in English and I am also very fluent in my Samoan Language, very passionate about my Samoan culture. I also enjoy learning other cultures and languages. I am a very proud ex-student of Viscount School 1976 - 1982. Twelve years later I started the role of Receptionist at Viscount School 1994 - 2025, 3 decades plus a year, 31 years of my services to our amazing Viscount SchoolCommunity, Students, Staff e.t.c. and I am still enjoying the ride. My whole being, I am a very people person, I work well on my own, always a Team Player and making sure the job gets done and.....done properly! I have strong Communication skills both clearly verbal and written. My service to people comes with patience, empathetic and able to handle inquiries and concerns with professionalism and a positive attitude. My Interpersonal skills, to build rapport with diverse individuals, manage conflict and still maintain a positive and welcoming atmosphere. For Board experience, I have been elected on the Mangere College Board of Trustees through 3 triennials (every 3 years) as a "Parent Representative" 1994 - 2003. I learned to understand the purpose of being a "Parent Representative" on the B.O.T., a voice of the Parent Community, Strategic Input, Accountability, Decision Making and Seeking Community Input. Respectfully, appreciated and enjoyed my time learning and understanding the importance of Governance responsibilities in the School Board of Trustees. I am familiar and understand Viscount School's Strategic direction and key importances. Viscount School aims for our Students to have great education, to achieve at their best, good healthy well being and to understand diverse cultures. Kairangi - High Expectations, Manaakitanga - Respecting Each Other, Whanaungatanga - Community, Belong, Pride, Identity and Loyalty. Our "Viscount School Values", very, very important foundation essence, to connect and grow well together Community, Students and Staff. "GOOD CONNECTIONS BRING GREAT SUCCESS" Respectfully, to my Fellow Peers / Colleagues / Aiga / Whanau of Viscount School, I think my Statement has delivered my "Voice" of caring, cheerful, conversational, casual, enthusiastic, firm, formal and fair. Ia Manuia Lava. Fa'afetai Lava Meafou Tavui