

Community of Learning

For the past year, Orakei School, Kohimarama School, Stonefields School, Selwyn College and St Thomas's School have worked together to develop a Community of Learning with the specific aim of lifting student achievement within and across all the schools. The Community of Learning, Te Roopu Pourewa, has identified and submitted documentation around its achievement challenge to the Ministry of Education for approval and is now looking to establish structures, systems, and an implementation plan to support the lifting of student achievement.

Principals and teachers from across the respective schools will work collaboratively toward developing this plan to support the goal of attaining the identified achievement challenges. Michael Maher has been appointed to lead the Community of Learning as part of his role as principal of St Thomas's School. The Board of Trustees views Michael's involvement in this role as supporting our strategic aim of lifting achievement for the students who attend St Thomas's School, growing the leadership capability of our teaching team and strengthening the relationships with our local primary schools and local high school to effectively support the transition of our Year 8 students.

The Ministry of Education sees Communities of Learning as the start of a new era in education in New Zealand and the Board is delighted that St Thomas's will be playing a significant role in our local Community of Learning. We are greatly appreciative of the work Michael and his team have undertaken to date.