



# Epsom Girls Grammar School School Board

2 October 2023

**E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e rau rangatira mā, tēnā koutou katoa,**



The Board of Epsom Girls Grammar School is delighted to announce the appointment of Brenda Fa'alogo McNaughton as its next Principal.

With the news that Lorraine Pound wished to stand down as Tumuaki at the end of the 2023 school year, the Board embarked on its mission to find the next leader for our prestigious public girls' school. We cast a nationwide net to search for the right Principal for Epsom Girls Grammar School Te Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitamāhine o Maungawhau

and we were thrilled with the high calibre of applicants wishing to lead our School.

We were confident the position would draw the most suitably qualified and experienced candidates for the role from within New Zealand. The selection process was a difficult yet exciting experience. We sought the guidance of mana whenua kaumātua, Ōtene Reweti of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei alongside experienced recruiters in education Peter Gall and Michael Leach of Education Solutions NZ.

Since opening in 1917, Epsom Girls Grammar School has been led by a succession of distinguished educators with Mrs Pound serving as Principal for the last eight years. The legacy she leaves behind is one that the community can be proud of and is a testament to her outstanding leadership and commitment to excellence in girls' education. She will be missed and the Board is indebted to her magnificent contribution.



Brenda will begin her tenure at the start of the 2024 school year as only the 12<sup>th</sup> Principal in the school's 107-year history.

Brenda is a dedicated and passionate educational leader, who has extensive curriculum and pastoral experience in New Zealand schools, as well as teaching both the Cambridge Assessment International Education and the International Baccalaureate in England. Brenda has developed an exceptional reputation in New Zealand for her implementation of intellectually rigorous, future-focused, and student-centred programmes of teaching and learning. Her ability in growing strong teams of professionals, committed to students achieving personal standards of excellence will be a valuable addition to the

Epsom Girls Grammar School community, and will continue the legacy of excellence that the Epsom community has come to expect from our Grammar School.



Brenda has a Masters of Education with first class Honours, a Post Graduate Diploma in Education, and a Bachelor of Science degree. She has contributed to several focus groups and advisory panels with the Ministry of Education and the New Zealand Qualifications Authority, so is well versed in implementing positive change in a New Zealand context, to align with the aspirations and high expectations of the EGGs community.

Brenda joins the Epsom Girls Grammar School team from Avondale College, where she is currently Deputy Principal. Brenda has also been Deputy Principal at Ōtāhuhu College and has held leadership roles at the University of Auckland, as Mathematics Regional Facilitator, and at Mt Roskill Grammar School, as a Head of Mathematics.

Brenda is well-supported by her husband, Sam, Associate Headmaster at Auckland Grammar School, where their two sons currently attend. Brenda's whānau include a number of past pupils of EGGs and she is looking forward to contributing to the proud history and tradition of the School.

Per Angusta, Ad Augusta.



**Tahei Simpson**  
**Board Chair**  
**Epsom Girls Grammar School**