

LANNY CARROLL

For the last two terms, I have had the privilege to be on the Board of Trustees for Westminster Christian School. During that time, we were able to work together to appoint our wonderful principal Sandy Jacobs. We have worked alongside the Board of Proprietors, and the Staff Representatives, to pray for and help govern this school. I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve the Lord through this school. I have learned so much through it.



I have been married to my husband Jeremy for 21 years, and together we have three children- Jamie (16), Jonathan (13) and Grace (8). All our children have grown up and thrived during their years at Westminster Christian School. For that I am very grateful. The school has played an integral part in their journey of faith and education. I am thankful for such a caring and loving school community such as Westminster. It's hard to find what we have in any other school around this city. For this reason, I would like to continue to contribute to the school with the gifts that the Lord has given me.

I have been working in a Christian ministry called Student Life for 23 years now. It is an outreach to university students. It is under the umbrella ministry called Tandem ministries (formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ). I lead that ministry nationally with my husband, and I am what's known as the Send Coordinator for us as we send missionaries and mission trips going to

different parts of the world. I am also part of the Tandem Executive Leadership team which gives oversight not only of the Student Life ministry, but also the other wider ministries in Tandem such as Work Life, Family Life, Athletes in Action etc. We make decisions together as a team in regards to policy, health and safety issues, finances and human resources for our missionaries in New Zealand and across the world. In these roles, I love contributing strategic planning, and being able to be a voice for the people on the ground.

I came to live in NZ when I was 12 years old. Before that I lived in Indonesia, and I'm from a non-Christian Chinese ethnic background. I know how it feels to be lost and now found by Christ. My education in a Christian/Catholic primary school while I was in Indonesia influenced me a great deal in how I thought about God. Therefore, I can bring an understanding from not only a Christian perspective, but also my non-Christian experience of a Christian school.

My family and I have been active members of Shore Christian Community church for 16 years now, and I help lead our home group there. We love our church community and appreciate how they have continued to keep us grounded in the word of God.

I care about the direction and future of Westminster Christian School. That is why I have said yes to reapply to be a member of the Board of Trustees. I believe that education for our children is not only fundamental for their future, but also to the future of this country. Each student that walks into this school has the potential of making a difference to this world for Christ.

Lanny

STEPHEN FREYMARK



My family and I moved to New Zealand from Zimbabwe in September 2002.

The following year, my late wife Susan joined Westminster Christian School (WCS) as a teacher—a role she embraced with passion and purpose until she was called home in October 2018. Her years at WCS were, in her own words, the most fulfilling of her career, and I continue to be deeply inspired by memories of her faithful dedication.

Before we arrived in New Zealand, I worked primarily in the IT sector, holding senior management positions at Hewlett-Packard and Microsoft.

Today, I work at Inland Revenue as a Community Compliance Officer.

My heart for Christian education began much earlier.

In 1987, my former pastor and I co-founded Rainbow Christian Preschool in Zimbabwe. I served as Chairperson during its foundational five years, guiding the school to accreditation with Zimbabwe's Ministry of Education.

It grew into one of the region's largest faith-based preschools—and continues to thrive.

In 1999, Susan became an accredited A.C.E. teacher, and together we launched our own learning centre focused on supporting children with learning difficulties. Susan's teaching enthusiasm was contagious, and it became a family affair—especially when school productions were underway.

Throughout Susan's years at WCS, I was often involved in school functions and was always encouraged by the school's bold Christian witness in the community. That spirit continues to shape my conviction: I truly believe that education anchored in Christ is education at its best.

Since June 2019, I've had the privilege of serving on the WCS Board, and have been the Presiding Member since February 2021.

In 2023, I married Jenny, a gifted and committed teacher with extensive experience in Christian primary education. Together we worship at Orewa Community Church.

I remain committed to the mission of Westminster Christian School and count it an honour to serve a place where faith and learning flourish side by side.

Stephen

KAUMOSI OPIE

Hi, I'm Kaumosi Opie.

My husband Sean and I have four children, and Westminster has been a special part of our journey as a family.

Elijah, Lincoln, and Gracie are all currently at the school, and our youngest, Levi, will start in 2026.

Even though we live in Takapuna, we chose Westminster because we believe deeply in the value of Christian education.

It's had a lasting impact on our children spiritually, academically, and personally.

Elijah is now in his final year of Intermediate and will continue on to Kingsway. Westminster has provided him with a strong foundation, and we plan for all our children to complete their Intermediate years here too.

I'm currently in my final year of a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Psychology, on my journey to becoming a Clinical Psychologist.

My studies have deepened my understanding of child development, mental wellbeing, and the importance of supportive, faith-based environments, all of which I believe are crucial in our school community.

As a family, we've enjoyed being involved in school life.

We've coached and managed sports teams, and I've been part of Friends of Westminster.

We love the culture of the school, and we're so grateful to the staff who continue to pour so much into the lives of our children.

I'm standing for the school board because I want to give back to a school that has given us so much. I care about ensuring Westminster remains a place where children feel safe, thrive academically, and grow in their love for Jesus.

I want to be a voice for parents, students, and teachers, and help support the continued growth of this amazing school community.

Kaumosi



JONATHAN WARD



I'm Jon, my wife is Mina and our three children are Joseph, Abi and Benji.

Joseph started at the school during the Covid Pandemic where he had to do all his learning online.

Luckily the teacher he had was Mrs Honiss. I was blown away by how dedicated and involved she was.

I've since learnt that all the teachers are like this.

This is when I knew that the school was a special place.

So we've been at the school now for several years and I see our children growing in their talents and love for God in an incredibly supportive environment. Mina now also works at the pre-school supporting children with special needs. The school feels like home to us now.

I come from a Christian family and was brought up in the UK. Mina found God after we immigrated from South Korea to New Zealand back in 2008.

As a family we regularly attend Shore Community Church which runs out of a gym at Albany Junior High! The kids get tons of opportunities to learn and make friends which is amazing to see.

My area of work is in web application development and I work for an American company, building products for U.S hospitals. I hope that my expertise in internet related technologies and my strong interest in AI tools can help inform some of the school's thinking around this new world we live in.

I look forward to serving our school community.

Jon

GRANT SHEW

Dear Westminster Christian School Community,

My name is Grant Shew, and it is with a humble heart and a strong desire to serve that I seek election to the Board of Trustees. My loving wife, Jasmine, and I have been truly blessed to have our three wonderful children – Isaac, Immanuel, and Isabelle – all attend Westminster Christian School since kindergarten.

Our belief in active community participation is reflected in Jasmine's service as a Teacher's Aid, with "Friends of Westminster," and her ongoing involvement with The Creation Station team, while I've had the privilege of coaching basketball for seven years and volunteering at school events.

Through these experiences, I deeply appreciate the positive spirit of our students, the kindness of parents, and the staff's passion for our children.



My faith journey began as the first Christian in my family, during my early university years. When I asked a pastor why God created us if we are destined to die, his simple answer, "Because He loves you, Grant," eventually became the most profound truth. God's grace led me to Greenlane Chinese Methodist Church, where our family is now deeply rooted. I actively serve on the English Fellowship Committee, contribute to the Church Property Management team, and lead Bible studies. My previous experience leading a teenage cell group for many years in a former church also honed my ability to genuinely connect with young people and understand their needs. My faith truly inspires my desire to serve others with compassion.

Those who have worked with me often describe me as empathetic, positive, motivational, and collaborative. My diverse career has given me a comprehensive skill set beneficial to the Board. I started as a graphic designer, then spent a decade in project management for digital platforms, notably helping young people find jobs through e-learning and teaching financial literacy via gamified learning working closely with the Ministry of Social Development. My current role as a VR Studio Manager at GeneXR has further refined my ability to lead collaborative efforts, facilitate complex discussions, and ensure high-quality execution on innovative projects.

If elected, I aim to bring this blend of creative thinking, strategic project management, and a keen ability to navigate evolving educational landscapes to the Board. I believe I can contribute significantly to its vital role as a think tank for Westminster's future success, helping to identify opportunities and resolve challenges effectively. My experience in digital education and understanding how technology can be thoughtfully leveraged will be valuable in ensuring our school remains forward-thinking, while always steadfastly upholding our Christian values and our commitment to providing the best holistic education for our students.

My commitment is to serve with the love of Christ, not for personal ambition or recognition, but genuinely for the holistic benefit of the entire Westminster Christian School community.

Grant