

# 2025 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

## **Rutherford College Parent Board Election** **School Profile Number: 40**

Nominations are open for the election of **5** parent representatives to the school board.

### **Your nomination form is enclosed**

You can use this form to nominate yourself or someone else in your community. We have nomination forms available in Te Reo Māori and some other languages. Please contact the returning officer if these are required.

Note: If you have a child enrolled in year 6, your name has been included on the electoral roll at your local Intermediate School in accordance with the legislation that governs school board elections.

### **Nominating yourself or someone else**

If you are on the voting roll and eligible to vote, you can nominate yourself. The easiest way to do this is online at [www.electionpilot.nz](http://www.electionpilot.nz), then click the 'Find my election' button. You are able to upload your candidate statement and photo at the same time.

If you are nominating someone else, complete the nomination form and make sure it includes all the required contact details and remember to sign **both** parts of the form.

You can email, hand deliver or post your nomination form/s to the returning officer (see details below). Nominations close at **noon on 06 Aug 2025**.

Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided on the back of the nomination form.

### **Candidate statement**

If you are a candidate, you are invited to submit an optional statement (up to 400 words) and photo. Make sure your statement is received by noon on 06 Aug 2025 so that it can be sent to voters with the voting papers.

The returning officer may remove or edit any part of the candidate's statement if it exceeds 400 words or is offensive or defamatory.

### **Electoral roll**

The electoral roll is held at the school office and can be viewed during normal school hours.

### **Eligibility**

Anyone can stand for election to the board, except for some exclusions. Please check information on who is not eligible. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided on the back of the nomination form. If you are not on the voting roll you must be nominated by a person who is.

### **Scrutineers**

A candidate may nominate a person to sit with the returning officer during the vote count to make sure it is done correctly. Scrutineers are also required for electronic elections if a recount is needed. Please advise the returning officer in writing of your scrutineer's name and contact details before election day. Candidates **cannot** be scrutineers.

### **Voting and results**

Electronic voting will be an option for this election.

The poll closes at 10 Sep 2025. The highest polling candidates will be elected to the board, and results will be notified to the school community and other affected parties.

Completed Nomination forms can be returned in the following ways:

1. **Online**

Visit [www.electionpilot.nz](http://www.electionpilot.nz) then use the 'Find my election' button at the top of the page to search for your school. This is the easiest way to complete your nomination. You can also provide your candidate statement and photo at the same time, rather than sending them separately.

2. **Email**

[nominations@electionpilot.nz](mailto:nominations@electionpilot.nz). Please include your candidate statement and photo with your nomination form.

3. **Hand Delivery**

Delivered to the school office during usual school hours.

4. **Post**

Election Pilot, PO Box 414, Christchurch 8140, New Zealand. The nomination form MUST reach us before nominations close, and any nomination forms that arrive after the close of nomination cannot be accepted. We strongly recommend submitting your nomination through [www.electionpilot.nz](http://www.electionpilot.nz).

If you have any questions about the election, you can contact the Returning Officer 0800 VOTE NZ (0800 868 369) or [election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz).