



Briefing Note: Secondary Principals' Association of New Zealand (SPANZ) Principals' Conference 2021

To:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
Date:	28 May 2021	Priority:	Medium
Security Level:	In Confidence	METIS No:	1260357
Drafter:	Becky Zhao	DDI:	463 8590
Key Contact:	Ben O'Meara	DDI:	9(2)(a) [REDACTED]
Messaging seen by Communications team:	Yes	Round Robin:	No

Purpose of Paper

This paper provides background information and speech notes to support your attendance at the Secondary Principals' Association of New Zealand (SPANZ) Principals' Conference on Wednesday 2 June, at the Marlborough Convention Centre.

Proactive Release

Agree that this Briefing Note will be proactively released following the conference.

Agree / Disagree

Ben O'Meara
Ben O'Meara
Group Manager, System & Schooling Policy
Education System Policy

28/05/2021



Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

2 / 6 / 2021

Your visit

1. You have been invited to address the Secondary Principals' Association of New Zealand (SPANZ) at its annual conference on Wednesday 2 June, to be held in the Grant Hall, at the Marlborough Convention Centre, 42a Alfred Street, Blenheim (speech notes provided in Annex 2). You will be attending for 45 minutes from 10am to deliver a keynote speech.
2. The conference will run for four days from 30 May to 2 June, and you will be giving a closing address on the final day (Day 4) of the conference, following Dr Ashley Bloomfield's address.
3. Approximately 150 secondary school principals from across the country will be attending the conference. SPANZ has indicated that the principals would like to know about your current work programme priorities and any key issues that are topical at the time of the conference.

Key People

4. You will be introduced by Deidre Shea, the President of SPANZ (see Annex 1 for a list of SPANZ Executive members).

2021 Principals' Conference Keynote Speakers

5. Other keynote speakers at the conference include:
 - **Tim Bell**, Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering at the University of Canterbury
 - **Dr Ashley Bloomfield**, Director-General of Health and Chief Executive of the Ministry of Health
 - **Grant Klinkum**, Chief Executive, NZQA
 - **John Peachey**, Former NewsTalk ZB Talk back host, author, broadcaster, jazz vocalist and leadership researcher and presenter
 - **Richard Harrison**, Partner of Harrison Stone, law firm specialising in employment and education law
 - **Gretchen Stone**, Partner of Harrison Stone and an employment and education law specialist.

Annexes

- Annex 1: SPANZ Executive members
- Annex 2: (Draft) Speech to the Secondary Principals' Association of New Zealand (SPANZ) – *attached separately*

Annex 1: SPANZ Executive members



Deidre Shea, President
Principal at Onehunga High
School



Vaughan Coultault,
Vice President
Principal at Papatoetoe High
School



Scott Haines, Vice President
Principal at Waimea College



Elizabeth Forgie, Executive
Principal at Kenikeri High School



Steve Lindsey, Executive
Principal at Papamoa College



Mike Newell, Executive
Principal at James Hargest
College



Jeff Smith, Executive
Principal at Papanui High School



James Thomas, Executive
Principal at Whangaparaoa
College



Michael Williams,
Immediate Past President
Principal at Pakuranga College