



## Education Report: Letters for departing YAG members in 2020

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| <b>To:</b>  | Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education   |                     |                              |
| <b>Date:</b>                                      | 6 October 2020   | <b>Priority:</b>    | Low                          |
| <b>Security Level:</b>                            | In Confidence  | <b>METIS No:</b>    | 1242505                      |
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| <b>Messaging seen by<br/>Communications team:</b> | NA   | <b>Round Robin:</b> | NA                           |

### Purpose of Report

The purpose of this paper is to provide you with draft letters to sign for the departing members of YAG in 2020

### Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

- a. **Note** that three members will end their YAG tenure on 16 October they are:
  - I. Kate Morris
  - II. Watene Campbell
  - III. Nathan Farr
- b. **Note** that Okirano Tilaia is awaiting on a part time employment opportunity before he can recommit to the YAG next year
- c. **Sign** the letters for departing YAG members for 2020 (Annex 1) or make amendments as required
- d. **Agree** to proactively release this Education Report as part of the next publication

**Release/Not release**

  
Rose Jamieson  
**Deputy Secretary (Acting)**  
**Parent Information and Community Intelligence**

6/10/20

  
Hon Chris Hipkins  
**Minister of Education**

10/10/20

## Departing members for 2020

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- 1 There are three members who are departing due to their age being outside the criteria. They are all from the first cohort of YAG members. They are outlined below:
  - a. **Kate Morris:** Kate initially started YAG as a Darfield High School student and is now currently in her first year at Victoria University of Wellington. Kate provided a voice for rural students and had a focus on equity and wellbeing.
  - b. **Watene Campbell:** Watene attended Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngā Mokopuna and is now currently in his first year at Victoria University of Wellington. Watene provided a Māori medium perspective of education and focussed on all Māori students having success in education regardless of their educational pathway.
  - c. **Nathan Farr:** Nathan joined YAG as a King's High School student and is now studying through Otago University. Nathan was a strong advocate for young people with additional learning support needs through his own experience, while also advocating for other young people with disabilities in education.
- 2 **Okirano Tilaia** is waiting on confirmation of employment for next year. A letter has been drafted for you to sign should Okirano be successful in gaining part time employment which would mean he could no longer be a member of the YAG.
- 3 Okirano attended Cashmere High School and was the Head Boy last year. During this time Okirano organised a student lead vigil in Christchurch after the March 15 terrorist attack. This received international recognition. Okirano is currently studying at the University of Canterbury. Okirano provided a strong voice for Pacific students, their families and wider communities.

## Annexes

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- Annex 1: Letters for departing members