Wellington Christian Education Trust and Tumanako Christian College

Business Plan

The Vision and Mission Statement

Mission Statement

Growing engaged citizens of the world and passionate citizens of heaven.

The Vision

The Wellington Christian Education Trust is committed to establishing an interdenominational, Christian, integrated, co-educational school in Wellington.

Our vision is to develop an accessible, excellent and Biblical learning environment for students from years 0-13, supporting families as they raise their children.

In this way, we aim to see our students grow and mature as effective , engaged citizens with servant hearts and leadership skills, making a positive difference in their community.

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What is our unique value proposition?

What makes us different and of value to our clients is :

- Wellington-based Christian school that is serious about its faith, Jesus and the Bible
- Our education style of integrating Christian faith into the curriculum at every level
- Our view that each child is unique and loved by God, and has a purpose
- Inter-denominational school that is co-educational
- Serving the needs of our community
- Following the direction of the Lord
- A place that is designed an d lead to equip our children to wholly interact with contemporary society, equipping the children to have Jesus as the lens through which they see the world.

Tūmanako Christian College encourages the growth of students spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, physically and socially.

- Guidance by the Word of God, the Bible.
- Relationships with God, students, staff, whanau, the church and wider community which are healthy.
- Openness in exploring and understanding creation and human responsibility.
- Worship that expresses sincere honour and love of the Lord in all aspects of life.
- Truth that develops integrity and faithfulness through commitment to the God of Truth.
- Hope that creates an underlying foundation which enables students to develop their God-given potential for joyful and fruitful service.

How

Prayer and faith

Pray for wisdom, provision and guidance

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Website and Social Media

- To establish trust and show our authenticity
- To be a hub of information on the development of the school

Communication

- Open channels of communication so people feel comfortable and informed with what is happening and how Tūmanako Christian College is developing

Raise Capital

- Develop a fundraising plan to raise the $5 million needed to purchase the land, buildings and costs associated with the property.

Ask

- Ask for funding wherever we graciously can
- Apply for funding grants

Opportunities

The following is an outline of the current opportunities we have:

Opportunity		
Government	Favourable support from the current political landscape towards Christian integrated schools.	
Support	NZCPT, Association of Christian Schools, other Christian schools in Wellington	Churches
Christian Community	Students	Volunteers
Land and buildings	170 Fraser Ave, Johnsonville: a site with existing school buildings on it	
Finances	Donations	Pledges
Integration	NZ Christian Proprietors' Trust	Positive support; Ministry have not identified problems
Wider Community	A consortium of parties (Christian associations) that want to see Tūmanako Christian College established in Wellington .	

Location

The northern corridor of Wellington was identified as an ideal location as it is:

- Widely accessible
- Most support from the community
- Most likely to get state integration

We currently have a conditional contract to purchase 170 Fraser Ave, Johnsonville.

- Accessible by public transport
- The site is currently being used as a school, with very good, purpose-built facilities including specialist rooms such as labs, technology, music and sports rooms, with good modern learning centres.

Goals

To open Tūmanako Christian College in 2019 we need to:

- Raise $5 million to establish the buildings, grounds and resources.
- Establish and continue to build community support beyond the donations
- Complete negotiation process for state integration for Tūmanako Christian College with the Ministry of Education
- Establish the inaugural Board of Trustees
- Hire the founding Principal, teachers and staff
- Establish the roll of foundation students

**In 2018, the Board of Trustees and a Principal will be working to arrange school governance, policies, procedures, resources etc under Ministry guidelines but the first intake of students will be in 2019.*

Finances

Items:	Costs:
Property	$3,800,000
Building/Capital Resources	$600,000
Staffing/Consultants	$100,000
Resources (furnishings, equipment, books etc)	$500,000
Total	**$5,000,000**

Milestones

2013	• First public meeting • WCET formed
2014	• Initial meeting with Ministry of Education • Statement of Faith developed • Charitable status obtained
2015	• PledgeMe campaign • Application for state integration with Ministry of Education begun
2016	• Provisional opening date to aim for from MOE given as 2019. • Ministry of Education sent invitation to negotiate integration of Tumanako Christian College • Offer on Fraser Ave property accepted

Current state

We have a dedicated group of land trustees, and a supportive community with the NZ Christian Proprietors Trust and the Association of Christian Schools NZ. We also have a supportive, and growing, local community.

We have a clear vision, including location and where we want to be.

We are currently awaiting final approval from Hekia Parata (the Minister of Education) and completion of negotiations with the Ministry of Education (to be completed in 2017).

Completing/ confirming conditions of the contract on the purchase of 170 Fraser Ave so that the offer can go unconditional.

Next steps

Raise money for purchase of school

Complete negotiations with the Ministry of Education, confirming state-integration status, appoint initial Board of Trustees, and starting date.

Arrange draft school documentation (governance, policy, procedure etc) to be confirmed by establishing BoT and principal

Appoint principal and other staff (throughout 2017/ 2018)

Enrol students (in 2018 for 2019)

Settle purchase date of 170 Fraser Ave $3,800,000 (under negotiation)

Note: Integration

State integrated schools are part of the state network and operate in a very similar fashion to state schools with generally two key differences – state integrated schools have a "special character" protected in law and the land and buildings of the school are privately owned. A proprietor (usually a trust, church or some other entity) takes responsibility to protect and enhance the special character of the school and, by levying parents, (with some assistance from the government) maintain school property to a standard similar to comparable state schools. Core delivery of the curriculum (such as teachers' salaries) are paid for by the Ministry of Education.