

Ko Taku Reo - Deaf Education New Zealand

School Board Elections

Student Election Notice

Nominations are open for the election of **two** student representatives to the school board.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice are being emailed to all eligible voters on the student roll.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Monday, 16 March 2026

Students eligible to be nominated

- Students defined in clause 2(2) of schedule 22 to the Act; and
- Current students who receive direct or indirect services from Ko Taku Reo; and
- Students who are still in compulsory education and have received direct or indirect services from Ko Taku Reo in the past 12 months
- Students must be in Year 9 or above and be under the age of 20 years old

Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is available on our website.

Candidate Statement

If you are a candidate, you are invited to submit a statement (up to 400 words) and photo. We strongly encourage candidates to submit an NZSL video of their statement with their written statement.

Make sure your statement is received by **noon on Monday, 16 March 2026** so that it can be sent to voters with the voting papers.

Candidate statements must be submitted to the returning officer via email.

Candidate statements requirements

- Written English (max 400 words)
- Candidate photo
- NZSL video – optional but strongly encouraged

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

Voting

Voting closes at noon on Wednesday, 25 March 2026

Scrutineers

A candidate may nominate a person to sit with the returning officer during the vote count to make sure it is done correctly. Please advise the returning officer in writing of your scrutineer's name and contact details before election day. Candidates cannot be scrutineers.

If you would like the opportunity to discuss the election process in NZSL, please contact the returning officer to arrange a time for this to happen.

Please feel free to pass this notice on to others who may not have received this information for whatever reason.

Signed



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Returning Officer

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