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# Newsletter

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## Local High School Report

Recent events have not shaken our committee's goal of working towards a local high school.

The earthquake demonstrated the importance of community based education. The healthy development of our children now relies on their recovery from the earthquake and being able to envisage their future education.

A stronger North East Christchurch will emerge from these challenges. We now have a greater need for local education.

Our proposal is a comprehensive document for those who will be making decisions about Christchurch's future.

The NESE committee is preparing to work alongside agencies in charge of rebuilding Christchurch.

We will continue to work with the community and education sector. The next few months will provide us with many opportunities to advance our cause.

## Poll Results

At the Public Meeting in October everyone was given three sticker dots to use to vote on three questions. Here are the results:-

- 1) Imagine if there was a co-ed school on one side of the street and a single sex school on the other side, which school would you send your child to?

Single sex	17%
Co-ed	68%
No preference	15%
- 2) Do travel cost, time and distance concern you?

Yes	72%
No	21%
Don't know	7%
- 3) Would you consider moving away if there is no local high school in the area in time for your children?

Yes	72%
No	21%
Don't know	7%



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## Annual Report

A copy of our Annual Report is on Pg 3 of this newsletter. It details our achievements so far.

## Public Meeting

The frequently asked questions (FAQs) discussed at the Public Meeting in October are on our website [www.nese.org.nz](http://www.nese.org.nz) Check out the photos from the meeting.

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<http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=119970934686195&ref=ts>

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## Christchurch North East Secondary Education Committee Incorporated

### Annual Report 2011.

This is NESE's inaugural Annual Report. This report includes information on NESE's activities from its formation, not just events since NESE's incorporation in 2010. The NESE committee was formed in December 2008 following growing concern in the local community about high schooling options in North East Christchurch. NESE's Management Committee members are all parents and grandparents from a wide cross section of the local community.

#### NESE's Management Committee 2010

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| - Chairperson, Amanda Williams    | - Rae Mills         |
| - Vice Chairperson, Neil Lawrence | - Greg Morehouse    |
| - Secretary, Amanda Hill          | - Elissa Smith      |
| - Treasurer, Kerri Rowlands       | - Vanessa Tappenden |
| - Helen Haggitt                   | - Angela Wilson     |
| - Bridget Hanrahan                | - Aaron Gilmore MP  |

#### NESE's aims and objectives:-

- To promote and advocate for the advancement of secondary education in the North East of Christchurch.
- To be an advocate for parents and children in the North East of Christchurch.
- To be impartial in its investigations and to address the majority of the community's needs in its recommendations.
- To promote and advocate for the development of a new high school in the North East of Christchurch.
- To raise funds for the development of a new high school.
- To support the development of a new high school through fundraising to provide extra resources, facilities and opportunities.

#### Achievements to date.

We began by collecting petition signatures in January 2009. The petition asked Parliament to investigate the need for a new high school in North East Christchurch. We then looked into ways to optimise the current high school options and investigated the viability of a new high school. The result was a "Proposal to Build a New High School in the North East of Christchurch".

The Proposal and petition supported by 3664 signatures, were presented to Parliament by MP Aaron Gilmore on 17 June 2009. Parliament referred it on to the Education Select Committee.

NESE Committee members traveled to Wellington to present our case to the Select Committee on 21 April 2010. Our presentation was well received. The Select Committee recommended that the Ministry of Education conduct an "Area Review".

Instead Hon Anne Tolley, Minister of Education, directed the Ministry of Education to complete an "Area Report". NESE was able to have input into this report and produced a 19 page document with new supporting information. The Area Report has not yet been released and we are still waiting for Anne Tolley's decision on it.

#### Petition, Proposal and other documents.

In the last two years Committee members have spent many hours researching and preparing documents to present to the Government and its agencies. The documents include:-

- Petition, 3664 names and addresses entered into a data base and double checked for accuracy
- Proposal to Build a New High School in the North East of Christchurch
- Proposal Summary
- Coloured pamphlet for the Science and Education Select Committee

- North East High School - a model for community partnership
- Report to the Ministry of Education for Consideration in Conjunction with the Area Report on North East Christchurch

### Committee Status

NESE became an Incorporated Society on 21 January 2010. NESE became a registered charity on 9 June 2010.

### Fundraising

In 2009 we received money raised by the Christchurch East branch of the National Party's Seaside Garden Tour. In 2010 we received funds from the Eureka Trust and the Christchurch City Council towards running costs and signage. We also received community post envelopes from New Zealand Post. If the new high school project moves forward this year, we will need to establish a large fundraising working group to raise a substantial amount of money.

### Forming alliances

The NESE Committee consults widely to establish good working relationships with influential people and major organisations. In the last two years committee members have met Prime Minister John Key, Christchurch Mayor Bob Parker, Christchurch City Councillors, Council employees, Burwood Pegasus Community Board members, Education Minister Hon Anne Tolley, MPs on the Science and Education Select Committee, Ministry of Education officials, representatives from Ngai Tahu, local principals and other business and community leaders. We have benefited greatly from their advice and encouragement. The community has a strong vision and desire for a local high school.

### Marketing and Publicity

NESE has engaged the local community on this issue. We want to hear people's ideas and we believe everyone should have an opportunity to have their say. Whenever we achieve a milestone we contact the media. We have featured in newspapers 26 times in the last two years. We have been interviewed by local television once and been on the radio several times. We had a stall at the Burwood Community Fair in September 2009 and held a public meeting in October 2010. NESE's newsletter has 1100 subscribers. We published three newsletters in 2010. A publicity campaign led to 40 NESE signs on local fences and 60 large stickers on green wheelie bins. We also give out promotional stickers. We have a Facebook page and our Website [www.nese.org.nz](http://www.nese.org.nz) has had 750 visitors since January 2010.

### Thanks

The Management Committee is a dedicated group of people. I would like to thank committee members for the commitment and enthusiasm they bring to this project.

We would also like to acknowledge the many volunteers who have contributed in other areas. We are extremely grateful for the support we have received from the community. We have been fortunate to have many people volunteer their skills. Thank you all so very much. We really value your contributions.

### 2011

We are making good, steady, progress. Our Committee constantly works hard to meet very tight time frames. We have made excellent progress by always preparing for the next phase ahead of time so it is not NESE holding up the next stage. 2011 will be a busy year where we hope to make further significant progress towards our community's goal of a local high school.

Amanda Williams  
Chairperson