

From: 9(2)(a)
To: [Charter Schools Applications](#); 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Property: Kelston Boys' High School - satellite units
Date: Tuesday, 7 October 2025 8:08:00 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[image004.png](#)

Hi 9(2)(a)

You indicated that the Ministry's property team would begin to engage once our application to convert had been lodged. We have raised some concerns about property in our application. One issue that is not in the application (as its not really an Authorisation Board matter) is the future of the two satellite units on the site – the Te Raku Reo deaf unit and the Oaklynn special school. The MoUs with the existing Board will terminate on conversion. Our strong preference is to relocate these satellite units, possibly to the Kelston Girls' College campus which has space.

James

From: Charter Schools Applications
Sent: Monday, 6 October 2025 3:55 PM
To: 9(2)(a)
Cc: Charter Schools Applications
Subject: RE: Kelston Boys' High School

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Kia ora James,

Congratulations for getting to this milestone of the process.

We will review the application and let you know if there are any questions.

In the meantime, you can start preparing for the Authorisation Board interview if you can make it October 14 in Wellington.

There are currently several interview times available:

11 – 11.45

12 – 12.45

1.15 – 2.00

3.15 – 4.00

We'd ask that you arrive half an hour to an hour before the interview. I can send more information once we have confirmed your preferred interview time.

From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 6 October 2025 11:42 am
To: 9(2)(a) <@charterschools.govt.nz>
Cc: Charter Schools Applications <Applications@charterschools.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Kelston Boys' High School

Hi 9(2)(a)

Here is our conversion application. If there are any questions please get back to me. We are excited and are getting positive comments and ideas to lift achievement from the school community. Of course, there will always be haters and trolls.

James

Out of scope

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From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 13 October 2025 6:45 pm
To: Siasosi Gavet
Cc: 9(2)(a)
Subject: Re: Kelston Boys' High School

Thank you for supplying this. I'll make sure they're printed and circulated for the Board before the meeting.

I'll pick up the presentation tomorrow morning. I'll be in and out of the board meeting tomorrow but please let me know when you arrive and I can make sure we meet you downstairs at reception.

Look forward to seeing you and 9(2)(a) tomorrow.

From: Siasosi Gavet 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 4:35:55 PM
To: 9(2)(a) <[9\(2\)\(a\)@charterschools.govt.nz](mailto:9(2)(a)@charterschools.govt.nz)>
Cc: 9(2)(a) <[9\(2\)\(a\)@charterschools.govt.nz](mailto:9(2)(a)@charterschools.govt.nz)>
Subject: RE: Kelston Boys' High School

Kia ora 9(2)(a)
I trust you are well.

Please note that I will be accompanied by 9(2)(a), our principal designate, rather than James, as you have mentioned in your draft questions document. See attached for the changes to our working document attached.

I am also attaching a one-page document in regard to the issues you raised with me on Friday from Dr Rhys Cullen. We also took your advice and made some changes to the website.

I will send the PowerPoint to you this evening, so it should be sitting in your email inbox first thing in the morning.

See you tomorrow 9(2)(a)

Nga mihi



Siaosi Gavet
Chief Executive Officer
Pro-Pare Athlete Management Trust

BELIEVE

From: 9(2)(a) <[REDACTED]@charterschools.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 10 October 2025 5:01 pm
To: Siaosi Gavet 9(2)(a) <[REDACTED]>
Cc: 9(2)(a) <[REDACTED]@charterschools.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Kelston Boys' High School

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Kia ora James and Siaosi,

Thank you again for your time and kōrero ahead of next week's Authorisation Board interview. Siaosi, it was great to connect with you and hear more about your vision for Kelston Boys' High School.

As discussed, I've summarised the key points and action items from our conversation below. I've also included a high-level summary of risks and considerations to help with your preparation.

Meeting notes

- Interview scheduled for next Tuesday with a tight timeframe Sponsor will present to the Authorisation Board.
- The Agency will provide suggested questions to help guide the presentation and reduce the need for Board follow-up.
- Sponsor encouraged to submit slides or notes in advance for tech check and printing.
- The Agency flagged several areas for the sponsor to proactively address.
- Sponsor shared strong commitment to Pacific achievement and desire for transformational change at Kelston.
- The Agency clarified Board decision options: approve in principle, defer, or decline. Interview is an opportunity to present sponsor capability, vision and 'bring life' to the story.
- The Agency reiterated that curriculum delivery is the sponsor's responsibility under the charter model.

Risks and Considerations that you may want to address

- **Reputational Risk:** Concerns about historical affiliations or public perceptions may arise during the interview.

- **Narrative Risk:** Consider if public facing channels and current website material align with terms and conditions sponsors must agree to in contracts with the Agency.
- **Governance Assurance Risk:** Questions may be raised about legal and organisational status due to the short amount of time the Agency has had to complete all due diligence and assurance activities; clarity will support confidence.

Agency Actions

Send suggested Board interview questions to sponsor.	✓ Attached
Confirm Board member attendance and share bios.	✓ Charter School Authorisation Board Te Poari Whakamana Kura Hourua :: Charter Schools Kura Hourua
Any other questions or requests?	Just let us know.

Have a lovely weekend.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Ana Coffey

Sent: Thursday, 9 October 2025 7:06 pm

To: 9(2)(a); Siaso Gavet; 9(2)(a)

Cc: 9(2)(a)

Subject: Kelston Boys' High School

When: Friday, 10 October 2025 2:00 pm-2:30 pm (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

See you tomorrow – no pressure to have your camera on!

Enjoy your celebrations.

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For organizers: [Meeting options](#)
[Privacy and security](#)

Out of scope

From: Siaosi Gavet 9(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, 17 October 2025 5:49 am
To: 9(2)(a)
Cc: Charter Schools Applications
Subject: RE: Kelston Boys' High School

Importance: High

Malo e lelei 9(2)(a)

No problem about any delay in getting back to me, and thank you for your considered response below. Can I also say, thank you so much for facilitating a great interview with the Authorisation Board on Tuesday.

Our thinking at the moment is that, in order for a 1 Jan 2026 Kelston Boys' High School conversion date, there are a couple of things that we would like to run past you and in parallel with the consultation and CSAB decision-making process.

Working backwards, we may be employing some new teaching staff to commence employment from 19 January 2026. This means they will have to give their current employer 8 weeks' notice on or before 21 Nov.

So, we will need to sign a contract by say 19 November, which probably means negotiations need to start in the next week or so. We don't see much to negotiate, although the agreement we see on the agency website is for a new school. We are most concerned about the funding formula and the school's capacity (maximum number of students). James responded to a number of the details in the agreement for new schools in his email of 22 September, which is below this one.

In order to have recruitment of new/replacement teachers complete by 19 November, we need to advertise in the Education Gazette next week, with applications closing, say 7 November. Is there any objection to our doing this? The ad would be very clear that although an application has been made, and although we have met the Authorisation Board, no decision has been made yet, and no contract has been negotiated.

We are committed to a 1 Jan 2026 conversion date. We will have a transition/implementation plan ready by the end of the month to forward to the Authorisation Board together with our report on the consultation we will have completed by then on behalf of the Board.

What are your thoughts, please, 9(2)(a)

Fa'afetai lava

Siaosi



Siaosi Gavet
 Chief Executive Officer
 Pro-Pare Athlete Management Trust

BELIEVE



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From: Siaosi Gavet 9(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, 23 October 2025 10:20 pm
To: 9(2)(a)
Cc: Charter Schools Applications
Subject: RE: Kelston Boys' High School

Importance: High

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Talofa lava 9(2)(a)

We have had feedback from the community, students, parents and KBHS teachers.

I will send our consultation report tomorrow, before the close of books.

Malo 'aupito

Siaosi



Siaosi Gavet
Chief Executive Officer
Pro-Pare Athlete Management Trust

BELIEVE

From: Siaosi Gavet
Sent: Sunday, 19 October 2025 9:27 am
To: 9(2)(a)
Cc: Charter Schools Applications
Subject: RE: Kelston Boys' High School

Talofa lava 9(2)(a)

We will be having a consultation meeting at our "hub" in New Lynn on evening in the week beginning 27 Oct.

We will have an audience of 30 or so – students, parents, former students, and some folk from the wider community.

If you could let us know an evening and time that would suit a member of the Authorisation board we will choose that date and time.

Malo 'aupito.

Soifua

Siaosi



Siaosi Gavet
Chief Executive Officer
Pro-Pare Athlete Management Trust

BELIEVE

From: 9(2)(a) <[REDACTED]@charterschools.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 16 October 2025 6:44 pm
To: Siaosi Gavet 9(2)(a) <[REDACTED]@charterschools.govt.nz>
Cc: Charter Schools Applications <Applications@charterschools.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Kelston Boys' High School

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Kia ora Siaosi,

Aroha mai, I haven't had a chance to acknowledge receipt of your email until now.

Thank you for sharing this information — I'll take a closer look tomorrow and come back to you with more detailed feedback because I do have more information to share with you about the Authorisation Board's approach to consultation.

Consultation

My initial thoughts are that the Authorisation Board Chair and/or a Board member may wish to be present for some of the engagements you're proposing. As you know, the Board has a statutory role under the Education and Training Act to consider the level of support from the school community, staff, and students for both the proposed sponsor and the proposed conversion. It would be beneficial to align some of the consultation activities with the Board's availability to ensure their engagement is meaningful and well-timed.

This will require some coordination with our Board to confirm availability. Let me know if you think this is an approach that could work for you.

Agency response to Kelston Boys' High School enquiry

The Agency received an enquiry from Kelston Boys' High School seeking confirmation of whether an application has been made to convert the school and requesting information on the avenues available to

make submissions on the application. For full transparency I've pasted our response below. I'll aim to share any guidance or updates we provide about the converting schools process — and your application in particular — so that there are no surprises. The Agency is committed to supporting a well-informed process for everyone involved.

Agency reply 16/10/2025

"I can confirm that an application has recently been submitted to convert Kelston Boys' High School into a charter school. The application is currently being considered through the statutory process by the independent Charter School Authorisation Board.

The Authorisation Board must run a formal consultation as part of this process. This provides an opportunity for staff, whānau, and the wider community to provide feedback on the applicant's proposal to convert to a charter school and the level of support for the potential sponsor.

The Agency's role in this instance is to administer the application process, which includes supporting the Board's consultation.

Under the Education and Training Act 2020 (as amended in 2024), any entity may apply to convert a state or state-integrated school into a charter school, provided they meet the eligibility criteria and are approved as a sponsor by the independent Authorisation Board.

We understand that this can be unsettling for the current school community. Please be assured that the current school community and staff will have opportunity to provide formal feedback.

In the meantime, the Agency would welcome a conversation with the school leadership and school board to answer any questions about the process. Please let me know if that would be helpful."

9(2)(a)

Application Lead

[Charter School Agency](#) | Te Tari Kura Hourua

9(2)(a)

From: Siao Si Gavett 9(2)(a)

Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 10:29:57 AM

To: 9(2)(a) <[9\(2\)\(a\)@charterschools.govt.nz](mailto:9(2)(a)@charterschools.govt.nz)>; 9(2)(a) <[9\(2\)\(a\)@charterschools.govt.nz](mailto:9(2)(a)@charterschools.govt.nz)>

Subject: RE: Kelston Boys' High School

Malo lava again, ladies

Here's what we're thinking, and not sure if Justine would want/need to know this at this stage?

We propose that the sponsor undertake two weeks of formal consultation, commencing Friday, 17 October 2025, on the proposal to convert Kelston Boys' High School to a charter school. It is our understanding (following *Wellington International Airport Ltd v Air New Zealand* [1993] 1 NZLR 671 (CA) and *West Coast ENT Inc v Buller*

Coal Ltd [2013] NZSC 87) that consultation means “A genuine invitation to give advice and a genuine consideration of that advice.”

So, consultation does not require consensus, agreement, or a particular outcome. Consultation requires:

1. Sufficient information given to participants, so they can form an informed view;
2. Sufficient time to respond; and
3. Genuine consideration by the decision-maker before the decision is made.

The statutory requirements set out in s212I are that the Authorisation Board must “take into account” the “performance of the state school”, as well as the “level of support” for the proposed sponsor and for the conversion, and for these things the Authorisation Board must “must consult the school board, school community, school staff, and students”. The sponsor is carrying out a consultation on behalf of the Authorisation Board in respect of the conversion of Kelston Boys’ High School and will report the results of that consultation to the Authorisation Board on 3 November 2025.

The sponsor has the following plan for consultation.

- The applicant is meeting with the presiding member of the school Board and the acting principal on Thursday, 16 Oct. At that meeting, the school will be asked to post an “invitation to consult” on the school’s social media channels. That notice will notify the school community that an application to convert Kelston Boys’ High School to a charter school has been made. It will refer parents and students to a website for further details and a copy of the application and will invite feedback to an email address.
- The sponsor will write to the Boards of neighbouring schools with the same information and to local MPs Carmel Sepuloni, Phil Twyford, Paulo Garcia, Carlos Cheung, and Greg Fleming.
- An invitation to consult will also be sent to local iwi, Te Kawerua a Maki.
- Information packs will be available to be picked up from the school office.
- Information about the proposed conversion, and a link to a copy of the application, will be on the [Conversion of Kelston Boys’ High School to a Charter School](#) website.
- There will be a dedicated consultation email address kbhs@bewt.nz
- The applicant will approach some media outlets and make himself available for interviews.

We do not intend to hold public meetings at this stage – there might be safety issues to consider.

What are your thoughts, 9(2)(a)

Soifua

Siaosi



Siaosi Gavet
Chief Executive Officer
Pro-Pare Athlete Management Trust

BELIEVE

From: Siaosi Gavet

Sent: Wednesday, 15 October 2025 8:04 am

To: 9(2)(a) <[redacted]@charterschools.govt.nz>; 9(2)(a) <[redacted]@charterschools.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Kelston Boys' High School

Malo e lelei 9(2)(a) talofa lava 9(2)(a)

I've had a meeting with the Advisory Board late last night when I landed in Tamaki Makaurau, and I'm putting together some notes of our thoughts and a possible strategy for our consultation in the coming weeks.

I will send a short brief of our talanoa to you before lunch, and was hoping to get your thoughts (and/or Justine's, given that the board was so supportive in ensuring we progress our consultation process forthwith).

Will touch base soon.

Malo 'aupito.

Siaosi



Siaosi Gavet
Chief Executive Officer
Pro-Pare Athlete Management Trust

BELIEVE

From: Siaosi Gavet

Sent: Tuesday, 14 October 2025 7:15 pm

To: 9(2)(a) <[redacted]@charterschools.govt.nz>; 9(2)(a) <[redacted]@charterschools.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Kelston Boys' High School

Malo e lelei 9(2)(a)

Thank you so much for arranging our interview today, 9(2)(a) and I were very impressed with the entire *talanoa* and experience; *malo 'aupito*.

Following the interview/presentation, he and I received very encouraging responses from individual members of the Agency Board, though we do have a few 'work-ons' to address. I was also wondering if you were able to take notes during our *fono*, and if you are at liberty to share them? There's no pressure if you're unable to.

As you know, our most significant 'gap' currently revolves around the consultation process. The Board recommended that when I meet with the chair of the new KBHS board and the Acting Principal on Thursday, we inform them of our meeting/interview today and express our desire to collaborate on consultation. ⁹⁽²⁾ and I had a brief debrief (as he had a plane to catch) and were discussing our consultation options and strategy. We're seeking clarity on the Agency Board's expectations for BEWT regarding the collection of consultation information, and what they anticipate seeing from us. We want to ensure the information we gather is relevant and fit for purpose.

Given that the Agency Board will be conducting its own consultative process, we need guidance on how to align our consultation process with theirs. Does this make sense? For instance, is there a template available, or a set of ideal questions to elicit responses, or specific survey/questionnaire formats they prefer?

I would be very interested to hear your thoughts on this.

Malo 'aupito.

Siaosi



Siaosi Gavet
Chief Executive Officer
Pro-Pare Athlete Management Trust

BELIEVE

Remainder of email thread out of scope - administrative only

From: 9(2)(a)
To: 9(2)(a)
Cc: 9(2)(a) "[Siaosi Gavet](#)"
Subject: Kelston Boys' High School - inappropriate Facebook post
Date: Wednesday, 29 October 2025 6:26:25 pm
Attachments: [samuela-FB-post251029.jpg](#)

Hi Again 9(2)(a)

We prepared a notice inviting people to participate in the consultation process and, at a meeting with the Board's presiding member and the school's acting principal on October 16, Siaosi Gavet (the applicant) asked the school to publish the consultation notice as a post on its Facebook page (to invite the school community), to email the consultation notice to all parents (to invite parents), to email the consultation notice to all students (to invite students) and to email the consultation notice to all staff (to invite staff).

The consultation notice read "Siaosi Gavet, a former presiding member of the Board has applied, with the support of a sponsor (Bangerz Education and Wellbeing Trust), to convert Kelston Boys' High School to a charter school from the beginning of Term One 2026. The aim of conversion is to utilise the freedoms of the charter school model to increase student achievement. At present half of all Year 9 students are two years or more behind in literacy and numeracy at the start of Term One. In 2024, only 40% of Year 11 students achieved NCEA Level One, and only 12% of Year 13 students were awarded UE. At Avondale College 70% of Year 13 students gained UE. At Liston College 93% of Year 13 students were awarded UE.

Consultation on this proposal runs until midnight 31 October. Submissions can be made by email to kbhs@bewt.nz. Information packs will be available at the school office from Monday 20 October. Further information, and a link to the application, can be found at the <https://bewt.nz/conversion.php> webpage"

The school did not post or email the notice. Instead, Daniel Samuela, the acting-principal posted the attached letter to the school's Facebook and Instagram pages today. His letter is unbalanced and designed to draw battle-lines. It is unprofessional and effectively concedes that a genuine consultation process would support conversion. So, Mr Samuela has decided to bypass consultation, to poison the well, and to abuse the power of his position as acting-principal to build a bonfire. We have asked those who support conversion to refrain from commenting on Mr Samuela's post.

I don't believe that any further consultation would be productive and suggest that the Board can move to make a decision on conversion at its next meeting. Then Mr Samuela's protest group can do their thing, and we can get on with increasing student achievement at Kelston Boys' High School.

James

From: 9(2)(a)
To: 9(2)(a) "Siaosi Gavet"
Cc: 9(2)(a); Charter Schools Applications
Subject: Agency / Bangerz Application Catch-up

Tēnā kōrua,

Just letting you know that Kelston Boys' High School has reached out to the Agency and I have called and spoken to them.

The key points we discussed were:

- * Authorisation Board consultation. What are the timeframes and how will it be shaped?
- * There has been no Auth Board approval, but the board has agreed to progress the application at this stage.
- * Auth Board meeting is next week and that will determine the next steps.
- * Potential decision could be at the early December Authorisation Board meeting
- * The Agency will continue to engage with all parties.
- * Agency questions (happy to get your feedback on these as well)
- * should the time frame for the online survey be 2 – 4 weeks?
- * what would be the best timeframe for the school community?

As you know, my role is to make sure the Agency runs a fair and transparent application process for everyone involved.

I'd like to suggest we take the following approach:

- * The Agency will share all general information and updates at the same time with yourselves as applicants and the school
- * Please cc the Charter Schools Applications inbox in all emails so I can be assured someone else in the Agency will pick up any requests or updates if I'm unavailable.
- * Given the current timeframes, I'll continue to be as responsive as possible but could take up to three working days to respond.
- * We use these regular Friday catch ups for progress updates/questions etc

Glad to hear you're continuing to use the support partner. I will check in with them by the end of the week to make sure they're available to continue supporting your application journey. Hope this time works on Friday.

Tōfā soifua, nā

9(2)(a)
 Application Lead

Charter School Agency <<https://www.charterschools.govt.nz/>> | Te Tari Kura Hourua
 9(2)(a)

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For organizers: Meeting options <https://teams.microsoft.com/meetingOptions/?organizerId=39c0ea20-15a0-45de-b155-b900f027a195&tenantId=e6d2d4cc-b762-486e-8894-4f5f440d5f31&threadId=19_meeting_NTAXYzdINjItNGEzMy00MjA1LTk3YWmtMDM3NWU2YTU4ZmZm@thread.v2&messageId=0&language=en-US>

Privacy and security <<https://www.education.govt.nz/legal-and-privacy/>>

From: 9(2)(a)
To: 9(2)(a)
Cc: 9(2)(a); [Charter Schools Applications; "Siaosi Gavet"](#)
Subject: BEWT - conversion of Kelston Boys"
Date: Tuesday, 4 November 2025 1:51:53 pm

Hi All,

I would suggest that 7 days will be more than enough for an online survey. I am quite uncertain as to how valid data can be extracted from any online survey. The PPTA, NZEI, and Labour Party can round up a large number of responses quickly from all over the country. There are 2 main issues from the sponsor's perspective

1. Anyone can respond to an online survey, and 50 year olds can pose as students. The longer the survey is open for the greater the number of results from well outside the school community.
2. There is so much false information out there on (social) media, much of it being spread by the school, that many/most respondents are going to be responding to the application that they have heard has been made rather than the one that has been made.

Thank you

James

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From: [Siaosi Gavet](#)
To: 9(2)(a)
Cc: [Charter Schools Applications](#)
Subject: FINAL Consultation Report
Date: Tuesday, 4 November 2025 1:31:49 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[FINAL Consultation Report BEWT_4 Nov 2025.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Malo e lelei 9(2)(a)

I attach herewith our final report that you are expecting today. I received full support from our support partner.

Please let me know if there is anything else you need.

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Siaosi



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From: [Siaosi Gavet](#)
To: 9(2)(a) [Charter Schools Applications](#); 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Summary of Agency Response – Bangerz Application Redaction Concern
Date: Friday, 7 November 2025 11:24:12 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Thank you for your prompt response, James.

Nga mihi

Siaosi



Siaosi Gavet
 Chief Executive Officer
Pro-Pare Athlete Management Trust

From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, 7 November 2025 9:29 pm
To: 'Charter Schools Applications'; 9(2)(a)
Cc: Siaosi Gavet
Subject: RE: Summary of Agency Response – Bangerz Application Redaction Concern
 I don't know what exactly the complaint is about. I've removed the redacted portions and posted the application back on the site.
 James

From: Charter Schools Applications <Applications@charterschools.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 7 November 2025 8:53 PM

To: 9(2)(a) <[9\(2\)\(a\)@charterschools.govt.nz](mailto:9(2)(a)@charterschools.govt.nz)>

Subject: Summary of Agency Response – Bangerz Application Redaction Concern

[RELEASE EXTERNAL]

For your information: This email is an update for key contacts of the affected parties of the following concern.

The Charter School Agency received a concern about the redacted version of the Bangerz Education and Wellbeing Trust community-initiated application to convert Kelston Boys' High School to a charter school.

Please find the Agency's response below. Some sensitive and/or identifiable information may have been removed.

"Thanks for getting in touch. We received your message on Monday 3 November about the redacted version of the Bangerz Education and Wellbeing Trust application for Kelston Boys' High School.

Concern about redactions in Bangerz application

- Today we've notified the applicant that there are concerns about the documents they have published. They've confirmed they will take action.
- The Agency is actively engaged with Kelston Boys' High School and will inform affected parties.
- Applicants are responsible for all content or materials they share with their

communities.

The Agency's role in the application process

- The Charter School Agency ensures the application process is fair and transparent for all affected parties.
- We endeavour to provide the right information, at the right time, to the right people.
- The Agency supports the Charter School Authorisation Board's independent consultation requirements.
- If you would like your email to be included in that consultation, please let us know. You can read our privacy statement here: [Privacy :: Charter Schools | Kura Hourua](#)
- You can find out more about the application process here: [Converting schools :: Charter Schools | Kura Hourua](#)"

As Application Lead for converting schools I'll endeavour to provide the right information, at the right time, to the right people.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ngā mihi

9(2)(a)

Application Lead

[Charter School Agency](#) | Te Tari Kura Hourua

9(2)(a)

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From: [Siaosi Gavet](#)
To: [Charter Schools Applications](#)
Cc: 9(2)(a)
Subject: Reflection of Charter school conversion
Date: Monday, 10 November 2025 12:33:03 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
Importance: High

Kia ora koutou,

Following a recent initial reflection with our team and support partner, I wanted to share with you an updated view of the situation on the ground.

These observations reflect what we've seen and experienced since consultation began, particularly the shifting public narrative, the consultation context, and our readiness to proceed.

1. Media and Social Media

The public narrative surrounding the conversion proposal has been shaped more by social media than by the proposal itself.

Posts by the current school leadership have set a tone that has been readily picked up by the media and local political voices, often framing the proposal in negative terms.

Issues:

- The proposal is being portrayed publicly as a “hostile takeover” rather than a community-led initiative to lift student achievement.
- The conversation has become emotionally charged, obscuring the educational purpose of the proposal.

Challenges:

- Misinformation continues to spread online, including inaccurate claims about name changes, uniform changes, and co-ed status.
- Some members of the community are hesitant to engage openly due to social pressure or fear of criticism.

Risks:

- Continued misinformation could distort community perception and consultation outcomes.
- It risks eroding trust in both BEWT and the authorisation process itself.

Mitigation: Our communication remains factual and restrained. We have had one positive media engagement, and TVNZ has since offered to film a feature on BEWT's youth work, a valuable chance to reset the public narrative.

2. Authorisation Board Consultation

The formal survey process will take place within a highly active “Save Our School” campaign.

Many voices within that movement are responding to inaccurate or incomplete information rather than to the proposal itself.

Issues:

- Misunderstandings about the proposal's impact are widespread.

- The current environment risks reducing the quality and balance of consultation feedback.

Challenges:

- False assumptions persist, such as fears the school will become co-ed, change its name, alter its uniform, or lose 1A rugby status.
- The campaign's visibility could overshadow genuine community voices calling for change.

Risks:

- The survey results may not accurately reflect informed community sentiment.
- Misinformation could delegitimise what has otherwise been a genuine consultation process.

Mitigation: We suggest allowing respondents to explain why they support or oppose the proposal.

This would help identify and clarify the misunderstandings influencing survey responses.

3. Readiness to Proceed

While we understand that the Agency's workload may make a 1 January 2026 start date difficult, our internal assessment confirms that BEWT is ready to begin.

The team, governance structure, and operational systems are all in place.

Issues:

- The proposed start date may be viewed as ambitious given current Agency pressures.
- BEWT's operational readiness has not yet been formally tested.

Challenges:

- Maintaining community confidence if the conversion timeline shifts.
- Balancing administrative requirements with the opportunity for early gains.

Risks:

- A delay could slow current momentum and reduce engagement from families and staff ready to move forward.
- Deferring conversion may limit the ability to produce early results to inform the 2026 general-election discussion on charter schooling.

Mitigation: BEWT's planning is complete, and conversion could proceed with documentation finalised shortly after.

We remain committed to full compliance while maintaining pace.

4. The Future

We continue to see this proposal as an opportunity to prove what a genuine, community-driven turnaround can achieve.

BEWT is not seeking to lead a wider movement but to demonstrate that transformation, when locally owned, can succeed.

Issues:

- The long-term purpose and precedent value of this conversion are not yet well understood.

Challenges:

- Ensuring this work is seen as constructive system improvement, not competition.

Risks:

- If the wider intent is misread, the initiative could be unfairly politicised.

Mitigation: Our focus remains steadfast, improving student achievement, building community trust, and setting a credible precedent that could later benefit other schools such as Aorere and Tangaroa Colleges.

Thank you.

Ngā mihi nui,

Siaosi Gavet

on behalf of Bangerz Education and Wellbeing Trust



Siaosi Gavet

Chief Executive Officer

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From: [Siaosi Gavet](#)
To: [Charter Schools Applications](#); 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Immediate withdrawal of school conversion
Date: Friday, 14 November 2025 10:26:24 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Malo lava 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email.

I'm just waiting on a link to our 10.30am meeting in a few minutes, fa'amolemole.

Malo 'aupito

Siaosi



Siaosi Gavet
 Chief Executive Officer
Pro-Pare Athlete Management Trust

From: Charter Schools Applications

Sent: Friday, 14 November 2025 7:58 am

To: Siaosi Gavet ; 9(2)(a)

Subject: Re: Immediate withdrawal of school conversion

Tēnā koe Siaosi,

Thank you for your email notifying us of your withdrawal from the process.

I will let my team know this morning. My intention is to keep this information strictly within the Agency until we have met and discussed next steps.

I will need to inform our Board Chair and the Minister's office as soon as possible after our catch up. I'll resend the link to our 10.30 meeting.

Look forward to catching up soon.

Mālō 'aupito

9(2)(a)

From: Siaosi Gavet 9(2)(a)

Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2025 8:47:09 PM

To: 9(2)(a) <@charterschools.govt.nz>; 9(2)(a)

@charterschools.govt.nz>

Cc: Charter Schools Applications <Applications@charterschools.govt.nz>

Subject: Immediate withdrawal of school conversion

Malo e lelei, 9(2)(a)

I have had an in-depth discussion with the proposed sponsor today and we have decided to withdraw our application to convert Kelston Boys' High School to a charter school.

Please regard this email as official notification of the withdrawal of our application.

There is just too much misinformation and bad feeling circulating in the community.

We are asking by way of compromise that the Authorisation Board approve "Auckland Boys' College" as a new charter school to commence operation in Term One 2026.

This application will be from the BEWT premises in New Lynn as a Year 11-15 charter school for students that are not making the academic progress required for their chosen career path.

We see a Term 5 roll of 200, including a significant proportion of Year 14 and 15 students who have left school without University Entrance but who require the award in order to move towards their desired career.

Thank you for your support thus far ^{9(2)(a)}, we thoroughly appreciate your help in all that we are doing to lift boys in our community to their academic potential.

Malo 'aupito, fa'afetai tele lava.

Siaosi



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From: 9(2)(a)
To: 9(2)(a); "Siaosi Gavet"
Cc: [Charter Schools Applications](#); [Juliette Hayes](#)
Subject: RE: URGENT: Agency embargo to be lifted today
Date: Tuesday, 18 November 2025 4:55:14 pm

Thank you. That sounds good.

From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, 18 November 2025 4:15 PM
To: 9(2)(a); 'Siaosi Gavet'
Cc: Charter Schools Applications ; Juliette Hayes
Subject: Re: URGENT: Agency embargo to be lifted today

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Thank you. From an Agency perspective Bangerz was the proposed sponsor in the application.

We will likely proceed to informing KBHS that they can communicate with staff that the application has been withdrawn and it remains embargoed until tomorrow lunchtime.

It has now been three working days since notifying the Agency that the application has been withdrawn and we have given ample opportunity and notice to BEWT and KBHS to co-design the process.

I will send an email to all affected parties shortly to inform everyone of what the Agency will do to progress this issue.

From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 3:32:44 PM
To: 9(2)(a); @charterschools.govt.nz; 'Siaosi Gavet' 9(2)(a)
Cc: Charter Schools Applications <Applications@charterschools.govt.nz>; Juliette Hayes <Juliette.Hayes@charterschools.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: URGENT: Agency embargo to be lifted today
 Hi 9(2)(a)

This is Siaosi's process to manage from our side. He is much better at this than I am. Could you involve him in the preparation of the joint statement? I understand 9(2)(a)

James

From: 9(2)(a); @charterschools.govt.nz

Sent: Tuesday, 18 November 2025 3:25 PM

To: 9(2)(a); 'Siaosi Gavet' 9(2)(a)

Cc: Charter Schools Applications <Applications@charterschools.govt.nz>; Juliette Hayes <Juliette.Hayes@charterschools.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: URGENT: Agency embargo to be lifted today

Thank you yes.

This is why I have been asking BEWT to engage several times so that we can discuss

and invited you to the meeting and sent texts and tried calling. If you would not like to stay engaged in this process please let me know and I will inform you of the Agency's next steps.

I have been directed to lift the embargo today as the Agency needs to complete this step. Please contact me by 4pm to discuss.

As I have said, from an Agency view we must continue with a fair and transparent process for all affected parties.

From: 9(2)(a)

Sent: Tuesday, 18 November 2025 3:01 pm

To: 9(2)(a) <@charterschools.govt.nz>; 'Siaosi Gavet' 9(2)(a)

Cc: Charter Schools Applications <Applications@charterschools.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: URGENT: Agency embargo to be lifted today

Hi 9(2)(a)

I thought that we were going to agree on a joint statement. The school principal issued an incredibly misleading statement announcing the conversion application. We would much prefer a more balanced statement this time. It should be Siaosi's announcement. He is the applicant. I have no objection to the staff being told, if they are asked to keep it quiet until the 'official' announcement is made.

James

From: 9(2)(a) <@charterschools.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 18 November 2025 1:03 PM

To: Siaosi Gavet 9(2)(a)

Cc: Charter Schools Applications <Applications@charterschools.govt.nz>

Subject: URGENT: Agency embargo to be lifted today

[IN-CONFIDENCE - RELEASE EXTERNAL]

Kia ora, Sisosi I know your busy but I've sent you some texts and tried to call your number.

Trying to get hold of one of you urgently. I'm pulling together an Agency one pager of factual information that will be shared with yourselves. Dan/Lio and TVNZ

I will insist that the staff are told this afternoon. They need to be given clarity as they are most affected by the application and shouldn't hear it from anyone other than their leadership. At which point the embargo will be lifted.

If you would like to prepare for the embargo to be lifted so you can share the news first with your community please be ready. Once the embargo lifts the information is public.

The Agency will not be publishing anything until tomorrow, our comms will remain directly with you and KBHS until then.

Please send an acknowledgment within an hour. I'll send through the fact sheet shortly.

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From: [Charter Schools Applications](#)
To: 9(2)(a); Siaoisi Gavet; 9(2)(a) d.samuela@kbhs.school.nz; KAIHAU, Sanalio (Lio)
Cc: [Charter Schools Applications](#); 9(2)(a) Juliette Hayes
Subject: RE: EMBARGOED: Withdrawn community-initiated charter school application
Date: Tuesday, 18 November 2025 5:27:14 pm
Attachments: [Embargoed until 12pm Wednesday 19 November.pdf](#)

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you for your patience. I do appreciate how busy everyone is as we juggle many other priorities!

I have attached the **final draft** of the Agency handout. This can be used as a resource to support conversations with your communities and stakeholders.

Next steps

- The embargo stays in place for this document until 12pm tomorrow. Please do not share it further until then.
- The Agency understands that KNHS staff and the wider community are eager for an update.
- @KAIHAU, Sanalio (Lio) and @d.samuela@kbhs.school.nz, please inform staff that the application has been withdrawn. Please let me know or cc me in when this is done for my information. Also stress the importance of the embargo until tomorrow.
- As you know TVNZ have reached out to the Agency with some media queries related to this application. We will respond to those as part of BAU comms work.

Have a lovely evening, Hopefully we can regroup again tomorrow before 12pm to make sure everyone is on the same page.

I'm looking forward to getting this part done so we can start co-designing our debrief/Talanoa/hui.

Mālō aupito, ngā mihi,

9(2)(a)

Application Lead

[Charter School Agency](#) | Te Tari Kura Hourua

9(2)(a)

From: 9(2)(a)

Sent: Monday, 17 November 2025 5:57 pm

To: Siaoisi Gavet; 9(2)(a); d.samuela@kbhs.school.nz; 9(2)(a)

Cc: Charter Schools Applications

Subject: RE: EMBARGOED: Withdrawn community-initiated charter school application

[RELEASE EXTERNAL]

Kia ora koutou, after comms with Siaoisi and Lio this afternoon, the Agency will pause on any release of information for this evening.

I will be available tomorrow to jump on a call with a BEWT and KBHS representative.

If there's a time where we can meet together that would be appreciated, otherwise I

can jump on a call with you whenever you're available.

Please let me know if you have any questions or still require this support.

Ngā mihi mahana

9(2)(a) (she/her/ia)

Application Lead

[Charter School Agency](#) | Te Tari Kura Hourua

9(2)(a)

From: 9(2)(a)

Sent: Monday, 17 November 2025 1:46 pm

To: 'Siaosi Gavet' 9(2)(a)

'd.samuela@kbhs.school.nz' <d.samuela@kbhs.school.nz>; 9(2)(a)

Cc: Charter Schools Applications <Applications@charterschools.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: EMBARGOED: Withdrawn community-initiated charter school application

Kia ora koutou, aroha mai I've been head down pulling some of the work needed for the joint statement.

I hope to have a draft and a bit of a plan for timings. Hope to have an update to you all in an hour.

Implementation plan (to be confirmed)

I would like to make sure that we can stage things so that the school staff and wider community will have the opportunity to hear first from Kelston's school leadership via an email or you usual channels for communicating.

Anticipated timing	Activity
2 – 2.30 pm	Embargoed final draft statement written by Agency and circulated for information.
4.30	Final embargoed statement circulated with agreed timings for release.
5.30 – 6pm	KBHS share with staff and community (email or usual school channels).
+ 30 mins to 1 hour	Agency releases statement.

Be in touch soon.

9(2)(a) (she/her/ia)

Application Lead

[Charter School Agency](#) | Te Tari Kura Hourua

9(2)(a)

From: Charter Schools Applications

Sent: Friday, 14 November 2025 7:00 pm

To: Siaosi Gavet 9(2)(a) 'd.samuela@kbhs.school.nz'

<d.samuela@kbhs.school.nz>; 9(2)(a)

Cc: Jane Lee <Jane.Lee@charterschools.govt.nz>; 9(2)(a)

9(2)(a) @charterschools.govt.nz>

Subject: EMBARGOED: Withdrawn community-initiated charter school application

Tēnā tātou katoa,

Bangerz Education and Wellbeing Trust have informed the Charter School Agency

that they have withdrawn their application to convert Kelston Boys' High School to a charter school.

I want to acknowledge the commitment everyone has made to close out this final part of the process. I am conscious that we have a number of families, students, staff and wider community will be very interested in this update.

We have agreed:

- All parties have agreed to provide a high-level joint statement to release this information to the public.
- All information about BEWT's decision will be embargoed until the joint statement has been released (hopefully by Monday COP)

Draft key messages:

These are the Charter School Agency's key messages sharing FYI.

- Bangerz Education and Wellbeing Trust have informed the Charter School Agency that they have withdrawn their application to convert Kelston Boys' High School to a charter school.
- Kelston Boys' High School, Bangerz Education and Wellbeing Trust and the Charter School Agency will work together to complete this process.
- We thank everyone for providing feedback and engaging with the application process.

Action

Please provide feedback on the key messages so we can draft and finalise for Monday.

Next steps

- The Agency can provide support to answer any media queries. Please let me know if that would be helpful.
- Draft and sign out the joint statement by COP Monday
- Once we have all agreed to the joint statement can I recommend we reconnect on Monday to talk about who needs to be told what when.

Thank you everyone for being so engaged as we move through these final parts of the process.

9(2)(a)

Application Lead

[Charter School Agency](#) | Te Tari Kura Hourua

9(2)(a)

From: [Charter Schools Applications](#)
To: [Charter Schools Applications](#); 9(2)(a); [Siaosi Gavet](#); 9(2)(a); d.samuela@kbhs.school.nz; [KAIHAU, Sanalio \(Lio\)](#)
Subject: RE: EMBARGOED: Withdrawn community-initiated charter school application
Date: Wednesday, 19 November 2025 3:41:48 pm
Attachments: [Charter School Agency Update November 2025.pdf](#)

Kia ora everyone. We have made it to the lifting of the embargo.

The embargo has been lifted which means you can openly discuss with your community and stakeholders as you normally would.

Here is a clean version of the draft document I shared yesterday. You are welcome to use this resource.

TVNZ have received the embargoed document.

If there are any questions about the process that isn't covered in the handout feel free to direct people to our inbox.

If you get media enquiries, you are still welcome to send media to our media inbox and we can answer any process or policy questions about charter schools and applications.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

From now we return to BAU processes, and we will focus on closing out final actions from this particular application including

- the Agency/Authorisation Board will collate and provide feedback directly to BEWT as the applicants. This is our normal process as covered in the terms and conditions of the application process.
- coordinating time with the school community and interested stakeholders to get feedback on the process. Noting that we have already received some helpful feedback from all of you.
- Collating all the feedback sent to the Agency inboxes over the past few weeks for our records.
- Subject to our terms and conditions, the Agency will not discuss specific details of the BEWT application other than what we have already shared.

Ngā mihi,

9(2)(a)

From: Charter Schools Applications

Sent: Tuesday, 18 November 2025 5:27 pm

To: 9(2)(a); [Siaosi Gavet](#); 9(2)(a); d.samuela@kbhs.school.nz; [KAIHAU, Sanalio \(Lio\)](#)

Cc: Charter Schools Applications; 9(2)(a); [Juliette Hayes](#)

Subject: RE: EMBARGOED: Withdrawn community-initiated charter school application

[RELEASE EXTERNAL]

Kia ora koutou,



Charter School Agency
Te Tari Kura Hourua

Kelston Boys' High School: Charter School Agency Update

Wednesday 19 November 2025

Bangerz Education and Wellbeing Trust have informed the Charter School Agency that it has withdrawn its application to convert Kelston Boys' High School to a charter school. Kelston Boys' High School, Bangerz Education and Wellbeing Trust and the Charter School Agency will work together to complete this process.

The Agency would like to thank everyone for providing feedback and engaging with the application process.

Key Facts about BEWT's application

Sponsor: Bangerz Education and Wellbeing Trust

Member of the school community: Siaosi Gavet

Notice of application withdrawal: BEWT notified the Agency on Thursday 13 November that it would be withdrawing its application from the process.

- Bangerz Education and Wellbeing Trust and Siaosi Gavet submitted an application to convert Kelston Boys' High School from a state school to a charter school.
- The application met the legislative requirements.
- Kelston Boys' High School Board were not part of the application.
- The Authorisation Board has been advised of BEWT's decision to withdraw.
- The Authorisation Board will not progress to full community consultation.
- The Agency will pass on the feedback it received through the process to the Authorisation Board.

Overview: Charter School Converting School Applications

You can find more information at our website: [Converting schools](#)

- **Expression of Interest (EOI):** Submission of an initial proposal to convert an existing school.
- **Application Phase:** Applicants provide information about governance, educational vision, financial viability, and community engagement. This will be provided in the written application.
- **Consultation:** The Authorisation Board must consider the level of support for any application to sponsor a charter school. The legislation says the Authorisation Board must undertake consultation with staff, the school board, students, school community and anyone else they see fit.

- **Applicant consultation:** Applicants are responsible for any activities they undertake including how they choose to engage with the school community.
- **Interview:** The Authorisation Board invites the applicant to interview.
- **Approval and Contracting:** If the Authorisation Board approves a sponsor to convert a state or state integrated school to a charter school it will direct the Agency to negotiate a contract.

Next steps

The Charter School Agency will continue to work with Bangerz Education and Wellbeing Trust and Kelston Boy's High School to close out the process.

Other helpful links

[Frequently asked questions :: Charter Schools | Kura Hourua](#)

[Application terms and conditions](#)

[Operating a charter school :: Charter Schools | Kura Hourua](#)

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