



# Te Aute Trust Board

Proprietor for



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Pukehou

Hukarere Girls' College  
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Tēnā koe Philippa

## **Possible cancellation of integration agreement and closure of Hato Petera College**

Your letter of 12 August to the Chairperson of the Hukarere Board of Trustees has been made known to the Te Aute Trust Board and the Board of Proprietors of Hukarere and Te Aute Colleges. It is surprising that you have not written to us directly about this matter as the Proprietor not the Board of Trustees is the competent authority as far as the institutional future of the schools is concerned.

We are saddened by the possible closing of Hato Petera in January 2017. Māori boarding schools have made a significant contribution to Māori education. The difficulties faced by these long-standing schools at a time when the Government is making available significant new funding to new partnership schools suggests a review of current integration arrangements required.

The Te Aute Trust Board and the Board of Proprietors affirm their commitment to building communities of learning based from within Māori Anglican boarding schools. This commitment is supported by the current substantial financial contribution the Anglican Church is making to refurbishment and compliance at Te Aute and Hukarere. This support reflects the Church's longstanding contribution to bicultural development and excellence in education for both Māori and Pakeha. It is worth noting that the St Stephen's and Queen Victoria Schools Trust Board is currently developing policies and growing assets to again become an innovative provider of education for young Māori.



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The Te Aute Trust Board and Board of Proprietors is always willing to meet with you to discuss the place and prospects for Maori boarding schools. Despite the challenges, both Boards are well focussed to developing contemporary communities of learning for purposes of encouraging learning and growing Māori leadership potential.

Nga mihi nui ki a koe

Stephen Jacobi  
Chairman  
Te Aute Trust Board

Maui Tangohau  
Chairman  
Board of Proprietors