

21 March 2023

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: MARK COTHAM

Mark Cotham has been employed as a teacher and Head of Rowing at Rangi Ruru Girls' School since October 2012. Mark was appointed as a Leader of Learning in 2021 with responsibility for teacher professional development and is leading our school wide Literacy Strategy in his role of Literacy Co-ordinator. He is a highly accomplished teacher and well respected among the Rowing fraternity and our parents and students.

Mark is a team player who thoughtfully considers the opinions of others and is always willing to help. He is involved in many areas of our school life and is reliable in all that he undertakes always meeting deadlines and responsibilities that he has promised to undertake.

Mark has a friendly disposition and a genuine care towards others. Our students find him approachable, a person who will listen and give them sound mentoring advice whether that be to improve their rowing skills or achieving in their learning. He goes above and beyond in his commitment in all that he does. Our rowing results speak for themselves in his ability not only to coach but also to bring together a coaching team which is not only successful but where each member feels supported and valued. He places a strong emphasis on not just having success but also in having the right culture and values which says a lot about him as a person.

I have no hesitation in endorsing Mark for the President of the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Rowing Association. I believe that he has much to offer and would be an asset to your committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this further.



Dr Sandra K Hastie
Principal



13 March 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Acting Principal of Columba College, I am happy to wholeheartedly endorse Mrs Christie Sinclair as a candidate for the NZ Schools Rowing Committee.

Christie has had a long and multi-faceted association with rowing. Christie has an impressive record as a rower herself. She began rowing as a novice at University in 1995 and regularly competed in the New Zealand Rowing Championships until 2004, having won medals in lightweight, senior and premier events. She also competed at a number of University Rowing Championships and represented New Zealand Universities both against Australia and at the World University Rowing Championships in Nottingham. Christie's rowing career spanned from 1995 – 2004 and she gained a Yellow Coat through her efforts in New Zealand championships.

Christie has since coached high school rowing and had been the teacher-in-charge of rowing at Columba for twenty years. Most recently, Christie has gained yet another perspective on rowing in her capacity as the parent of a high school rower. Christie's passion for and commitment to rowing is second-to-none.

Also of note, Christie is Columba's Senior Dean (with pastoral oversight of Years 11-13) and the HoD of Physical Education. In these roles I have seen that she forms strong and supportive relationships with students and their whanau; she demonstrates an excellent understanding of the 'big picture' of student life and has a holistic appreciation of the pressures and pinch points students face. I have seen Christie work with rangatahi and their whanau numerous times to overcome challenges and reach their potential. She is also a trusted and well-respected colleague; she is fair, approachable and has excellent problem-solving capabilities. Christie also possesses excellent management and organisational skills and has a reputation as being reliable and a woman of high integrity.

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Kind Regards,

Emma Harris

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17 February 2023

To who it may concern

I wish to nominate Adrian Riepen for the Rowing New Zealand Secondary Schools Committee.

Adrian has been a committed and selfless member of the Cashmere High School Rowing and is passionate about Secondary School Rowing. He is reliable in all that he undertakes, always meeting deadlines and responsibilities that he has promised to undertake.

He has coached a number of school teams over the years and has always been heavily involved with the administration side of school rowing. Beginning as the Rowing Director at Takapuna Grammar for three years and now Rowing Co-ordinator at Cashmere High School for the past four years. Most recently he was named the 2022 North Island Under 18 Manager.

During his time at Cashmere High School, he has been effective in developing our rowing program which has seen historical results. This is a reflection of his ability to successfully implant the right culture and values.

With strong interpersonal and organisational skills, he works effectively and collaboratively in a team. I believe her wide range of experience in all aspects of rowing gives him the necessary background to be an asset on the committee and I have no hesitation in recommending him.

Kind regards,

Michael Jones
Sport Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Jones".