



QMCPA President Candidate Overview

Two candidates have put their names forward for election. A brief overview of each candidate is included below.

Dr Jo Davy

Dr Jo Davy brings nearly two decades of professional experience in writing, communications, engagement, and business case development, with roles across Health New Zealand, the New Zealand Defence Force, and the Ministry for Primary Industries. She has a strong background in relationship-building, facilitation, and community involvement, including serving as Chair of the Berhampore School parent-teacher organisation and as Secretary of the QMCPA since 2025. Having lived and studied internationally, Jo brings an understanding of diverse school communities and is committed to fostering connection, service, and strong parent engagement at QMC. Her daughter has been a QMC student since 2023.

Bernie O'Donnell

Bernie O'Donnell is a long-standing member of the QMC community as the primary caregiver of a current student and as both Senior A and Junior A Netball Coach. He brings extensive professional experience in governance, community engagement, and operational leadership through roles with Oranga Tamariki, the Reserve Bank of New Zealand, and national Māori authorities. Bernie has a strong background in relationship-building, budget oversight, and volunteer coordination, alongside deep experience supporting whānau and youth wellbeing. He is passionate about strengthening belonging within the QMC community and supporting the PA's role in connecting, celebrating, and empowering families.

Both candidates demonstrate significant expertise and a strong commitment to the QMC community, and we are deeply appreciative of the considerable service they have already contributed to the College.