

TWO SMART OPTIONS

for smooth
mid-term board elections in 2027

E rua ngā kōwhiringa mo tō pōti poari 2027



Make savings whichever option you choose



MANAGE YOUR OWN

Whakahaere tō Pōti Poari

Your returning officer is in control:

manages from an online dashboard
fully hosted, no software installs
compatible with any device
configure with your logo and dates
online nominations
electronic, postal, or mixed voting
email communications at no extra cost
Helpdesk support, user manual and
seminars.

Your whānau, your school, your election.

FULL SERVICE

Ratonga Katoa

Our returning officer does everything:

prepares the electoral roll
emails communications and reminders
manages nominations online
oversees electronic, postal or mixed
voting
tallies and declares the result.

Liaises with the presiding member,
principal and school office with real-time
updates of election progress.

Mid-term election common dates

Select Returning Officer by	Wednesday, 27th January 2027
Close Main Roll	Wednesday, 3rd February 2027
Call for Nominations by	Friday, 5th February 2027
Close Supplementary Roll	Monday, 22nd February 2027
Nominations Close (at 12pm)	Wednesday, 24th February 2027
Voting Papers Issued by	Wednesday, 3rd March 2027
Election Day	Wednesday, 31st March 2027
Close Poll	4pm on election day
Board Takes Office	Wednesday, 7th April 2027

What your board needs to know

He aha e hiahia ana tō poari ki te mōhio

Does this system meet privacy and security obligations?

TŪMATAITI ME TE HAUMARUTANGA

Yes. Privacy and security settings meet your school's obligations – and ours – to comply with the Privacy Act 2020 and government tech security requirements. We are fully accredited by the Ministry of Education.



Will our parents be able to vote online?

TIKANGA PŌTI

Yes. Electronic voting is our default setting. Electronic voting requires email and mobile phone numbers for each parent/caregiver. Postal voting is also available as back-up.

Does online voting improve parent participation?

WHAI WĀHITANGA

Important question. Participation depends on many things. Your school's efforts to publicise the election and encourage participation always plays a role. We recommend schools set a realistic (but improved) participation target based on previous elections. Share the target, and together we can go for it!

How easy is to make nominations?

WHAKAINGOATANGA

Very easy. Your nomination form is online 24/7 and available in Māori, English, and four other languages. No paperwork required.

How much does it cost?

MŌNI

Costs and savings vary.

Use our online calculator (on the front page of our website) to estimate your costs with each option.

If you choose Manage-Your-Own, you pay your returning officer the usual fee, plus our licensing fee. Your savings will depend on whether you go to election, and how accurate your parent data is. Whatever happens, we **GUARANTEE** costs won't exceed what you get from the Ministry for the election.

BOOKINGS / NGĀ PUKAPUKA

Mid-term election bookings are now open online. **The timeframe is very tight.**

To avoid the crush of deadlines at the start of your school year, **make your booking before the Christmas holiday break in 2026,**

<https://myschoolelection.nz/booking-form/>