



To all Schools in the Canterbury, Nelson, Marlborough & West Coast Regions

Thank-you for your interest in what we can offer your Board. CanSTA offers members an organisation that will represent its members on issues from a local perspective.

- The address from your enquiry suggests you have found our recently launched Web site (www.cansta.org.nz) interaction, like this one, gives us the opportunity to listen to you. At the moment we do not have a Members only area, but our plans for the site are just that. It would be our intention to make available resources a Board may see as valuable, for example some sample policies for you to peruse while reviewing your own, a sample Governance structure that maybe down loaded for you to use as a template, a sample balance sheet with some explanation on what to look for as a trustee to give an indication as to how your finances are looking. We are also very aware that Web sites need to keep active and responsive to the needs of the members, to this end we will be encouraging you as members to tell us what you need.
- We offer seminars once each term on matters that we see as current. In 2009 we have had Paul McGirr, MOE finance, offering some advice on what boards should be looking for and an insight on how we could structure our finances. More recently we had Lester Flockton speaking to our Members on the misconceptions of National Standards.
- CanSTA employs a Co-coordinator who can listen to any concerns and redirected if required. Generally any concerns Boards or trustees have, have happened somewhere else, we can put two parties together if only to talk about possible outcomes.
- CanSTA represent local boards on a number of sector groups.
- We send newsletters each term, via email to Board chairs and Principals with some current opinions on topics local and national.

It is important to note that the STA Help phone service, the industrial adviser service and STA training, occasionally get linked to being NZSTA exclusive services. These services are offered through a Ministry of Education contract and are freely available to all Boards and Trustees regardless of NZSTA membership or otherwise.

Fees are as follows:

- Small school (1 – 60 students) - \$50 per year
- Medium school (61 – 200) - \$100 per year
- Large school (201 upwards) - \$150 per year

We are a registered charity and do not aim to make a profit. Our fees are set to cover running costs only – all advice and information is free of charge.

Simply email us if you wish to join and we'll take it from there, Chantelle