



Elections update



2020 Student Representative Elections

Boards of state and state-integrated schools with students above Year 9 must hold a student trustee election in September each year (unless they have an approved alternative constitution that does not require one).

The recommended date for the 2020 Student Trustee elections is **Friday 18 September.**

What boards need to do NOW:

- Whatever date the board chooses, it must appoint a Returning Officer (RO) to manage the election process at least 37 days before the election date.
- If you have chosen the recommended date (18 September), then you must appoint your RO by this Wednesday 12 August.
- If your board has not yet chosen an election date or appointed a RO, please contact the Advisory and Support centre for advice: 0800 782 435

Once appointed, the RO should use the [election planner tool](#) to generate key dates for the election process.

How Boards can help promote participation and awareness:

Boards play an important role in promoting participation in the student trustee elections - standing for election or voting for their student trustee is often the first real experience young people have of participating in a democratic process – encourage them to use their vote well!

We're here to help! NZSTA is here to help boards hold successful elections – whether they're triennial, mid-term or student representative elections. We have resources and workshops to help you engage with your community about the role of boards and inspire people to stand for election.

We're also producing a range of promotional resources – videos, school newsletter notices and updates, posters and social media posts. They'll be available from mid-August [here](#).

Everything you need to run a successful election can be found on the [School Trustee Elections website](#).