

Queensland Independent Schools SUMMIT

FUTURE GROWTH,
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SCHOOL LEADERS

GUEST SPEAKER



Dr Sandra Hastie

Principal, Sommerville House

Dr Hastie commenced as Principal of Somerville House in January 2024. A vastly experienced teacher and principal, she attended the Christchurch College of Education, Canterbury University, and Auckland University where she completed her Doctorate in Education and has held senior leadership roles in both state and independent schools.

In 2010 she was appointed as Principal of Saint Kentigern Girls' School with responsibility for growing the roll and establishing the first Saint Kentigern Pre-School. At this time, she was also appointed as Head of Primary for both Saint Kentigern Schools to provide strategic and curriculum leadership, a role that she held until the end of her 19-year tenure in the Saint Kentigern environment.

In January 2016, Dr Hastie returned from the UK where she was the Headmistress of Tavistock and Summerhill Preparatory School, to take up the position of Principal at Rangi Ruru Girls' School.

She has enjoyed the challenge of working within the Primary sector as well as leading a Secondary School which was consistently placed in the top 3% academically within New Zealand.

Dr Hastie is passionate about independent education in this ever-changing world.