

*George Gray 2019 Student Representative Candidate Statement:*

We, the students, are the future. We determine the success of our country, our home, our land, and the seas around us. The decision-making table needs to hear our voices. I am privileged to be running as a candidate for the Edgewater College Board of Trustees Election. As a student trustee, I am committed to serving Edgewater College with pride while upholding the school's vision of serving the community exceptionally well. With this role comes immense responsibility, and I believe that I am ready to handle the workload that comes with being a student representative. I believe that I have demonstrated care, courage and curiosity during my time at Edgewater College. I have had previous experience as a student leader, being in the senior council as an Associate Mentor. I was also the deputy head boy of Sylvia Park School, my intermediate school. Being involved in school leadership opportunities since Primary school has built me up to be the passionate leader I am today. Throughout my Primary School years, I have joined different academic and co-curricular activities such as the school Student Council, Samoan Performance Group and School Student Librarian. I enjoy working in a team environment. Through being a team member at Aotearoa Maori Tag, I have built up good team bonding skills. I was awarded Harriers Senior Boys sports trophy in 2016. I was also awarded the Principles Trophy at my intermediate school. I have actively participated in the Tongan performance group as well as the Samoan performance group at my previous schools. I am now an active kaihaka (performer) in Te Tahawai (Edgewater College) Kapa Haka rōpū (group). I enjoy connecting with new, like-minded people. I have been an International Buddy Student for two years in a row, promoting Edgewater College to international students and their agents. Public speaking is my forte. I have formally thanked guest speakers who have come to Edgewater College. I have talked on-behalf of the Edgewater College Enviroclub as well as presented speeches at school and church assemblies. I am involved in the school choir, Jazz Band as well as being a student librarian. I enjoy analysing different perspectives about a topic and coming to educated conclusions. I have recently attended and successfully completed a course in Workplace First Aid. I like giving new activities a go and running for the position of a student representative on the Board of Trustees is one of them. Please consider me as a worthy candidate for this position.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.

My strength does not come from me alone but also from others.

Thank you,



*George Gray.*



## Candidate Statement for Michelle Prasad (Year 12)

I am Michelle Rajnita Prasad. I am currently studying Level 2 Statistics, Calculus, English, Business Studies with Accounting, History and Media Studies. Debating, keeping myself updated in politics & recent affairs of the world, being involved in female empowerment activities, learning new things, reading romantic novels & biographies, researching about topics that interest me, socializing, travelling, and spending time with my loved ones is what I love doing the most. Leadership and always being able to represent females are my passion. The motto of my life is to be the best version of myself which I always portray. I plan to study law, politics and business management at the University of Auckland after I finish my year 13 studies.

I have a lot of leadership skills and experience. Not just being a day to day student at school I am also the high school ambassador at UN youth NZ, the girl empowerment conference ambassador, the CEO of a successful creation of body butter product, a member of the school enviro club and the ball committee and as well as the school librarian. It was my pleasure to be the only female on board for the 2019 female club, won 2nd place at the girl empowerment business contest, and just recently represented the school for the NZ Model Parliament. I describe myself as a career orientated, independent, hard-working, determined, open-minded and courageous young lady.

My life is full of experiments and achievements. I have got success and I also have failed. I continue to tell myself to never give up. Although no one can be described in a few sets of sentences. One need to have though command of oneself before going to write something their life. That's to say my life has become what essence of all of my achievements and struggles.

*Michelle Prasad*



Candidate statement by Yasmina Daskapan (Year 12)

“Work hard today so you can work harder tomorrow” summarises my approach to life: push yourself hard in the moment, so you can achieve better in the future. This year I experienced different aspects of the school by performing with other musicians in the jazz band as a saxophone player, and interacting with fellow students in the library as a school librarian for two years. I have also participated in the Forte music school festival for two years and won a silver medal. Having multi-levelled, I get on with and talk to students of a variety of year levels. I am willing to bring student perspectives to board discussions and voice my thoughts on any decisions regarding the governance to help improve our school.

