



# THE ROYAL SCHOOL DUNGANNON

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Dear Paul,

Greetings to you and all at the Ulster New Zealand Trust from everyone at the Royal School Dungannon. We are all delighted to see the Trust's continued development and we wish you every success with the fabulous new exhibition in this, your 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. It is wonderful to see Balance House looking so splendid and rejoicing in showing off the shared history of Ulster and New Zealand.

As you know so well, the relationship between the Royal School Dungannon and the Dilworth School in Auckland is a dearly-held part of that shared story. The values and attitudes which Royal School pupil James Dilworth took from Dungannon to Auckland as a young man in the 1840s provided a foundation for personal success and a unique legacy. For over one hundred years, boys from "straitened circumstances", regardless of race, religion or cultural background, have benefitted from the 'Dilworth effect' and generations of young men have gone on to contribute enormously to the prosperity of New Zealand as a nation. The continued relationship between our two schools, through the annual scholarship programme for GAP year students and sporting tours over the years, is a testimony to the enduring power of our friendship and shared ethos.

The Ulster New Zealand Trust plays a vital role in keeping the story of Ulster and New Zealand's great links alive and thriving for new generations to explore. It is a story found in so many walks of life, from education to politics, military service, governance, religion and sport, and we hope that you will enjoy retelling those tales for many more years to come. Congratulations and best wishes to you all!

Yours sincerely,

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**D BURNETT  
HEADMASTER**