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Gallagher partners with New Zealand Catholic Education Office to protect what matters most

Leading security manufacturer, Gallagher, has entered into a long-term collaborative agreement with the New Zealand Catholic Education Office (NZCEO) as a major sponsor to help support and promote the aspirations of future generations within the Catholic and wider integrated schools' sector that NZCEO serve.

"Gallagher is a renowned global innovator and one of New Zealand's largest manufacturers of security solutions," says Brad Small, Gallagher's Regional Sales Manager for New Zealand and The Pacific Islands. "We have protected schools across New Zealand for more than 20 years with solutions to keep staff, students, and assets safe, and we're extremely proud to announce our partnership with NZCEO."

The state integrated sector represents 93,500 students across 334 schools and makes up 11.3% of the total student population of Aotearoa New Zealand.

"Gallagher has always been committed to building enduring partnerships with the communities we work in around the globe. We're proud of our partnerships with several sporting, arts, and community events, and a large percentage of our sponsorship dollar supports the Waikato, where our company was born, and our global Head Office is located," says Brad.

"We're thrilled to be starting this partnership with NZCEO, so we can support schools across the country, and protect the next generation of Kiwis. Our purpose is to protect what matters most. What could matter more than providing a safe, secure, and efficient learning environment for the next generation of New Zealanders to become great adults. That's why we've partnered with NZCEO, because we know we can make a difference. Everyone at Gallagher is committed to a better tomorrow."

As part of the sponsorship, Gallagher will work with members of NZCEO to understand the security and property needs of their schools and provide guidance on the wider benefits of a security system beyond just opening and closing doors. Helping members create operational efficiencies, better utilise facilities, and streamline the access of students, staff, and visitors.

"NZCEO have enjoyed getting to know the staff at Gallagher Security and the strong value system that guides their business endeavours is something that has attracted us to this partnership. The security and safety of students, staff and volunteers, and the effective use of facilities is an area of growing emphasis for school leadership and governance in our New Zealand schools and the innovative products that Gallagher Security has developed to meet needs of the diversity of schools is impressive. Our state integrated schools have much to benefit from these products and NZCEO welcomes Gallagher Security to our special community," says Dr Kevin Shore, CEO of NZCEO.

"We've been looking for meaningful ways to get involved with schools across the country for more than a year now," adds Brad. "NZCEO is a great entity that brings together many catholic and state integrated schools. While we can't sponsor every school individually, as much as we would love to, this partnership

helps us make a difference on a large scale – and supporting the next generation is something we’re committed to as a team.

“Last year we supported the New Zealand Security Association with their mission of raising awareness for security as a career pathway and ultimately removing the security skills shortage in New Zealand, which has been put under further strain amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.”

The New Zealand Security Association used a funding grant from the Ministry of Education to run security career events at 10 lower decile schools throughout the country. The visits were coordinated with school career advisors and people from the industry attended and shared their career experience – with members of Gallagher’s New Zealand Sales Team attending half of the events.

“We’re trusted to protect over 13,000 customers, in more than 130 countries. Our solutions are used worldwide, from utilities and civil infrastructure through to government and prisons, so imagine what we can do for New Zealand schools,” says Brad. “If all we do is improve how long it takes schools to complete fire drills, so that children can get back into the classroom faster, it’ll be a job well done. I’m sure we can do much better than that though!”

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About Gallagher:

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About NZCEO & APIS:

The New Zealand Catholic Education Office is the office of the New Zealand Council of Proprietors of Catholic Integrated Schools. The office also serves the educational requirements of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference. It also acts as the office for the Association of Proprietors of Integrated Schools (APIS) which represents proprietors of all New Zealand’s Integrated Schools. The Government recognises the Association as the official negotiating body for matters affecting Integrated Schools in general.