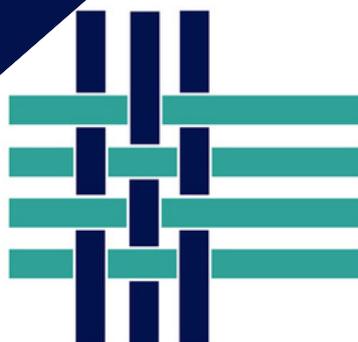


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Chris Klaassen has had a 30+ year career in both Export Education at Avondale College, and in Philanthropy across over 40 schools, Universities and National Sports Organisations (NSOs).

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As Director of International at Avondale College and Director of the New Zealand Olympic Foundation, Chris continues to be a guest speaker at domestic and international conferences, and directs NZOC philanthropic foundations in the United Kingdom, the United States of America, New Zealand and Australia.

He was the first Board Chair of SIEBA and he has been a Trustee of the SHC Development Foundation, Project Hope, Manaiakelani Trust, consultant for the establishment of Garin College and Aquinas College, and campaign lead for the expansion of AUT Millennium.

A former teacher with a career journey that includes teaching Accounting & English, owning a Language School, managing professional rugby players through to opera singer Dame Malvina Major, Chris now prefers to focus on promoting New Zealand, via Avondale College and the New Zealand Team with the New Zealand Olympic Committee.

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