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Flair McKay (left) and Renee Hadlow turned on a fire poi display for the crowd at Matariki celebrations on Saturday night. *Story page 2.*

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Private school proposal

Investors sought for new Wanaka private school

TIM BREWSTER

A group proposing a private school in Wanaka is said to be currently seeking investors with the aim of purchasing the old Wanaka primary school grounds. The owners of Wentworth College in Gulf Harbour are behind the move to create a school in Queenstown and are also considering a school here. Information provided to the Wanaka Sun indicated a prospectus aimed at attracting investors had been circulating around Wanaka but its contents are confidential due to commercial sensitivity. Wanaka MAC principal Wayne Bosley said he had limited information

about the project and had not seen the prospectus. "I'm keeping an open brief. I can't be positive or negative about it, but we definitely want to be

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involved in any process for any proposed educational establishment. We have a big stake in learning in the area.”

Wentworth College principal Bruce Tong said Wentworth College would not be involved in the project, but if the school did go ahead he

would be involved in an educational role. Bruce did not wish to comment any further on the project as he would only be involved “further down the line” if

it went ahead. He referred any other questions to Wentworth College founder Stephen Fleming who he said was in Wanaka yesterday inspecting the school grounds. Despite repeated attempts to contact Stephen he was unavailable for comment. It is understood from

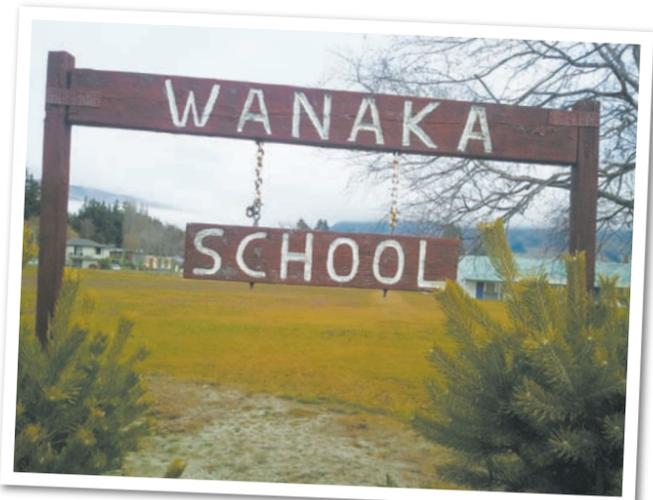


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information received the school is aimed at Year 12 and 13 students with a strong outdoor adventure curriculum similar to MAC.

Students will also stay in similar supervised flatting style accommodation.

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