

Tena koe,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the Kaiako - Integrated Studies position at Tauhara College. With 18 years of dedicated experience in Foundation Phase and Special Education, I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to your educational community, particularly given the role's Te Ao Maori focus.

My professional background encompasses comprehensive expertise in inclusive education, with specialized skills supporting students with diverse learning needs including autism, Down syndrome, ADHD, and intellectual disabilities. As a registered New Zealand teacher with a Bachelor of Education in Foundation Phase, I bring a robust understanding of adaptive curriculum strategies and individualized learning approaches.

My professional journey has been deeply committed to creating inclusive, supportive learning environments. My Makaton and Sign Language certifications demonstrate my commitment to communication accessibility, ensuring every student can engage meaningfully with their educational experience. I am particularly skilled in curriculum adaptation, behavior modification, and developing personalised learning pathways that celebrate each student's unique strengths.

The Te Ao Maori integrated studies approach resonates strongly with my educational philosophy of holistic, culturally responsive teaching. I am passionate about creating learning experiences that honor diverse cultural perspectives and support students' comprehensive development.

My bilingual background in English and Afrikaans, combined with my extensive special education experience, enables me to communicate effectively and compassionately with students, colleagues, and whanau.

I am eager to discuss how my skills and experience align with Tauhara College's educational vision. Thank you for considering my application.

Warm regards,

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