

Tena koe,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic interest in the Kaiako position at Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu, where I believe my extensive experience in Foundation Phase and Special Education will be a valuable asset to your educational team.

With over 18 years of dedicated teaching experience, I bring a comprehensive background in supporting diverse learning needs, particularly for students with special educational requirements. My professional journey has been deeply focused on creating inclusive learning environments that empower students with autism, Down syndrome, ADHD, and intellectual disabilities to achieve their full potential.

My Bachelor of Education in Foundation Phase, combined with NZ Teaching Registration, provides a strong pedagogical foundation. Additionally, my Makaton Certification and Sign Language qualifications (Module 1 & 2) demonstrate my commitment to communication accessibility and inclusive educational practices. I specialize in curriculum adaptation, behavior modification, and personalized learning strategies that support students with diverse learning profiles.

Throughout my career, I have developed robust skills in designing differentiated learning experiences, implementing individualized education plans, and collaborating with multidisciplinary teams to ensure holistic student support. My approach centers on recognizing each student's unique strengths and creating supportive, engaging learning environments that foster academic and personal growth.

I am deeply passionate about inclusive education and believe that every student deserves opportunities to learn, develop, and thrive. My multilingual background in English and Afrikaans, coupled with my extensive experience, positions me as a flexible and adaptable educator committed to meeting students' complex educational needs.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how my skills and experience align with Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu's educational vision and contribute to your learning community.

Kind regards,

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