

Tena koutou,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the Kaiako Matua - Health & Physical Education position at Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu. With 18+ years of dedicated experience in Foundation Phase and Special Education, I am excited about the opportunity to contribute my expertise to your educational team.

My professional journey has been deeply focused on inclusive education, with extensive experience supporting students with diverse learning needs, including those with autism, Down syndrome, ADHD, and intellectual disabilities. My Bachelor of Education (Foundation Phase) and current NZ Teaching Registration provide a robust foundation for delivering high-quality, adaptive educational experiences.

My specialized skills in curriculum adaptation, behavior modification, and comprehensive learning support have consistently enabled me to create inclusive, engaging learning environments. My Makaton Certification and Sign Language qualifications (Modules 1 & 2) further demonstrate my commitment to accessible and communicative teaching practices.

Throughout my career, I have developed a holistic approach to education that prioritizes individual student strengths, promotes independence, and fosters inclusive learning spaces. My background in special education has equipped me with unique strategies for supporting diverse learners, particularly in health and physical education contexts.

I am particularly drawn to Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu's commitment to innovative and inclusive educational approaches. My multicultural background and bilingual capabilities (English and Afrikaans) further enhance my ability to connect with and support students from varied backgrounds.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how my experience and passion align with your school's educational vision. Thank you for considering my application.

Kind regards,

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