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THE FIRST-TIME PRINCIPALS PROGRAMME

He Hōtaka mō ngā Tumuaiki hou

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## KIA ORA TATOOU

### MENTORING MATTERS

We are very keen for as many principals as possible to receive their graduation certificate.

The following section provides detail about the completion requirements for the National Certificate.



### NATIONAL CERTIFICATE FOR FIRST-TIME PRINCIPALS PROGRAMME COMPLETION

During your participation in the First-time Principals Programme you have been encouraged to complete all of the main components to be eligible to receive the National Certificate for First-time Principals Programme Completion.

To be eligible to receive the Certificate, a first-time principal will:

- Complete SALTAL 1
- Completion of Residential Courses One and Two (full

- duration)
- Completion of the evaluation questionnaire, for Residential Courses One and Two.
- Completion of the mentoring programme activities
  - ✓ School-based visit 1
  - ✓ PLG 1
  - ✓ PLG 2
  - ✓ PLG 3
  - ✓ School-based visit 2
- A documented Professional Learning Plan (PLP)
- A portfolio demonstrating your progress in implementing your PLP goals, as confirmed by your mentor
- Viewing one of the online modules
  - Planning and Reporting
  - Teaching Effectiveness
  - Building Trust in schools



As previously stated, there is no pressure or requirement for you to complete the National Certificate requirements. It is an

optional recognition and acknowledgement available to you if you wish.



At the conclusion of the FTP induction programme you will either

1. Receive the National Certificate for First-time Principals Programme completion (if you have met all of the above eligibility criteria); or
2. Receive the First-time Principals Programme Participation Certificate (if you have completed the two residential courses and the mentoring programme activities); or
3. Not receive one of the above Certificates until you have at least completed the two residential courses and the mentoring programme activities.

You will be informed in late July which one of the three categories (above) our records show applies to your completion status *at that time*.

You are encouraged to check with your mentor if you have any queries regarding completion of your mentoring programme activities and your portfolio.



### GRADUATION

We will be sending graduation certificates to mentors who will arrange for their presentation before the end of the year.

### PROGRAMME EVALUATION via Survey Monkey

By now you will have completed many of the FTTP activities. As part of our regular reporting schedule to the Ministry of Education we always include evaluation information from FTPs. The next MoE milestone is due on 25<sup>th</sup> June. The FTTP have prepared an online evaluation using a *Survey Monkey* to gather your thoughts about how the First-time Principals Programme has impacted on your leadership and your opinion about the programme structure. The

survey will take about 5 minutes to complete and the deadline for the return of completed surveys is 12<sup>th</sup> June. Please contact our eLearning Coordinator Sonya Horne [s.horne@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:s.horne@auckland.ac.nz) with any concerns.

### Ka kite ano John Locke & the First-time Principals Programme

The screenshot shows a Vimeo profile page for 'First-time Principals Programme', which was joined in March 2010. The profile features a header with the Vimeo logo and navigation links (Me, Videos, Upload, Tools, Explore, Help) along with a search bar. Below the header, there are statistics for 3 Videos, 0 Likes, 0 Contacts, 0 Groups, 0 Channels, and 0 Albums. A 'Settings' gear icon is visible in the top right. The main content area is titled 'Your recent videos' and includes a link to 'See all 3 videos'. Three video thumbnails are displayed: 'Graeme Aitken on Student Feedback at FTTP Res 2 2009' (2 months ago), 'Graeme Aitken Teaching at its Best' (2 months ago), and 'John Hattie Highlights from Residential Two 2009' (2 months ago). Below the videos is a 'Recent activity' section with a link to 'See all activity' and a message stating 'You have no recent activity and that makes us sad. Once you start to upload some videos, leave comments or like other people's videos, they will show up here.' At the bottom right, there is an advertisement for 'vimeo Projects' with the text 'Participate in a project or start your own.'

Visit [www.vimeo.com/firstprincipals](http://www.vimeo.com/firstprincipals) for Video Highlights of 2 Keynotes from Residential Two 2009.