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THE FIRST-TIME PRINCIPALS PROGRAMME

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**First-time Principals Programme
(2008 Cohort)
Final Information for
Residential Course Two
Consolidating Your Leadership
(8.30am Wednesday 1st October
to
3.35pm Thursday 2nd October)
Centra Auckland Airport Hotel
Auckland**

**PLEASE READ THIS
INFORMATION AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE**

RESIDENTIAL COURSE TWO COMING SOON!

Residential Course Two is from **Wednesday 1st October to Thursday 2nd October in Auckland**. When making your travel arrangements please note that the course will **start at 9:45am on Wednesday and finish at 3:35pm on Thursday**.

TRAVEL & AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Please see the map (*attached*) for location of the Centra Auckland Airport Hotel. Please ensure that your travel arrangements are completed and you have received your E-ticket from HRG Travel.

If not please contact uoagroups@nz.hrgworldwide.com

If you are travelling by air on your arrival please **look for a First-time Principals Programme welcome sign** as Mentors may be there to greet you. All participants should take and pay for (at your personal expense or

BOT expense) the **Centra shuttle bus** to the **Centra Auckland Airport Hotel**. The cost of this is \$5 for a return ticket. This bus has the words 'Centra' on it. The shuttle bus leaves the domestic terminal at 10 past and 20 to the hour from Air New Zealand - Door 6 & Qantas - Door 1.



HOTEL

The hotel venue for the residential course in Auckland is **Centra Auckland Airport Hotel**

Cnr Kirkbride and Ascot Roads
Mangere
Auckland

You can view its facilities and other information at www.centra.co.nz
A map is attached.

HOTEL ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN

For those of you arriving Tuesday morning, please note that as it is hotel industry standard practice, your room will not be available until the end of Tuesday. Check in will be at 4.45pm.

IMPORTANT. Please ensure you **name all of your bags**. Once you enter the Centra Auckland Airport Hotel please go straight to reception

to arrange luggage storage. They will then give you a docket. This will ensure all your luggage gets delivered to the correct place. If you have a computer or valuables please let them know (and you will get a second docket). Your luggage will be stored and then transferred to your room when it is ready. **There can be no early check-in upon arrival.** This is a non-negotiable contractual condition. We ask that you bare this in mind when dealing with hotel staff. Please take your blue resource pack and writing equipment you may need on Day One out of your luggage before it is stored. Because a lot of luggage now looks the same please ensure you have some obvious identification attached to the outside of your luggage. In the past at the end of the residential some luggage has gone to the wrong end of the country because of look-a-like luggage.

PARKING

There is no charge for parking at the Centra Auckland Airport Hotel. Please note there is a barrier arm to get into the secure parking area. Please take a docket as you enter the carpark. It is very important that you secure your vehicle and leave no belongings in your car.



REGISTRATION

After organising your luggage please proceed to the First-time Principals Programme registration desk in the hotel foyer to collect your course pack. The registration desk will be open from 8:30am onwards. Tea and coffee will be available in the foyer prior to 9.45am. There will be morning tea at approximately 10.20am. It will be appreciated if all participants are in the foyer by 9.30am for the Whakatau starting at 9.45am.



WHAT TO BRING

Writing material, laptop (optional), enthusiasm and a sense of humour.

REFRESHMENTS

Please note that hotel room mini bar refreshment items, room service, telephone calls and email service are **your personal hotel costs**. At meal times, fruit juice and mineral water are complimentary. At all times, **alcohol is a personal cost**.

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Presenters have devoted significant thought to their session. We appreciate their expertise and generosity. We expect principals to model punctuality and courtesy.

FTPP PROGRAMME

First-time Principals are supported by Regional and National programmes. The *Regional Programmes* are delivered by University based Leadership and Management Teams and by Regional MoE offices. These programmes provide FTPs with **School Management** advice including compliance requirements. The *National Programme* is delivered by the FTTP team and is focussed on

Educational Leadership. Clearly there are overlaps between the two programmes and many Leadership and Management advisors are actively involved in the FTTP as mentors or presenters. The residential courses provide an effective opportunity for principals to be introduced to the best and latest theories and practices about **Educational Leadership.** LeadSpace facilitators assist principals with access to resources and networks that support both school Management and Educational Leadership professional development.

RESIDENTIAL COURSE TWO

This course is titled 'Consolidating your Leadership' It will address issues of change and sustainability. You will be welcomed by a whakatau followed by morning tea. The first Keynote speech by Graeme Aitken, the University of Auckland Acting Dean of Education, will reinforce the key role that principals play in developing teaching effectiveness in their schools. The workshop that follows Graeme's presentation will provide practical examples about your leadership of the evaluation and development of teaching effectiveness in your school.

The afternoon programme provides a choice of seven options under a general heading of Relationships and Change Management.

A new activity designed to provide a forum for reflective discussion about topical educational leadership issues closes the afternoon programme.



The second day of the course begins with a Keynote speech from David Eddy the Executive Director of the University of Auckland Educational Leadership Centre. David will provide practical advice about how to tackle some of the most difficult relationship issues faced by principals. The

workshop following David's presentation will give you the opportunity to practice Open to Learning Conversations.

Two more sets of options are planned for this day. The first group follow a theme of curriculum and pedagogy. After lunch in the second set of options experienced principals will present a variety of case studies for about the implementation of aspects of the new New Zealand Curriculum.

The final workshop of the course will provide another opportunity to reflect on what you have learned and will also focus on the development of your ongoing plans for further professional learning. This will include the role of *sector group online learning communities*.

The minister of Education the Right Honorable Chris Carter will speak at the closing ceremony and we will also hear summarizing comments from two First-time Principals.



SECTOR GROUP ONLINE LEARNING COMMUNITIES

The discussions and conversations that are such an important part of residential courses build professional networks that sustain many principals for the rest of their professional life.

A new initiative has been introduced to the FTP part of LeadSpace to serve these important relationships. Each Sector group has been equipped with its own private page to sustain the personal and professional links established during residential courses one and two. These pages are already live and you are encouraged to visit and comment.

SELECTION OF OPTIONS SESSIONS

It is important that you select **three** options sessions and **one** reflective discussion session you would like to attend at the residential course. Please select these **PRIOR** to the course and **by September 19th**. Print a copy of your selections and bring this to the course. The options will be available for your online selection from **Friday 5th September from 3pm onwards**. There is one option session and one reflective discussion on Wednesday 1st October and two option sessions on Thursday 2nd October. You are required to **choose one option in each of these sessions**. Most sessions have a **limited capacity**. When a session is full an alternative session will need to be selected. Please refer to the programme overview (*attached*) which indicates when the options sessions will take place.

To choose your Options Sessions online please follow these simple steps after Friday September 5th.

1. Go to the website:

<http://online.firstprincipals.ac.nz>

2. Enter your First-time Principals Programme log-in name (which is the email address you provided for all correspondence) and your password

If you have already enrolled, login here

login name

Password

forgot your password?

3. When logged in, look under "What would you like to do?" Next to "Residential course events", click on

4. Select your choice for each of the five options sessions by following these simple instructions:

(a) Select a day

(b) Select an options session

(c) Select the topic

Information about the content of each session is provided at step (b).

NOTE: If you have lost your password to login, please contact Yohei Guy y.guy@auckland.ac.nz



2007 COHORT ONLY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME

This programme offers an alternative to a keynote speech that you may have attended at Residential Course Two in September 2007.

The following activities are offered.

Attend the keynote speech for a second time; intensive coaching in the use of LeadSpace facilities; schooling in the 21st century simulation exercise

To select your choice of these alternative activities follow the same procedure as for option selection.

SHIFT HAPPENS

Two URL's for the short video 'Shift Happens' are below. The first has a UK spin and the second a USA context.

Either would be a useful starter to introduce the idea of change and 21st century learning needs for staff or parent meetings about the New Zealand Curriculum.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=QeoKQbT8BKs&NR=1 (UK Version)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMcf rLYDm2U (USA Version)

Whilst you are surfing you might be amused by this one.

www.theonion.com/content/video/in_the_know_are_our_children



META ANALYSIS OF SCHOOL COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Attached to the same email posting as this newsletter is a chart displaying some results from a recent analysis of the effect size of various school-home-community connections on student outcomes. The material is rich and well worth close scrutiny and reflection.

The impact of homework is dealt with in some detail and the following list extracted from the chart provides guidance for what might be considered to be effective or ineffective practice.

<i>Teacher designed interactive homework with parents</i>	<i>1.36.</i>
<i>Teacher feedback on homework</i>	<i>0.81.</i>
<i>Parent support for homework</i>	<i>0.28.</i>
<i>Homework general effects</i>	<i>0.27.</i>
<i>Time spent on homework</i>	<i>0.23.</i>
<i>Homework surveillance</i>	<i>-0.19.</i>
<i>Parent help with homework</i>	<i>-0.24.</i>

You will remember that at Residential Course One, in April, John Hattie said that 0.4 is an effect size of real significance.

**Ka kite ano
John Locke & the Project Team
at The University of Auckland**