

## International School Leadership Certificate

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The funding received from APPA enabled us to complete the International School Leadership Level 1 certificate. In completing this course, facilitated by Principals from the Ontario Principals Council, we had the opportunity to look at the New Zealand education system through an international lens. For each of us this new learning has impacted significantly on our professional practice leading to improved teacher practice and student outcomes.

In order to complete the Level 1 Master's Training Certification we were required to complete Module 6 in Ontario and had the opportunity to work collaboratively with our colleagues both from New Zealand and Canada. As a part of the excursion to Canada we visited a range of schools to observe their practice in action.

With the completion of this Level 1 Certificate (Modules 1 to 5) we are now equipped to facilitate this course in New Zealand. It is currently being offered by Waikato University Te Whai Toi Tangata Institute of Professional Learning in conjunction with the Ontario Principals' Council in Auckland and Waikato this year.

This certificate opens up the opportunity for us to link this certification to our Master's Qualifications and take part in the Ontario Principals' Exchange Programme.

We would like to thank you for your financial support without which we could not have completed this program