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Re: Conrad Waitoa Testimony

To whom it may concern,

Inspire in Education (Conrad Waitoa) has worked with groups of male Maori students at Havelock North Primary School since 2018. Conrad's programme has had a strong impact on our learners over the past three years.

Goal setting has been a key component in the success of this programme and the students enjoy discussing a whole raft of life skills with Conrad. The aspect that really stands out to me about the programme is the excitement the boys have for it. They look forward to their Thursdays with Matua and enjoy the growing relationship they have with him. Survey data shows the boys gained a lot of confidence through this opportunity, particularly around the transitioning to Intermediate process. The boys become familiar with the Intermediate and the Inspire in Education students who will become their mentors the following year. Such visits have typically included kapa haka, engaging with teachers and an introduction to the Principal. Gone is the fear and trepidation that many of our Maori students would typically endure during this time.



**Conrad with our 2020
Inspire Graduates**

Whanau are excited their children are part of this programme. They are particularly grateful for the way Conrad calmly and confidently takes their tamariki through the transition process and instills a sense of belief and identity in them.

Conrad is a well known local identity and we are lucky to have him support our students at this important time in their lives. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

**Conrad talking to our students
with Havelock North
Intermediate Mentors**



Regards,

Nick Reed
Principal
Havelock North Primary School