

# Te Putahi nui ā Whakarau Kakai

## What is PDPC?

The Principals' Development Planning Centre (PDPC) is a professional development initiative for principals with three or more years experience.

The centre's five-day programme offers a valuable opportunity for principals to evaluate their current leadership skills and develop a plan for their ongoing leadership improvement.

As we are a DEVELOPMENT centre we are constantly looking at ways to develop and improve. We have three new activities and remodeled many more with extra time spent on development planning. We feel these are fantastic changes and all contribute to giving you a better experience.

## What do people say about PDPC?

What would you say to other principals about coming to PDPC?

*"Definitely come, to be challenged about their practice and be able to move forward as more effective practitioners."*

*"A heavy first three days."*

*"The value is the result of the pressure, the feedback etc by identifying the area for development and then sorting a quality plan to address the weaknesses – the school, staff and students will reap the benefits."*

The centre would like to welcome and introduce our latest additions to the PDPC team; Andrea Ford, Acting Associate Director and Caoimhe Ni Chiardha, Support Officer.

By the end of June there will be greater clarity around how PDPC will develop beyond 2008.

However, what we do know is that if you enrol now to come through before the end of December you will receive the full benefits of the current fully funded programme.

While at the centre, participating principals:

- ⌚ experience a range of activities and exercises that imitate real life situations they face in a leadership role
- ⌚ have the opportunity to reflect and evaluate their current leadership practices in a safe and supportive environment
- ⌚ receive intensive one-on-one support from a facilitator who, where possible, is matched to their circumstances
- ⌚ work through a strengths and needs analysis
- ⌚ write a personal development plan
- ⌚ have the opportunity to build supportive relationships with other participating principals.

## How do I find out more about PDPC?

Visit [www.leadspace.govt.nz/leadership/pdpc](http://www.leadspace.govt.nz/leadership/pdpc)

Here you can read more about this exciting and energising place and download an application form. If you have further questions please feel free to contact the centre on (04) 381 4074. We would love to talk to you.

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*"Thanks for a great week – thoroughly enjoyable, full-on thought provoking experience."*  
Tony Hunter, Wakari School

*"Thank you for a fantastic week full of such wonderful support from you all and fantastic personal growth for us."*

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*"Thank you to Anna, Paula, Dom, Karen and Keriana. What a wild week!! Your professionalism and passion is unparalleled."*

Karl Zimmerman, St Patrick's School

*"My sincere thanks to you all. It has been the most challenging and rewarding professional development in my career. The sensitivity and professionalism has been wonderful. A significant career shaping week."*

David Taylor, Fernside School

*"I have learned so much. Thank you everyone here at PDPC – for helping me navigate the difficult space between letting go of old patterns and grabbing hold of new ones. Kia Kaha Virginia Francis, Plateau School"*

**The Ministry of Education values principals and their development by fully funding the weeks activities, superb accommodation, meals, transport, relievers, and funding toward their future development plans. PDPC does not cost you anything!**

*"This has been such a tremendous week – a chance to open up, think where I've been and where I am at and most importantly to give me direction for the future. A fantastic programme well planned and superbly run by a great team. Thanks to you all."*

Wayne Keats, Onekawa School

**Te Pūtahi nui ā Whakarau Kakai** A group of distinct individuals coming together to deliberate, reflect and consider ways to strengthen leadership