



CATE

Careers and Transition
Education Association NZ Inc.

Letter from the President, September 2019

Dear readers

We had a busy meeting in Wellington on Friday 13th and it's a pleasure as always to report back to you.

This was the first meeting for our newly seconded Kaiārahi, Leigh Grey. Leigh does not commence her secondment until 4 November when she has completed all of the busy school work that many of us are involved in but she spoke about some of her plans and hopes for the role. We have a new email for Leigh which is kaiarahi@catenz.org

Leigh will also be presenting at a conference workshop so this will be a chance for many of you to hear from or meet her. Although... we were informed that conference is sold out. We have been signalling all year that this conference would fill fast so I hope that most people who intended to attend managed to register successfully. We congratulate the Hawkes Bay team and look forward to visiting your region in 63 days – you can see the countdown timer and check the programme for yourself at <http://cate2019.co.nz/>

We commenced a programme of cultural competency PLD for our executive team. While this is nothing new to many of us in education, as leaders it is important that we continue to learn and be up to date. It also meets one of the goals of our new strategic plan: “Ensure career education and guidance respects diversity”. Your executive members will be working with regional chairs and members to seek an agreed way forward. Two motions were passed which demonstrate our aspirations:

Moved that we ensure we have Māori representation at a regional level to support our Kaiārahi and each other.

Moved that we seek a Kaumatua who is willing to act in an advisory capacity to CATE Exec on cultural matters.

I strongly support this initiative as I see it basically as an issue of respect.

Recently, I have met with the TEC with regard to careers.govt.nz. There has been some work done on the website and a strategy for ages 7-70 careers provision in New Zealand. It was great to be involved in this and I look forward to continued involvement on behalf of you as this work progresses. I will soon also be meeting with the Ministry of Education which will be looking after the Year 7-13 component of age 7-70.

As an organisation, we are also now connected to IST Establishment board as it does the work to combine New Zealand's 16 ITP's into one mega poly which will take place on April 1 next year.

While this may come a little late for some, I hope every school has nominated a student for the PM's Vocational Excellence Award. This idea came from CATE and Minister Hipkins has followed through with it. The purpose is to bring parity of esteem to those who choose skilled trades over university pathways. It is really important that there is widespread uptake so that the idea is not a fizzer and it is equally important that school leaders include the presentation

of the award appropriately into prizegiving. The nomination process is straightforward and the deadline is 20 September. More information here: <http://www.pmvea.education.govt.nz/>

Our website development work is going well and all going to plan, our new website will be more useful and relevant for you. We'll be launching it at conference so please bear with the old site until then as we are not putting any resources into it now.

I trust that you will have a safe and restful holiday.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Foy', with a large loop at the bottom.

Warwick Foy
CATE President