

## Principals' Comments

### **Waikato Diocesan School for Girls 2011**

Thank you very much for your input into BusinessNZ Challenge held at Waikato Diocesan this year. I went and visited on the last day and the students were happy and feedback from the teachers was excellent. I only visited briefly as my daughter was involved and I didn't want to "cramp her style"! As it is Hamilton Boys' High School's turn to host the combined Waikato Diocesan/ Hamilton Boys' BusinessNZ challenge in 2012, I just want to get in early and hopefully book us in for the same time next year. Is this possible?

Yours sincerely

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Hamilton Boys' High School

### **Newlands College 2011**

Grant Jones

Principal

"As usual, we have enjoyed having the team in the College. The students found the programme challenging and rewarding. While there has been concern from some schools about student's being out of class. I feel the outcomes are well worth the commitment. The programme also fits the key competencies managing self and relating to others very nicely."

### **Tawa College 2011**

Jane Watson

Teacher

"This kind of event keeps me energised, charged and stimulates my interest in keeping the classroom environment realistic and up to date. (keeps me in teaching!)

It is a real privilege having you here. Many, many thanks. You are all great and we love having you visit."

## **Mt Aspiring College 2011**

**Wayne Bosley**

**Principal**

“The BusinessNZ Challenge enables and demands innovation, creativity, collaboration, accuracy, excellence and effective communication. The students thrive on the challenge. I see the programme as a highlight for Year 11 Students.”

**Vicki Ashton**

**Teacher**

“Provided great classroom support for my L1 Economics and Business Course. The real-life experience was a real learning experience. The learning environment over the 3 days was different to that which they normally work in – it was engaging and student centred.

**Karen Rochford**

**Teacher**

“The students loved every moment of the programme. The skills gained from working in such an environment are invaluable and can be taken back into any classroom setting, not just commerce.”

## **Massey High School**

**Teacher’s Comment:**

**Vivianne McDermott**

Students have cherished the opportunities to do this course and their self-confidence has grown throughout the three days. I am thankful for the huge school support to release teachers to ensure this programme is coordinated well.

**Deputy Principal’s Comment:**

**Shirley Cranston**

I was impressed with the interest of the students towards this learning opportunity. Presentations were great. Auction was great. Presenters were very good at motivating students,

**Melville High School 2011****Clive Hamill - Principal**

"I have been talking with some of the students involved and they are still buzzing about how exciting it all was and how challenging and rewarding the three days were.

Having such engaging and exciting presenters was a critical element of the success of the programme. I was particularly impressed how quickly and creatively expectations were made known and then welded the students into a productive and responsive unit. I was envious of your organisation and the repertoire of techniques which you utilised to ensure that students rose to achieve high standards in their Friday presentations.

The tightness of the marking reflected the way students had all applied themselves. This was the first time Melville High School has been involved in such a programme and I trust it will be the beginning of a strategic relationship with the BusinessNZ Challenge.

However all the prior organisation, provision of training and challenges were only successful because of the "high stakes" assessment of the Friday afternoon. I believe the role and quality of the judges was also important to positive outcomes.

We are very fortunate to be able to participate in such a worthwhile programme and I acknowledge the sponsors who have made such an event possible. Thanks once again, for your effort and support."

**St Bedes College****Simon Cooper – Teacher (2010)**

"We have found the SELL programme fantastic! It energises the boys and is a great character building experience for them. We use it to hook our Year 9 boys into business studies for Year 10 and senior school. We love the programme and would love to do it in 2012."

**Kelston Boys High School Auckland 2011****Bryan Megson – Teacher**

A fantastic programme – great learning experience for the students. It covers many parts of the new curriculum that are more difficult to deliver in a classroom environment.

**Auckland Girls Grammar School. 2011****Helen Dallaston: Teacher**

Enjoyment – "Top of the scale!

Relevance – Ditto – I'm delighted that it has linked perfectly into many of the Business Studies topics we covered earlier in the year. We will also be referring back to this as we continue our studies ( I have kept any PowerPoint the students have produced for future reference.)