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The Rising Foundation
AUCKLAND

Tēnā koe,

The Rising Foundation has been at Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate for a number of years now and we will continue to foster this positive and dynamic relationship.

Through The Rising Foundation (TRF), our students have been able to develop as young adults and grow their leadership and commitment towards gaining success in life and learning. Our Youth Worker – Aviata Taniela is a stunning example of Pasifika success and resilience. Aviata's strong unassuming presence enables another voice of reason for our students, and he helps them to focus on the skills and attitudes needed to succeed in today's world. Having a Youth Worker onsite in the school campus is a unique example of how and why this programme is successful.

Also having a direct and accessible point of contact through Alex Tarrant is another reason why TRF works so well in our school. Alex is in constant contact with Aviata but also checks in with myself as Principal so that I am always aware of any changes, notifications and celebrations. Alex and Aviata are one of the main reasons we support TRF. It is through their vision, commitment and support of our students that keeps bringing us back to reconnecting our partnership.

I have interviewed every one of the students in the TRF programme and there has been nothing but accolade and demand from every student enrolled. I have also seen our students grow and rise to be amazing leaders in their own right, who are resilient, proud and connected.

Naku noa nā,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Kiri Turke to', written over a large, faint watermark of a seashell.

Kiri Turketo
Tumuaki | Principal