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c/ Donna Rogers  
Programme Administrator  
The Rising Foundation

Tēnā koe

## Re: Pukekohe High School and The Rising Foundation

The Rising Foundation is an integral part of our kura. Billie Paterson and Shani Apelu's are wonderful staff members and have an excellent profile with our young people. A number of head students have been highly involved in the Rising Foundation, which speaks volumes for the quality of their programmes.

The Rising Foundation has been a part of our Pukekohe High School student support for 8 years, and continues to embrace and acknowledge our students since the foundation was established. The programme has been able to support many students over this time, throughout the natural transitions and life experiences of being at secondary school.

Students in the programme are constantly given opportunities of outdoor adventure and leadership development programmes to promote insight and understanding into their own lives. Billie, Shani and The Rising Foundation Team are highly dedicated to developing relationships with our young people, their families, our schools and referral agencies by gaining an understanding of their challenges and dreams.

I strongly endorse the Rising Foundation and respectfully ask that you look favourably on their work among young people in South Auckland.

Nāku, nā

**Richard Barnett**  
Principal