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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Leadership through Peer Mediation at Waitakere College

The Peer Mediation training is highly valued and important to Waitakere College. We find it strengthens the leadership capabilities of our senior students, flowing on to their relationships with our junior students making our school a better place.

It builds on and consolidates restorative practice and problem solving skills, and encourages reflective responses by our students when they encounter conflict.

Among the many benefits we find the Peer Mediation brings to Waitakere College are;

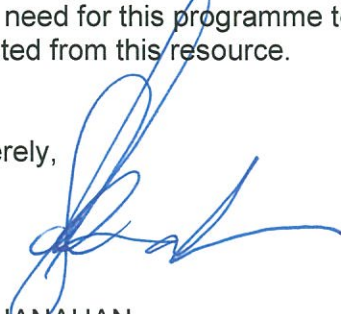
- Reduced levels of violence
- Reduced behaviours with anger
- Helps support and manage student behaviour while in school

Results to date include:

- Better and more focused learning time
- Improved learning outcomes for students
- A culture where students expect to be accountable for their own behaviour
- A key focus is on solving conflict in peaceful ways through Peer Mediation
- Students, who have not been trained, also encourage their mates / peers to use this method of problem solving.

These are only a few examples of the positive results gained through Peer Mediation, and we support the need for this programme to continue in the future. Waitakere College's students have benefited from this resource.

Yours sincerely,



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