12 November 2026

Kia ora, Talofa, Kia orana, Kīoranga, Mālō e lelei, Bula vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Fakatalofa atu, Mālō nī, Namaste, Kumusta, and greetings to you all.

Thank you for your interest in this fixed term (parental leave), full time position of Teacher in Charge of Drama. The position begins 28 January 2027 and ends on 27 January 2028. This position is fixed-term as the incumbent will be on parental leave. This role carries 1 MU. Applications for the position are to be emailed to: ed@tearatai.school.nz by Thursday, 26 November at 9am.

Preference will be given to applicants who have experience in the New Zealand's education sector and curriculum.

You must have the right to work in New Zealand to be considered for this position. If you do not have the appropriate work visa, we will not be able to accept your application.

By the closing date and time above, applications must include the following three aspects, fully completed:

1. Covering letter *(please do not submit a covering email)*
2. CV
3. Te Aratai College application
    - available from the Te Aratai College website: www.tearatai.school.nz

"Empowering Ngāi Tahutanga and all that it encompasses into the physical spaces, curriculum and hearts and minds moving through the education system" is both the journey and the horizon here at Te Aratai. We are dedicated to a common vision or kaupapa that is focused on the potential of 'all' learners to thrive in the education system without compromising who they are. If you really like teens and pre-teens and have a deep connection to this call, we would very much like to hear from you.

Our Vision acknowledges the term *mauri - the particular vitality, integrity, uniqueness and energy that exists within every person* - to help us understand how identity, language and culture are essential for student wellbeing and sense of belonging here at Te Aratai. Within our college, *Aukaha* operates as a small, specialist programme providing specialised support for learners across the Te Aratai curriculum, classes and Ako groups, as well as timetabled sessions within the smaller Aukaha setting. Ultimately, the Uara of Tūrangawaewae is what we are all here for, along with its simultaneous interdependence to and with Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga and Rangatiratanga.

We recognise, in particular, our context within the wider takiwā of Te Rūnanga O Ngāi Tūāhuriri. We are committed to Ka Hikitia: Kā Hapaitia, the Action Plan for Pacific Education and Inclusive Education. Managing roll growth is a priority for our Board of Trustees currently. We are now 1200+ students from Years 7-13 with 35% Māori and 15% Moana-nui-a-kiwa - Pacific.

For further information about this position, our college and the wider context, please feel free to contact:

- Paul Osborne: Deputy Principal; email: obn@tearatai.school.nz
- Emily Whiteman: Head of Learning Area; email: wh@tearatai.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui

Mrs Maria Lemalie-Herbert

Tumuaki – Principal
Te Aratai College

Te Aratai - name gifted to the college by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tūāhuriri
formerly known as Linwood High School, Linwood College, and Linwood College at Ōtākaro

"Linwood College on Aldwins Road is adjacent to the direct pathway (now Linwood Ave) to Te Ihutai, "The Avon-Heathcote Estuary" which was part of a larger fishery used by Ngāi Tūāhuriri. Te Ihutai, was renowned for its abundance and variety of fish and shellfish, including tuna (eels), kanakana (lamprey), inaka (whitebait), pātiki (flounder), and pipi. Several nearby kāinga nohoanga (settlements) took advantage of the estuary's rich food resources, with caves along the base of the nearby foothills providing necessary shelter.

The estuary itself was the gateway to the vast comprehensive network of wetlands that once extended throughout the Canterbury region, with the Ōtākaro (Avon) and Ōpāwaho (Heathcote River) being the primary access routes. (kahurumanu.co.nz – Ngāi Tahu cultural mapping project and atlas).

This name links the school to this significant route and this significant mahinga kai area (Te Ihutai) which was traditionally owned and used by Kaiapoi Ngāi Tahu (Ngāi Tūāhuriri) and this relationship is acknowledged as part of the Claims Settlement Act 1998.

The major waterways Ōtākaro and Ōpāwaho flow into Te Ihutai and the school's catchment zone includes schools located along these waterways."

The name *Te Aratai College* is a keystone for so much else of our redevelopment. Two immediate examples are:

- place-based curriculum: using our local environment in our learning
- learning pathways: our students' individual learning pathways from early childhood education, through primary school, into secondary school and out into tertiary study and/or employment

We acknowledge the proud history of the name Linwood since 1954, the school's opening. 2022, and our total school rebuild, is the opportunity to create a school name and identity that is open and inclusive to our wider community we serve, and is not just based on the actual location of the school. We are very grateful to Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga for their gift to our whānau, to our community of this beautiful and appropriate name - Te Aratai College.