Tumuaki Tuarua – Deputy Principal

Applicant information pack

Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Whakarewa i te Reo ki Tūwharetoa | Taupō

Permanent, full-time | Starting Term 1, 2027

Applications close: 12 noon, Thursday 3 December 2026

About the role

We are seeking an enthusiastic, committed and capable educational leader to join our kura as Tumuaki Tuarua. The successful applicant will work alongside the Tumuaki to provide educational, cultural and operational leadership, supporting the continued growth and development of Whakarewa.

We are looking for someone who is passionate about kaupapa Māori education and committed to Te Aho Matua, the advancement of te reo Māori, and the educational success and wellbeing of our tauira.

Key responsibilities

- Support the Tumuaki in the leadership and management of the kura.
- Provide leadership in teaching, learning and curriculum development.
- Support and develop kaiako through professional guidance and collaboration.
- Contribute to the development and implementation of Marautanga Whakarewa.
- Promote tauira achievement, wellbeing and positive behaviour.
- Uphold Te Aho Matua, tikanga Māori and the kaupapa of the kura.
- Strengthen relationships with whānau, kaiako, kaimahi and the wider community.
- Lead delegated projects and responsibilities that support the strategic direction of the kura.

What we are looking for

- A strong commitment to Te Aho Matua and kaupapa Māori education, with a sound understanding of Māori-medium education.
- Fluency in te reo Māori, including the ability to lead teaching, kōrero and hui in te reo.
- A commitment to tikanga Māori and mātauranga Māori.
- Successful teaching experience and leadership experience in a school or kura.
- Strong leadership, communication, relationship-building and collaborative skills.
- The ability to guide, support and develop kaiako and lead curriculum development.
- A commitment to the learning, wellbeing, cultural identity and success of all tauira.
- A willingness to contribute to the aspirations and long-term future of Whakarewa.
- A current practising certificate with the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.

How to apply

Please email the following supporting documents to hpitiroi@whakarewa.school.nz:

- A current CV outlining your relevant employment and leadership experience.

- A cover letter outlining your interest in the position.
- A leadership statement explaining your leadership experience, educational philosophy and understanding of Te Aho Matua.
- Names and contact details of two referees, including one from your current or most recent employer.
- A copy of your current practising certificate.

Applications close at 12 noon on Thursday 3 December 2026.

Selection process

Applications will be considered against the responsibilities and qualities outlined in this pack. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview on Wednesday 9 December 2026. Part of the interview will be conducted in te reo Māori.

Nominated referees for the preferred applicant will be contacted with the applicant's knowledge and consent. Appointment is conditional on satisfactory safety checking, including police vetting, and verification of the applicant's practising certificate.

Applicant information will be treated confidentially and used for this recruitment process.

Applications and enquiries

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