



# Heretaunga College

*Learning today... Leading tomorrow*

Heretaunga College is a state, decile 6, co-educational school with 840 students. The school is zoned and situated 5 minutes from the centre of Upper Hutt (30 minutes by car from the centre of Wellington). It is a multicultural school with 20% of the students Maori and there are a very small number of Pacific Island and Asian students.

The school is committed to a process of school improvement focussing on students' behaviour and achievement. Recent ERO reports support the direction the school is taking and outline the significant progress that the school has made over the last nine years.

The school has a strong, collegial staff, committed to improving teaching strategies around teaching mixed ability classes. Professional learning over the last 18 months has continued to focus on lifting levels of literacy, imbedding teaching as inquiry and developing the capacity of curriculum leaders to lead change that will improve achievement in their faculties.

The school is looking to employ passionate, motivated teachers with an understanding of and ability to differentiate their lessons. Teachers need to be focused on increasing engagement of all their students through the use of a variety of teaching strategies. The ability to develop stimulating learning environments and to foster strong working relationships with students is essential. We have developed a document called Best Teaching Practice at Heretaunga College which is attached. This document is what teachers at Heretaunga College commit to and underpins most of our professional development.

Heretaunga College introduced a new curriculum in 2014 and a change to its timetable structure. There are 8 lines over the week. All classes, junior and senior are 3 hours per week and NCEA programmes are 14 credit programmes.

**Bruce Hart**  
**Principal**