



# Heretaunga College

*A Learning Environment of Opportunity & Challenge*

## Mathematics Teaching Position

Heretaunga College is a state, decile 6, co-educational school with 750 students. The school is situated 5 minutes from the centre of Upper Hutt (30 mins by car from the centre of Wellington). It is a multicultural school with 17% of the students Maori and there are a very small number of Pacific Island and Asian students. The roll has fluctuated over the last few years in line with demographic trends.

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 last report was commented on the efforts the school was making in lifting NCEA achievement particularly with identifying and addressing the needs of priority learners including Maori and Pacifica.

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 and numeracy, 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 Practices @ Heretaunga College which is **attached**. This document is what teachers at Heretaunga College commit to and underpins most of our professional development.

There could be an advantage in the successful applicant being able to teach Mathematics and Statistics to all levels and be open to work collaboratively on cross-curriculum inquiries.

The vacancy is effective from 25 January 2018 and there is an expectation of extra-curricular involvement in the school.

Heretaunga College has a five-day, eight-line timetable. There are five; one-hour spells in a day. This allows the school to offer a wide option base for its junior students. The exact teaching programme for the position has not been finalised.

**Bruce Hart**  
**Principal**