



# WAIWERA SOUTH SCHOOL

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Grow



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Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 7 and 8 students

## **RE: 2025 GRIP Leadership Conference**

On Tuesday April 8th (tomorrow) all the year 7 and 8 students are attending the GRIP Leadership Conference. This is held in Gore between 9.15am - 2.30pm. I will be taking everyone in a van. We will need to leave school at 8.20am and aim to return to Waiwera in time for the bus. If it looks like we will not be able to make the bus I will text you and drop the children home.

### **A little about GRIP..**

GRIP Leadership specialises in making leadership training practical and interactive for school students. GRIP Leadership does not promote any particular religious, social or political view but rather presents accepted leadership values that are transcendent of religion, race and culture. The core values of GRIP Leadership make up the name GRIP:

**GENEROSITY:** Willingness to use what you have been given (time and resources) on behalf of those you seek to influence.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** We all have a responsibility to develop what we have and help others to live well.

**INTEGRITY:** A commitment to truth and honesty in dealings.

**PEOPLE:** Every human being is of great significance, and has a purpose to fulfil.

### **Why is GRIP Leadership different to other events?**

- Instead of featuring **GUEST SPEAKERS**, the conference is facilitated by vibrant presenters who **SPECIALISE** in student leadership training.
- Session content is specifically written to focus on a **SCHOOL BASED** leadership context.
- Despite the large audience, it is packed with **PRACTICAL** and **HANDS ON** activities that students love.
- Sessions allow students to **INTERACT** with leaders from other schools.
- **GROUP WORK** allows for students to take steps whilst at the conference.
- Content is packed with dozens of **FRESH IDEAS** of things working wonders in other schools

The GRIP Leadership conference is a great opportunity for our children and we are lucky to be able to take all of our students to attend and develop their leadership skills together as the leaders of Waiwera South School.

Students will need to arrive at school **to leave at 8.20am**. The day begins in Gore at 9.15am. The final session will conclude at 2:20pm.

Students are to bring a packed lunch, water bottle and a pen. They need to be wearing their tidiest school uniform.

Any queries please contact me.

Kind regards  
Kaz Bissett