

Appointment notice
Wednesday, 5 January 2022

**UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND TUI TUIA APPOINTS PERRY RUSH
TO LEADERSHIP ROLE**

University of Auckland teacher professional development service Tui Tuia | Learning Circle - has announced the appointment of Perry Rush as a Leadership Consultant and member of its Senior Leadership Team.

Mr Rush was recently the National President of the New Zealand Principals' Federation and was Principal of Hastings Intermediate School. He is a passionate advocate of student-centred learning and is well known and respected for his expertise in leadership, inquiry-based learning, and curriculum.

"Mr Rush will lead stakeholder engagement, to ensure Tui Tuia understands the needs and priorities of our key stakeholder groups and how we might support them around their professional development endeavours," says Tui Tuia | Learning Circle Director, Yvonne Lim. "Across his experience in learning institutions and as President of the NZPF, he has developed a clear understanding of the challenges that school leaders face at all levels,"

At Tui Tuia | Learning Circle Mr Rush will also draw on his extensive knowledge of schools to work across the Leadership Development team and with the Faculty of Education and Social Work. His focus will be to further develop leadership capability across technical and transferrable skills within the education sector - from aspiring teacher leaders right through to lifting the professional practice of experienced Principals across New Zealand.

Mr Rush says he is looking forward to sharing his knowledge gained in school settings with the wider educational sector.

"It is a great privilege to bring my years of leadership experience, as an educational practitioner to a team of committed academics, motivated to develop relevant and effective professional leadership support for schools," says Mr Rush.

"There is an opportunity to grow a new model of engagement with our school leaders so that principals and those delivering professional learning support can partner to identify and address problems of practice. I'm energised by the work Tui Tuia | Learning Circle is doing to improve the effectiveness of education leadership in New Zealand."

Before joining Hastings Intermediate, Mr Rush was principal of Island Bay School, the foundation Director at the innovative Discovery 1 School in Christchurch and launched Tawa School City Site, a satellite campus in Wellington's CBD. He was the spokesperson of 'Boards Taking Action Coalition', a movement opposing the National Education Standards policy and has also sat on the Board of Studies of Toi Whakaari NZ Drama School. He is currently chair of the Primary Principals' Collective Bargaining Union.

“Effective leadership underpins the Ministry of Education’s professional development priorities around cultural capability, local curriculum design and learning assessment,” adds Ms Lim. “Mr Rush’s appointment will see our expertise in contemporary school leadership strengthen.”

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About Tui Tuia | Learning Circle (formerly known as Future Learning Solutions)

Tui Tuia | Learning Circle delivers quality education and mentoring programs designed to inspire, uplift and help prepare schools and kura, whānau and communities for the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Our alignment with the University of Auckland enables us to deliver services and solutions that are grounded in best-in-class research, insights and innovation.

Our passionate and experienced team works alongside leaders, teachers and school communities in New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific, co-constructing Professional Learning & Development (PLD) programmes which focus on lifting professional practice and improving outcomes for learners.

Our programme offering includes Leadership, Assessment for Learning, Cultural Capability for Māori and Pasifika, Mātauranga Māori and te reo Māori, Curriculum Design as well as specialist services like Reading Recovery, Literacy support and Learning Languages programmes.

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