



Briefing Note: Attendance at the New Zealand Association of Intermediate and Middle Schools Conference, 9 June 2021

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Purpose of Report

This paper provides you with background information and speech notes for your attendance at the New Zealand Association of Intermediate and Middle Schools (NZAIMS) conference on 9 June 2021.

The NZAIMS have asked that the speech focuses on aspirational leadership, with a particular focus on Māori Leadership.

Proactive Release

We recommend that you **agree** that the Ministry of Education release this briefing in full once it has been considered by you.

Agree / Disagree



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Hon Kelvin Davis
Associate Minister of Education
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Background

1. You are attending the New Zealand Association of Intermediate and Middle Schools conference on 9 June 2021. The New Zealand Association of Intermediate and Middle Schools (NZAIMS) is the promoter of middle schooling (Years 7–10) in New Zealand.
2. The conference will be held at the Copthorne Hotel & Resort, Queenstown Lakefront, 27 Frankton Rd, Queenstown. The conference is scheduled to run from Wednesday 9 June to Friday 11 June.
3. The aim of NZAIMS is to promote middle schooling in New Zealand, promote professional development that effectively influences middle schooling and to be “the voice” of middle schooling at national decision-maker level.
4. NZAIMS provides support to its members through its annual conference and other professional development events. Regional AIMS groups are affiliated to NZAIMS.

The conference

5. You are the keynote speaker on the opening day for the 3-day conference, ‘Breakthrough Leadership Conference – Excellence in Middle years of Schooling’. You are scheduled to speak at 11am on 9 June 2021.
6. You have a 45-minute time slot in total for your speech and following Q&A session.
7. There will be between 80 and 100 principals and senior leaders from Intermediate schools, Middle schools and Full primary in attendance. Media are not invited.
8. NZAIMS President, Sharon Keen, will be in attendance. Sharon has spent her entire career in Intermediate schools. She has a strong belief that middle school is one of the most important stages in a young person’s development as they are forming the characteristics of the adult they will become.
9. You will be met on arrival by Jonathon Tredray, Principal, Northcross Intermediate, who will escort you to your seat. His contact number is 021 909 510.

Speech notes

10. Attached as Annex One are your speech notes for your opening address. Glen Savage, MC and Associate Principal of Northcross Intermediate, will introduce you and welcome you to the podium.
11. The focus of this year’s conference is inspiring school leaders and aspirational leadership with a particular focus on Māori leadership. NZAIMS have asked that the speech focuses on Māori Leadership.
12. Your speech notes attached as Annex One cover the following topics:
 - a. The education vision
 - b. Māori educational leadership and Te Tiriti
 - c. Ka Hikitia and Tau Mai Te Reo
 - d. High level budget updates
 - e. Updates on some Ministry work
13. Attached as Annex Two are some Questions and Answers that might be asked during the Q&A session, which is scheduled for after your speech, including:

- a. challenging student behaviour and Te Tupu Managed Moves;
- b. addressing racism in schools and Te Hurihanganui;
- c. teaching Aotearoa New Zealand Histories;
- d. Reform of Tomorrows Schools;
- e. Te Ahu o te Reo Māori; and
- f. The Royal Commission of Inquiry into the terrorist attack on Christchurch.

Annexes

- Annex 1: Draft Speech Notes – attached separately
Annex 2: Question and Answers