

Yolande Franke

Howick Intermediate School, Auckland

Recipient of the 2018 ASG NEiTA Founders' Award for Leadership



Yolande is passionate about giving every student the very best possible education by adopting a personalised approach.

As school principal, Yolande is committed to creating a school tone and culture that fosters high expectations, positive values and character development as this is critical to a safe, happy and supportive learning environment.

One of Yolande's primary successes is turning around the reputation of a school that was on a one-year review into a school of choice for the local community. Before she started as School Principal, only 30% of the students came from within the school zone. The roll had fallen over the years. There had been a deficit budget for at least seven years, the

school property had been neglected and teachers had limited professional development. The reputation for bullying and behaviour was a concern.

After five consecutive terms of action and review the school is now under a three-year review, 80% of students come from within the school zone and the Community Consultation Survey this year returned an excellent satisfaction score of 83%.

Yolande says that they now have a positive, happy school, and she looks forward to receiving coaching accreditation, seeking opportunities for across school leadership and active participation in the National Education Panel.

The **ASG NEiTA Founders' Award for Leadership** recognises a teacher's philosophical contribution as a leader, including examples of how they have helped achieve outstanding learning outcomes for students, and their future goals for the school. The judges considered the teacher's understanding of 'leadership', her unique leadership style, and how she leads others to success.