



GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

“Our students really enjoyed themselves. It was a great level of seriousness and lots of fun.”

Emma Trott, Teacher- Riccarton High School, Christchurch (April 2023)

ALL NEW SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS FOR THIS YEAR:

Now held annually in 5 cities across the North and South Islands. This brochure has details of conferences for SECONDARY students. For separate information about CONTRIBUTING, PRIMARY and INTERMEDIATE student conferences visit www.gripleadership.co.nz.

WHY THIS IS UNIQUE:

- **PRACTICAL** and **HANDS ON** activities that students love
- Sessions allow students to **INTERACT** with leaders from other schools
- **ELECTIVE WORKSHOPS** cover all of the essential leadership topics
- **GROUP WORK** allows for students to take steps whilst at the conference
- Dozens of **FRESH IDEAS** working wonders in other schools
- As well as loads of information it is definitely **FUN** and **ENTERTAINING**

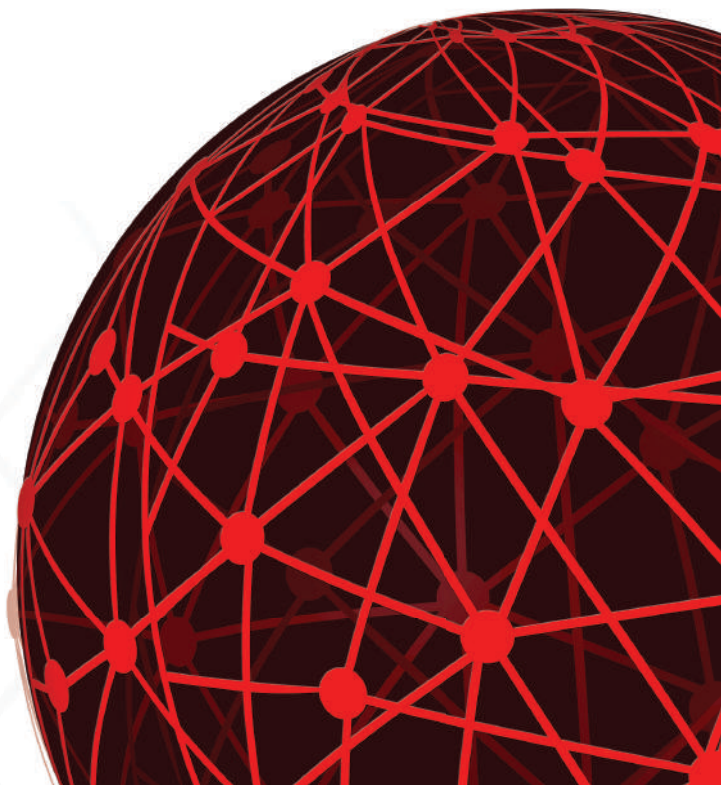
The most practical
**TRAINING
DAY**
for student leaders

ALL NEW SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS FOR THIS YEAR:

- Being a Student Leadership Team that Takes Steps Forward
- The Sacrifice of a Student Leader
- How to Make Our Events Really Matter
- How to Lead When It Feels Like Nobody Wants to Follow
- How to Make Improvements to Our School Culture
- How I Can Improve My Own Leadership Effectiveness
- Making Meetings More Effective
- Q & A with GRIP Leadership Team

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THE OUTCOMES WE WILL COVER IN THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM:

- Why student leadership is not about leaving things to others, but **STEPPING FORWARD** even when it's hard.
- Understanding the **4 THINGS** that student leadership teams can do to take **NOTICEABLE STEPS FORWARD** in their school.
- Why student leaders shouldn't jump ahead to **NEW IDEAS** but can first use strategies to build on things that the school already **DOES WELL**.
- Knowing how to **IDENTIFY** areas where student leaders can step in to **IMPROVE** things that can be done **BETTER**.
- Understanding the difference between **HARMONY** and **UNITY** so that a student leadership team can work effectively together.
- How student leaders can move forward with less fear about **WHAT OTHERS THINK** of them.
- The importance of leaders making a **SACRIFICE** and putting the needs of **OTHERS FIRST**.
- The **4 STRATEGIES** that transform events so that they **REALLY MATTER** to the school community.
- Why student leadership teams need to **IDENTIFY** opportunities that they are confident they can **DO WELL**.
- How to ensure that school **EVENTS** appeal to a **WIDE RANGE OF PEOPLE**.
- The **4 TIPS** for leading when it feels like **NOBODY WANTS TO FOLLOW**.
- How student leaders can **ALIGN** their goal with a **COMMON GOAL** of their peers.
- How to keep activities **REALISTIC** so that they build **MOMENTUM**.
- The **5 STEPS** that help make improvements to any aspect of **SCHOOL CULTURE**.
- Why student leaders should not lead **ALONE** but need to build positive relationships with **OTHERS** who are **INFLUENCERS**.
- Being aware of the **POSTIVE** and constructive ways to call-out **PROBLEMS** at your school.
- The **4 TOOLS** that will help any leader maximise how **EFFECTIVE** they are.
- Practical strategies for **SELF REFLECTION** during the leadership journey.
- Developing the **HABITS** that improve individual **INFLUENCE**.
- The importance of student leaders in **ALIGNING** with the **VALUES** and direction of the **SCHOOL**.
- The 3 tips that help students to make **MEETINGS** more **EFFECTIVE**.
- Literally dozens of new ideas for **EVENTS, PROJECTS** and **FUNDRAISERS** that can easily be organised by **STUDENTS**.

WHO FACILITATES THE GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE?:

This conference does not feature guest speakers, but is presented by a team of specialists in the area of student leadership. The GRIP Leadership team is comprised of young men and women who know what it's like to be in the shoes of a student leader. Some team members are recent school graduates with the ability to share from their own recent experience. Other team members are in their twenties and thirties and have worked across thousands of schools to develop a career exploring what works, what's current and what's possible in the area of student leadership.

The youthful and professional nature of the GRIP Leadership team is such that teachers consistently compliment about their ability to engage the students whilst presenting a wealth of meaningful leadership concepts. (More information on GRIP Leadership is available at www.gripleadership.co.nz)



SECONDARY PROGRAM - THEME: STEP FORWARD

All plenary sessions and electives include presentations, activities, discussions, and leadership games. Sessions are updated every year so that students can attend numerous years if desired.

****ALL BRAND NEW SESSIONS****

8:30am Doors Open

9:00am **Session 1**

Plenary Session: Being a Student Leadership Team that Takes Steps Forward

Too often people sit back and 'go with the flow' or 'leave things to others'. Schools need leaders who are willing to take action, even when it's hard. Stepping forward involves identifying good things at the school that could be done even better, taking action with things that need to be fixed, and leading new things that haven't been done before. A school will always be the same unless student leaders take up these challenges and step forward. Using dozens of examples from other schools, students will be assisted in this session to develop their own plan for taking genuine steps forward.

10.30am First Break

Morning Tea Optional Session: Making Meetings More Effective

Many student leaders are involved in running meetings on a regular basis. The effectiveness of these meetings can be one of the main things that influences whether a team takes steps forward. This short session will give practical strategies and ideas to make student meetings both enjoyable and productive.

10.55am SESSION 2

Plenary Session: The Sacrifices of a Student Leader

Stepping forward to lead usually involves making a sacrifice. This topic will look at three of the main sacrifices that a student leader often needs to make. This includes sacrificing what others might think of me, not putting my own needs first and never expecting something in return. By sharing success stories from other schools, this session helps students to see these sacrifices as positive steps forward.

ELECTIVES #1 (choose 1)

Option 1: How to Make Our Events Really Matter

If student leaders are going to put time and effort into organising school events then it's important that these events really feel like they matter. This applies to fun events, serious events, every event! This workshop unpacks three practical strategies that will help every student feel like school events matter, leading to greater participation and enthusiasm from everybody.

Option 2: How to Lead When It Feels Like Nobody Wants to Follow

It can be very disheartening for leaders when it feels like everybody is ignoring the direction that leaders are trying to set. This workshop gives four positive strategies which will help get more support for an individual leader, a whole team, or a new idea. It's a serious topic, but as a workshop this is lots of fun.

12:30pm **Lunch Break**

1:00pm **Session 3**

ELECTIVES #2 (choose 1)

Option 3: How to Make Improvements to Our School Culture

Is there something about your school that you would like to improve, but it feels like it's always been an ongoing challenge? During this workshop students will choose something about their own school culture they would like to change and be guided through five steps that will help make improvements.

Option 4: How I Can Improve My Own Leadership Effectiveness

No student leader is perfect, but the tips in this workshop will help every student to make the most of their leadership opportunity. This workshop teaches students four tools that can be used every day to improve personal leadership qualities, but also to have maximum impact during the time in a leadership role.

Q&A With GRIP Leadership Team and Final Review

2:30pm **Close**

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DATES AND LOCATIONS:

Location	Date	Venue
Wellington	11th March 2024	Pipitea Marae and Function Centre
Rotorua	11th March 2024	Distinction Hotel & Conference Centre
Auckland	14th March 2024	Due Drop Events Centre (Formerly Vodafone Event Centre)
Gore	9th April 2024	Gore Town and Country Club
Christchurch	10th April 2024	Celebration Events Centre

THE INVESTMENT IN YOUR LEADERS:

\$49 (plus GST) per student

\$19 (plus GST) per accompanying staff member or adult

HOW TO REGISTER:

Visit **[www. gripleadership.co.nz](http://www.gripleadership.co.nz)** and complete the simple online booking form. No payment is required at the time of booking, as an invoice will automatically be emailed to you so you can arrange payment.

WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID:

Fun and fast paced...

"Thank you for the GRIP Leadership Conference in Wellington last week. The students really enjoyed the fun, fast paced presentations and the very valuable information and ideas that they received."

Jude Tungatt, Chilton Saint James School

Relates back to school...

"The content was great and the different presenters got things across in such a way that it made it easy for the students to engage and relate it back to their own school. The variety of presentations was also well received. I know our students really enjoyed the day and are keen to start putting some ideas into practice."

Wendy Livingstone, Te Aroha College

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