



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

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**

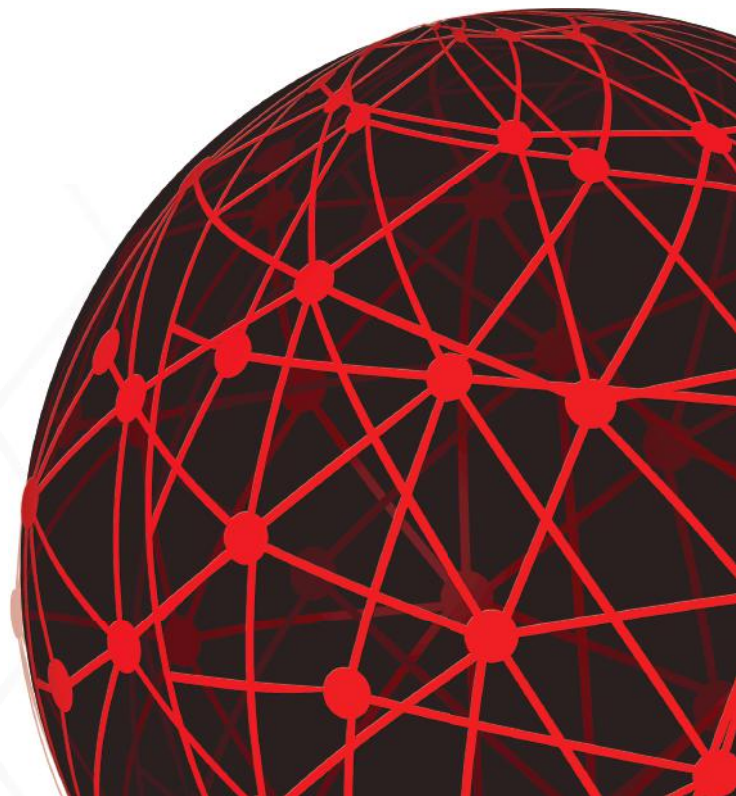
The most practical
TRAINING DAY
for student leaders

ALL NEW SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS FOR THIS YEAR:

- The Challenges at Our School
- The Challenges of a Student Leader
- What Makes a School Event Successful?
- Improving My Public Speaking
- Creating a Culture of Positive Friendships
- Getting a New Idea Off the Ground
- Tips for Leading Houses
- Q&A with GRIP Leadership Team

REGISTER NOW FOR THE GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

CLICK HERE www.gripleadership.co.nz





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

- How most people choose what is **EASIEST**, but leaders must choose what is **NECESSARY**.
- We will look at a list of **50 COMMON CHALLENGES** for many schools and **4 WAYS** for student leaders to respond to the **PRIORITY** challenges in their own school.
- Identifying areas that already have **MOMENTUM** in your school and progressing these **FURTHER**.
- How to **PERSIST** with a constant challenge in your school, even if it's been **TRIED BEFORE**.
- The **3 MAIN CHALLENGES** that **STUDENT LEADERS** need to overcome **PERSONALLY**.
- How to use the **EXPECTATIONS TRIANGLE** to manage the expectations that can come from **SELF, PEERS** and the **SCHOOL**.
- Why **INTEGRITY** is critical for **EVERY** student leader.
- 10 ways to get out of your **COMFORT ZONE** and grow as a leader.
- How to increase your **CAPACITY** before increasing your **LOAD**, and 11 practical **STRATEGIES** for doing this.
- Understanding the **3 FACTORS** that make a **SCHOOL EVENT** successful.
- The **10 WAYS** for students to be **DRAWN** to events rather than **FORCED** to events.
- How to enjoy the **PLANNING** of a school event, not just the event day itself.
- The **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIPS** that are **NOT** the same old tips that everybody has heard before.
- Techniques for **PREPARING A SPEECH**, which are much deeper than just 'writing it out'.
- 10 tips for **PRACTICING A SPEECH**.
- The tools for **ENGAGING** an audience that **ANY STUDENT** can master when speaking to their peers.
- **3 WAYS** to create a **CULTURE OF FRIENDSHIP** at your school.
- How to make the most of the **HOUSES** or teams at your school, including **NEW WAYS** that many schools have never tried before.
- The **MAIN CHALLENGES** that student leaders will face when getting a **NEW IDEA OFF THE GROUND**, and how to **OVERCOME** them.
- How to write a **WRITTEN PROPOSAL** and work in partnership with what **TEACHERS** and executive desire for your school.
- The key principles for getting the **STUDENT BODY** to follow the lead of the **STUDENT LADERS**.
- The 3 most helpful tips for **HOUSE LEADERS** so that students can take their focus off **WINNING** and experience the benefits of **BELONGING**.
- Literally dozens of success stories from other schools for **EVENTS, PROJECTS** and **FUNDRAISERS**.

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: I ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE

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****

8:45am Doors Open

9:15am SESSION 1

The Challenges at Our School

Most people choose what is easiest, but leaders should choose what is necessary. This practical session looks at fifty common challenges within schools, and helps students identify the most necessary challenges to address at their own school. A four-part structure will be used to select the challenges that fit best into an action plan for the coming year. Lots of perspectives will be shared through video examples and conversations with other schools.

10.45am Break 1

Morning Tea Optional Session: Tips for Leading Houses

There are specific challenges that come with leading houses and large groups of peers. This short session will give practical tips for creating an experience that is positive for the entire house as well as the student leaders. (This will only go for the first 10-15 minutes of the break so that you can still get some fresh air afterwards.)

11:10am SESSION 2

The Challenges of a Student Leader

It's great to be motivated as a leader, but it's helpful to be prepared for the common challenges that leaders encounter. We will explore practical strategies to navigate these challenges, with a special focus on how to maintain integrity throughout. This topic will address three personal challenges: meeting expectations, getting out of my comfort zone, and increasing capacity.

ELECTIVES #1 (choose 1)

Option 1: What Makes a School Event Successful?

Every student leadership team wants their events to be successful. We've identified three key things that make an event successful, and knowing these now will help leaders make better decisions during the planning of any event.

Option 2: Improving My Public Speaking

This workshop suits those who love public speaking, as well as anybody freaked out by it! Most people have heard the basic public speaking tips before, so this workshop takes a deeper look at the preparation and presentation strategies that make the biggest difference.

12:30pm Break 2

1:00pm SESSION 3

ELECTIVES #2 (choose 1)

Option 3: Creating a Culture of Positive Friendships

This workshop helps student leaders create a school culture where everybody experiences friendship. Using activities, discussions and examples, we will unpack strategies to make a school more inclusive, supportive and enjoyable.

Option 4: Getting a New Idea Off the Ground

Leaders often find it challenging to get a new idea off the ground and heading towards the impact that was hoped for. This practical workshop explores practical strategies for gaining teacher support, getting students on board, and building momentum.

1:45pm Q&A With GRIP Leadership Team and Final Review

2:15pm Finish (you can be assured of a prompt 2.15pm finish. We appreciate that departing efficiently for your return journey is important).

REGISTER NOW FOR THE GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
CLICK HERE www.gripleadership.co.nz



DATES AND LOCATIONS:

Location	Date	Venue
Gore	3rd March 2026	Gore Town and Country Club
Christchurch	4th March 2026	Celebration Events Centre
New Plymouth	16th March 2026	Stadium Taranaki (New Venue)
Rotorua	17th March 2026	Novotel Rotorua Lakeside (New Venue)
Auckland	19th March 2026	City Impact - Penrose (New Venue)
Wellington	20th March 2026	Victoria University (New Venue)

THE INVESTMENT IN YOUR LEADERS:

\$51 (plus GST) per student

\$30 (plus GST) per accompanying staff member or adult

HOW TO REGISTER:

Visit **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

REGISTER NOW FOR THE GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

CLICK HERE www.gripleadership.co.nz

Phone: 64-9-320-1770

Email: info@gripleadership.co.nz

Post: PO Box 9074, NEWMARKET AUCKLAND 1149



GRIP LEADERSHIP