



GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

“Fantastic conference. Fantastic content. Well worth it.”

Ambure Giborees, Southern Cross Campus, Auckland (March 2026)

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**

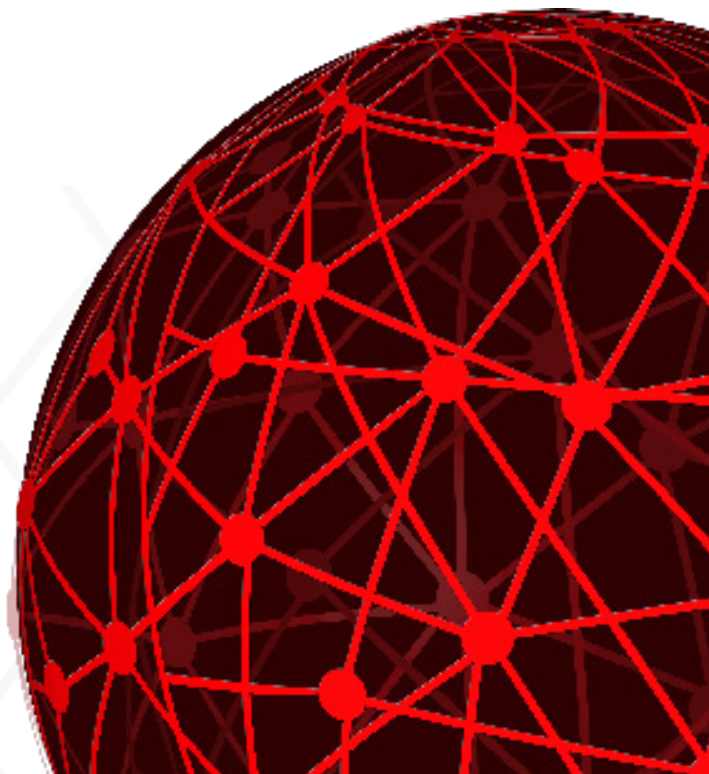
for student leaders

ALL NEW SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS FOR THIS YEAR:

- The People Counting On Student Leaders
- Being a Leader Who Is a Role Model
- Maximising Involvement In School Events
- Maximising School Pride
- How to Function Well as a Leadership Team
- How to Support People Who Need it Most
- Top Tips for Fundraising
- Q&A with GRIP Leadership Team

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

- Understanding the **4 GROUPS** of people who are **COUNTING ON** student leaders, and what each group is expecting from you.
- How to make sure your **ACTIVITIES** are genuinely **WORTHWHILE** and your leadership is built on **RELATIONSHIPS**, not just projects.
- How student leaders can become the **VOICE OF STUDENTS** while also helping teachers **ORGANISE** a school that connects with students.
- How to create a **LEGACY** that lasts beyond your leadership year by strengthening the **SCHOOL CULTURE** that future students will inherit.
- The difference between developing your **LEADERSHIP SKILLS** and your **CHARACTER**, and why your school needs **BOTH**.
- The **3 MAIN THINGS** that every student leader should **ROLE MODEL**, not just talk about.
- How **HIGH STANDARDS** inspire other students, even when you aren't the most talented person in the room.
- Practical ways to maintain a **POSITIVE ATTITUDE** through the common challenges every student leader faces.
- The **3 STRATEGIES** that lead to maximum **PARTICIPATION** at school **EVENTS**.
- How to create genuine **BUY IN** so students **WANT** to be involved, rather than feeling forced to be involved.
- Why **RELATIONSHIPS** create participation more effectively than promotion, and how to build a stronger sense of **BELONGING**.
- Strategies for increasing **SCHOOL PRIDE** by celebrating what makes your school **UNIQUE**.
- Unpacking the **3 REALITIES OF ROLES** so your leadership team feels like a **TEAM** rather than a competition.
- Common **COMMUNICATION** mistakes that leadership teams make, and practical ways to avoid them.
- 3 practical ways student leaders can **SUPPORT PEERS** who need it most through the strategies that **RELATE, ADVOCATE** and **NAVIGATE**.
- We will explore the top tips for **FUNDRAISING** that make it more purposeful, enjoyable, and effective.
- 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: COUNTING ON YOU

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 People Counting on Student Leaders

This session reveals the groups of people who rely on student leaders every day. Through practical discussions, leaders will unpack how their actions, habits, and decisions impact each of these key groups. A clear four-part structure will guide leaders in creating a plan for the year ahead. Lots of perspectives will be shared through video examples and conversations with other schools.

10:45am **Break 1**

Morning Tea Optional Session: Top Tips for Fundraising

It's common for student leaders to be involved in fundraising projects, so this is something that should be enjoyable and not scary. This short session gives practical tips based on success stories from other schools. (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**

Being a Leader Who is a Role Model

Schools expect their leaders to be a role model, but it's not always clear what that actually looks like in practice. This session explores how student leaders can intentionally model the things that have the biggest impact on others. We will focus on three key traits to model: high standards, demonstrating values, and the right attitude.

ELECTIVES #1 (choose 1)

Option 1: Maximising Involvement in School Events

When leaders spend time organising events, it's always hoped that students will get involved. We've identified three strategies that lead to maximum involvement, and during this workshop we will explore how these can be applied to all kinds of events.

Option 2: Maximising School Pride

No school is perfect, but student leaders play a key role in shaping how their peers feel about the school. In this workshop we will explore strategies and ideas that are enjoyable for leaders to implement, and also result in greater enjoyment throughout the whole school.

12:30pm **Break 2**

1:00pm **SESSION 3**

ELECTIVES #2 (choose 1)

Option 3: How to Function Well as a Leadership Team

Leading can be challenging if you're on your own, or in a team environment that feels frustrating. Through activities, discussion and practical examples, this workshop explores some of the essential tools for functioning well as a team.

Option 4: How to Support People Who Need it Most

There are lots of reasons why somebody may need support, and student leaders are often in a unique position to help. This workshop looks at how to provide support in ways that are manageable for student leaders, and beneficial for those who need it most.

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).

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DATES AND LOCATIONS:

Location	Date	Venue
Auckland	11th March 2027	City Impact Church, Great South Road Campus
Rotorua	11th March 2027	Novotel Rotorua Lakeside
Gore	16th March 2027	Gore Town and Country Club
New Plymouth	17th March 2027	Stadium Taranaki
Christchurch	18th March 2027	Celebration Events Centre
Wellington	18th March 2027	Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa

THE INVESTMENT IN YOUR LEADERS:

\$52 (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:

Engaging and fun...

"Sessions were engaging, helpful and fun. Our ākonga have gained some tools to immobilise action in their specific leadership areas of our kura"

Emily Davidson, Te Paepae o Aotea (March 2026)

Connect with leaders from other school...

"Insightful and engaging - all of our ākonga enjoyed the day. Great opportunity to talk to students from other schools and see what they are doing and connect with leaders from schools that are close by that we often don't meet with."

Paula Christensen, Oxford Area School (March 2026)

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