



SPRINGBOARD TRUST

STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP FOR RURAL TEACHING PRINCIPALS

A one-of-a-kind course for NZ's rural principals

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Rural teaching principals face challenges that their metropolitan counterparts often do not, taking on the role of teacher and community support – especially in smaller close-knit areas.

With some 20% of the country's principals in this situation, Springboard Trust is thrilled to offer Strategic Leadership for Rural Teaching Principals (SLRTP) - the first leadership development course of its kind in New Zealand.

Programme Overview

SLRTP is a fully-funded 10-month leadership development course tailored to the needs of rural teaching principals. Principals are partnered with Impact Coaches, volunteers with senior leadership experience in their field who will support them through the programme. The course is delivered through our new blended model of learning, and contains:

- Residential block courses,
- Online cohort meetings,
- Interactive webinars,
- Debriefing sessions with Programme Managers,
- One-on-one coaching,
- Self-paced learning and resources,
- Cohort engagement through our Canvas Learning Management System.

“It's the best PLD I've ever done”
- SLRTP Principal, 2020

Through these, SLRTP combines elements of our flagship Strategic Leadership for Principals Programme with the 360-degree coaching utilised in our Alumni Services. This creates a cohesive leadership development that helps rural teaching principals improve conditions for themselves, their teams, their schools and students, and the wider community.

Programme Requirements

Beginning in Term 1 of each year, SLRTP will run until Term 4 of the same year. Principals and volunteers will be required to give approximately 80 and 40 hours respectively across this time, split between our in-person and online course work. Due to the rural-specific nature of this programme, Springboard Trust prefers to work with principals who:

- Work in schools with fewer than 100 students
- Have a dual teaching and principal role
- Live in communities a significant distance from the nearest metropolitan area

Please note that for some in-person block courses, travel may be required.



If you would like to apply for SLRTP next year, please fill out an application form and return it to admin@springboardtrust.org.nz no later than August 31, 2020.

If you are a volunteer with senior leadership experience interested in becoming an Impact Coach for SLRTP, please contact our Volunteer Manager Rebecca Brown for more information.

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