

FOREWORD

Waikato Journal of Education

I am delighted to offer my congratulations and best wishes for success to those who have produced this first issue of the *Waikato Journal of Education*. The Journal represents a further phase in the growth and maturity of the School of Education. It is another indication that the School will play an increasingly significant role in the study of education in New Zealand, and internationally.

The *Journal* looks likely to become an established academic publication in New Zealand, with a broad focus upon the wide field of education. This first volume represents an ambitious diversity of topics, from teacher education to counselling, from curriculum theory to Māori education policy. Through articles such as these, the *Journal* will promote a valuable exploration of educational issues.

The *Journal* will make a valuable contribution to the education professions by providing an opportunity to report on research activity, critiques and commentaries on issues, and the application of academic study to applied professional settings. It is pleasing to see a publication which so well reflects the diversity in the School of Education staff and which allows students in the School to benefit from the research and scholarship of their teachers.

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