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Rural and Teaching Principals' Conference
Tāmaki Makaurau / 27–29 May 2026

Holiday Inn, Auckland Airport | 2 Ascot Road, Māngere

Pre Conference

Tuesday 26 May 2026

4.30– 6.30pm

Conference Registration

Ground Floor Foyer

4.30– 6.30pm

Mix & Mingle | Hosted by the Conference Committee

Rumpus Bar, Ground Floor

Day One

Wednesday 27 May 2026

7.30– 8.30am

Conference Registration

Ground Floor Foyer

9.00am

Pōwhiri

Jean Batten Ballroom

9.30am

Kapu tī

Jean Batten Ballroom Foyer

10.00am

Haukāinga Presentation

Jean Batten Ballroom

11.00am

Conference Opening

Jean Batten Ballroom

11.30am

Tāmaki Makaurau Haerenga (see options)

4.30pm

Return from Haerenga

Arrive back at Holiday Inn Auckland Airport

5.00pm

Sponsors Drinks and Nibbles

Ground floor Foyer

6.00pm

Sponsors Presentations

Jean Batten Ballroom

6.30pm

Keynote | Te Radar

Jean Batten Ballroom

7.30pm

Day one conference close

Day Two

Thursday 28 May 2026

8.30am	Day two welcome <i>Jean Batten Ballroom</i>
9.00am	Keynote Speaker <i>Jean Batten Ballroom</i>
9.30am	Workshop One (see options) <i>Jean Batten Ballroom & breakout spaces</i>
10.30am	Kapu Ti <i>Jean Batten Ballroom Foyer</i>
11.00am	Workshop Two (see options) <i>Jean Batten Ballroom & breakout spaces</i>
12.00pm	Wā Tina Lunch <i>Jean Batten Ballroom Foyer</i>
12.45pm	MC Announcements <i>Ground floor Foyer</i>
1.00pm	Keynote: Tabatha Leonard <i>High Performance Leadership</i> <i>Jean Batten Ballroom</i>
2.00pm	Rural and Teaching Principals Group Photo <i>Jean Batten Ballroom</i>
2.15pm	Workshop Three (see options) <i>Jean Batten Ballroom & breakout spaces</i>
3.15pm	Kapu Ti <i>Jean Batten Ballroom Foyer</i>
3.45pm	Workshop Four (see options) <i>Jean Batten Ballroom & breakout spaces</i>
4.45pm	Day two conference close
	CONFERENCE DINNER <i>Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron</i>
5.45pm	Buses depart Holiday Inn <i>Meet outside Holiday Inn Reception</i>
From 6.30pm	Arrival at Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron Join us for a night of good food, good company, great music and hopefully even better dance moves!
10.00pm	Conference dinner close
10.10pm	Buses depart back to Holiday Inn

Day Three

Friday 29 May 2026

	U Grade Sessions <i>U1 meet in Jean Batten Ballroom U2 meet in Amelia Earhart Ballroom U3+ meet in Richard Pearse Breakout Room</i>
9.00am	
9.30am	Keynote Speaker <i>Jean Batten Ballroom Foyer</i>
10.00am	NZEI Te Riu Roa Stephanie Mills <i>Jean Batten Ballroom</i>
10.30am	Sponsors' Draw <i>Jean Batten Ballroom</i>
10.45am	Kapu tī <i>Jean Batten Ballroom Foyer</i>
11.30am	Keynote Jake Bailey – Overcoming Adversity <i>Jean Batten Ballroom</i>
12.30pm	Rural Teaching Principals' Conference 2027 <i>Jean Batten Ballroom</i>
12.40pm	Poroporoaki <i>Jean Batten Ballroom</i>
1.00pm	Conference Ends

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