

Heath McNeil

Heath grew up in Pakuranga and attended Riverina School, Pakuranga Intermediate and Edgewater College. A Bachelor of Arts in Education and Geography at the University of Auckland followed school. Heath then achieved a Diploma of Teaching from the Auckland College of Education.

His first teaching position was as a foundation staff member at Point View School. This was followed by over seven years at Saint Kentigern College, teaching in the Intermediate Department. He held a number of curriculum and management positions across the school including Deputy and Acting Head of Boarding. Heath was one of the pioneer educators to teach in a 1 to 1 computer laptop programme from 2000 to 2004. He also completed a Bachelor of Education (Teaching) at this time.

A promotion to Deputy Principal led to Rowandale Primary School for four years before winning his first Principal position. During his tenure as principal of Ramarama School, Heath guided the school through a re-visioning process along with re-development of e-learning and the wider curriculum. The introduction of a building programme to support flexible learning was also undertaken during the five years.

He has also presented at conferences on curriculum development, e-learning and inquiry learning. Heath is currently the secretary of the Auckland Primary Principals Association and is a member of the Executive.

Heath's passion outside of education is football which he played to a National League level and represented the New Zealand Universities team. He has coached at an International level at U15 and U19 age groups for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Association.

Heath lives in Dannemora with his wife Sally, who is an Early Childhood teacher. They have three children; Ronan (14), Ciara (12) and Eilish (9).