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## Waihi School

### Preparatory School for Boys

Dear Candidate

#### **Re: Waihi School – Housemaster Position**

Thank you for your interest in the advertised position at Waihi School. I hope that having considered the enclosed information you may feel that this might just be the right opportunity for you.

If you want to teach a small, motivated class of boys in a school committed to creating an exciting and unique learning environment, then this might be for you! We are looking for someone who realises the time and commitment a school such as Waihi requires. A sense of humour and ability to cope in our busy school are prerequisites to the position.

The current school roll is growing with class sizes averaging 15/16 boys. Boarding is the heart of Waihi and 60-70% of our boys board, with demand for places in Pyne House high. This is a very special opportunity for a teacher to come and enjoy taking on a teaching role at Waihi alongside the Housemaster position.

Teaching, learning or living at Waihi School is a very different experience to that found in most schools. It is not for everyone, and certainly I would not judge any who felt they would prefer a more traditional school environment. For those who embrace the ethos of a boys only, boarding school, working here can have an equally transforming effect on a teacher as with our boys.

Waihi is an Independent School, this gives us as much freedom as it does responsibility. Yes, Waihi does place expectations and demands on its staff, but this expectation is mirrored for the boys and their parents. This is what makes this school work so well. We truly are a family and one that has been a part of the educational landscape of the South Island for over one hundred years.

The school *punches above its weight* in so many ways, most often because of the staff. They encourage each boy to aspire, to dream and to take risks. Individuals are nurtured and valued for their own particular talents.

I encourage you to visit our school website [www.waihi.school.nz](http://www.waihi.school.nz), or our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/WaihiSchool](https://www.facebook.com/WaihiSchool), to discover a little more about our school, this will give you a feel of who we are.

If you are interested in making an application please send the following to [executive@waihi.school.nz](mailto:executive@waihi.school.nz):

- Your Curriculum Vitae – including the names of two referees
- A letter of application
- The completed and signed declaration

Alternatively you may choose to send your application by mail. Please address to The Headmaster, Waihi School, 611 Temuka-Orari Highway, RD 26, Temuka 7986, South Canterbury.

We are looking for a candidate who has the range of skills, experience and passion to really make a difference for each boy here and be the *best fit* with our current team at Waihi.

I urge you to consider the wider experience Waihi has to offer you and outline what you can bring to Waihi.

I thank you for your interest in our wonderful school and I look forward to hearing from you.

If you have any further questions about the position please feel free to contact the school, or email me directly at [headmaster@waihi.school.nz](mailto:headmaster@waihi.school.nz).

Kind regards.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan Short', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Alan Short  
Headmaster