



Our Boys Class –2021

Forest View High School

**See more,
Do more,
Be more!**

YEAR STARTED ON DAY 1 OF TERM 1

With some disengaged boys

WHAT WAS THE SOLUTION

We struggled along for two terms while I dreamt up a solution

TERM 3

Boys class started -fingers crossed it would work

END OF YEAR 1

Success breeds Success

Always look for the good!

Many of the boys were disengaged from a system where they struggled to make connections. This year has been about reconnecting the disconnected





Why?

- **Boys tend to be over-represented in the lowest achieving group.
This is especially true for Māori and Pasifika boys.**
- **We want all of our students to be successful and go out to
function well in our Community – previously there was roaming,
disrespectful behaviour and a lack of connection from many boys**

What difference has this class made?



- Most boys don't move around the school – there is one space they belong in.**
- A small group of staff who surround the students.**
- Pastoral issues dealt with as soon as possible**
- Boys are fed – noodles!**

Boys Achieving



- NCEA
- Forklift Licence
- Driving Licence
- Work Ready
- Trades courses
- First Aid course
- Health and Safety course
- Tracking achievement

**Why not a Girls
class?**

**Why should these
boys have this?**

**Why should
naughty kids get
these treats?**



EQUALITY vs. EQUITY



Equality = Sameness

GIVING EVERYONE THE SAME
THING → It only works if
everyone starts from the same
place



Equity = Fairness

ACCESS TO THE SAME
OPPORTUNITIES → We
must first ensure equity before we
can enjoy equality



As the Principal why am I involved with this class?

I don't have time to be involved really

But this has literally been the brightest part of my day most days!

I want to be part of the intervention not the punishment

A bit about me

I was born to teenage parents – my Mum was 17 when I was born and my brother followed 18 months later

Raised in South Auckland until I was 14 – living in Otahuhu, Manurewa and spending time in Otara at my Dad's house.

Raised on the DPB with a solo mother, who had no car and we would have been classed as poor. We lived in state housing

Proudly Pakeha, Tongan and Cook Island Maori

I was a broken young lady because my parents were broken people – I went through my 20's experiencing some difficult times because of this.

I was the Eldest grandchild on both sides of my family and fortunate I had some great support from my family.

Married to Steve on the 16th of December for 21 years we have two children – Boston and Ella



**We need to work together to
raise**

GOOD MEN

My goal is to make our communities stronger and I believe they are stronger when Males are Connected, Educated and we have had a chance to work on the issues some face before they leave school. Education provides choices and options for the future.

**To Danielle, Murray and Mirissa for
working in the boys class**

**To our Senior Leadership team for
supporting me working alongside
these young men – this kept me at
Forest this year**

**To our families for trusting us with the
education of your young men**

**To the boys for getting involved even
when you thought the idea was crazy,
wanting to achieve and learning to be
better each day.**

Thank you