

## Elizabeth Eley

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Elizabeth (Liz) is the Associate Director of Poutama Pounamu: Equity, Excellence and Belonging, University of Waikato. Since her training as a primary teacher, she has had extensive experience across the education sector – in primary and secondary schools and in national roles. She is driven by a passion for a more socially just and equitable Aotearoa – where all students can enjoy and achieve educational success.

Elizabeth has:

- a deep knowledge of the New Zealand education system and effective schooling;
- wide experience working with the school sector, including working both as a classroom teacher and in senior leadership;
- worked on large national programmes including ten years with the National Education Monitoring Project and the past two years with Kia Eke Panuku: Building on Success;
- been employed by the Education Review Office as a Review Officer and in management roles;
- worked in the Ministry of Education, most recently as the Manager: Senior Secondary – leading the team responsible for Years 11 – 13 curriculum.

Liz can assist Communities of Learning to:

- understand and respond to the social and political contexts for reform across schools
- implement culturally responsive and relational practice at multiple levels (including classroom teaching, leadership, and community links) that will benefit Māori and all learners
- effectively and efficiently synthesise large data and information sets to underpin strategic decision-making
- collaboratively develop and implement responses that will accelerate student achievement and realise community aspirations
- engage and connect with research, theory and current practice on effective learning and culturally responsive and relational pedagogy.

Liz is part of the University of Waikato team who work collectively to promote equity, excellence and belonging for **all** students.

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