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**Central Regional
Health School**



To Whom it may Concern

It is a pleasure to provide a reference for Kathryn Berkett.

In my role as Principal of Central Regional Health School I have worked with Kathryn for more than 10 years. First when she was at the Ministry of Education working in Student Support, later while she was working for Brainwaves Trust and most recently in her consulting business - www.kbkonsulting.co.nz

CRHS is a Special School providing students, unable to attend school due to illness or who are in a Youth Justice or Care and Protection residence in the Lower North Island, with education programmes in a multi-agency environment. CRHS employs about 50 teachers over 14 locations.

Kathryn is one of those very special people who can take academic knowledge and scientific information and contextualise it into practical and applicable information to change teacher behaviour to support student learning. This has been particularly helpful for the CRHS staff working with students with trauma-informed behaviour. For teachers to understand how students' previous trauma shapes the way they behave and learn is vital to develop and implement programmes, and also influence the way teachers respond to the students.

Kathryn has also provided clinical supervision for the teachers at Epuni Care and Protection Residence.

Kathryn's knowledge, skill, energy and passion for her subject are undeniably infectious. She can hold the attention of a disparate group of people - be they teachers or students - for hours with her rapid fire perfectly crafted presentations.

I have no hesitation in recommending Kathryn.

Ken McIntosh
Principal