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BIO

Angus is an experienced educator and practitioner and has been an advisor for Special Education Services and for the Ministry of Education. Hikairo has published prolifically in his field, the most recent being his book *Kia hiwa ra! Listen to culture – Maori students' plea to educators*. In 2003 he was awarded the inaugural Senior Research Fellowship by the New Zealand Council for Educational Research in Wellington, where he took up residence for a sabbatical. In 2004 he was a recipient of Te Tohu Kairangi, presented at the National Maori Academic Excellence Awards. Dr Macfarlane is a senior lecturer at the University of Waikato where he coordinates cultural psychology papers in the Master of Special Education programme.

ABSTRACT

Leadership in Educultural Communities

This presentation sets out to help school leaders to become educultural; helping them to understand themselves, their culture, and the culture of others - as a pathway to more successful learning and teaching. This means insisting on proportionalising the focus for accountability for student achievement while at the same time creating a strong foundation for Māori students' (and indeed all students') learning. What kind of organisation is ours? What hinders the development of intercultural relationships? What supports are already in place that can be built upon? Considerations around these and other issues will be raised.