MEET PETER EVANS
the new Head of our Kahunui Campus

Father of two and outdoor education specialist Peter Evans is our new Head of Kahunui Campus. Peter has been Deputy Director of St Cuthbert’s remote campus near Opotiki, so he is already a familiar face to our students. He is excited about building on the ethos of Kahunui which fosters students’ sense of wonder and love for nature and the environment, and strengthens their team spirit and resilience.

“Becoming the Head of Campus is a very exciting prospect for me,” he said. “The opportunity to lead a team and build on the excellent foundations of Kahunui, to continue to deliver an award-winning programme, is something I feel humbled by.”

Peter comes from St Helens, North West England, and has a BSc in Sports Science majoring in Physiology. He became a teacher after gaining a Postgraduate Certificate in Education in Secondary Science from Edge Hill University in Lancashire. Peter is currently studying for a Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Leadership from Waikato University and hopes to obtain a Masters degree.

Peter was a professional rugby union player in England and Italy, has a love of the outdoors, an adventurous spirit and a can-do attitude. He spent eight summers working at Camp Chippewa for Boys in Minnesota which included taking students on three-week expeditions through the Canadian wilderness.

In 2007, Peter and his wife Nicola took a year off to travel around the world, teaching in Australia and falling in love with New Zealand. They decided to set up home in Aotearoa and moved here in 2008. Peter worked at Tihoi Venture School at St Paul’s Collegiate in Hamilton in 2011 where he gained the NZOIA Bush 2 qualification.

The Evans first visited Kahunui in 2009 and have a special bond with the place because they were married on the beach at the mouth of the Waiotahi River in 2010. In 2014, Peter and Nicola returned to work at Kahunui with their son, George, four. Their second boy Sonny was born in October 2015. Nicola now manages the catering and administration at Kahunui.

The future for Kahunui and St Cuthbert’s College

• We have a strong tradition of innovation and continue to be at the forefront of transformational education.

• Technology is enhancing the way we learn and work, and we are continually preparing our students to embrace and manage their changing world.

• Kahunui is a huge asset to St Cuthbert’s College and plays a key role in our girls holistic development through inquiry learning and exploration. We are strengthening its core ethos and developing new facilities.