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Bio Notes

Stuart Middleton has a background in English teaching and teacher education. He has worked as a consultant in a variety of countries throughout the Pacific, the US and Great Britain. He has worked for most of his career in the multicultural southern region of Auckland NZ and has been a Principal of a large multicultural secondary school. He wrote regular columns for *New Zealand Education Review* in New Zealand and *Campus Review* in Australia. He speaks and writes on a wide range of educational topics. He continues to write a regular blog at www.stuartmiddleton@manukau.ac.nz or www.edtalknz.com.

His awards have included QANTAS Media Awards in 2002 and 2003 as the Best Social Issues Columnist in New Zealand, a Commonwealth Relations Trust Fellowship to the University of London Institute of Education and in 2007 – 2008 he was awarded a Fulbright New Century Scholars Award. It was out of that work that he developed and implemented New Zealand's first Tertiary High School opened in 2010 at Manukau Institute of Technology. This was a radical programme that took students failing in secondary schools and brought them into a tertiary environment where they simultaneously studied school qualifications and VET qualifications. This development opened up a series of developments in New Zealand that widened access for students in senior secondary school to VET opportunities.

In 2010 he was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for his services to education. He established the Centre for Studies in Multiple Pathways at MIT in 2010 to continue the work in the secondary /tertiary interface area. He has wide community involvement and serves on national groups in education. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Te Aho o te Kura Pounamu (The New Zealand Correspondence School) and is a NZ Justice of the Peace (JP).