

**Letter to the Editor of Hawke's Bay Today**

From: Kate Holden

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Dear Sir,

I read with interest your article in Saturday's Paper regarding 'Bullying in Schools'. Last week, I spent two days on camp with a class of Hastings Intermediate Pupils . During this time I witnessed the School's virtues programme first hand **and its focus on courage, commitment, courtesy and cooperation. Like** many classes, **they** were a diverse group of students. I witnessed **their** courage **and** commitment to the set activities, **several of which**, took them out of their comfort zone. **Their** co-operation was most evident, especially in group work. What delighted me the most, was the care, courtesy **and** respect that was shown to me at camp. This courtesy carried through as we left Onekawa Pools where I witnessed each student, unprompted, thanking the desk staff.

The Principal **and** Staff of Hastings Intermediate are to be congratulated in endorsing these values in our students. **The pride and enthusiasm** in this school is most evident.

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