

# DARREN JOHN TAUROA

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## PROFILE

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Diligent, caring and creative teacher who strives to help students understand and enjoy English while creating an environment that facilitates the students' intellectual and social growth. Exceptional communicator with students, staff and parents, with a caring and diplomatic emphasis. Encourages the exploration and experimentation of English and motivates students so that English learning and usage becomes a valuable part of their social, emotional and educational development.

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## EDUCATION

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| <b>University of Waikato / Wanganui School of Design</b>      | New Zealand   |
| • Bachelor of Computer Graphic Design (Honors – Thesis based) | July 2009     |
| • Bachelor of Computer Graphic Design                         | November 2001 |
| <b>Wanganui Polytechnic</b>                                   | New Zealand   |
| • Diploma of the National Foundation of the Visual Arts,      | November 1998 |

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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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<b>E~Friends Language Academy</b> <i>English teacher</i>	Yong-Hyeon Dong, Incheon, South Korea 2006–2008
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<b>CNN International English Academy</b> <i>English teacher</i>	Mansoo Dong, Incheon, South Korea 2005–2006
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<b>Special Language Institute</b> <i>English teacher</i>	Kwangyo Dong, Incheon, South Korea 2003–2004
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<b>Jung Chul English Junior Academy</b> <i>English teacher</i>	Yeonsu Dong, Incheon, South Korea 2002–2003
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Taught conversational English to Korean students of kindergarten to elementary level and middle to high school, as well as adults. Duties included weekly/ monthly preparation of class schedules and homework implementation, attendance of weekly meetings/ workshop training sessions and organizing/ participation in activities and day events related to the institute/ academy.

<b>Agenda Marketing</b> <i>Graphic designer</i>	Wellington, New Zealand 2001–2002
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Designed logo's/ branding and publication/ print media for internal and external clients and various events.

<b>Astra Digital Print Solutions</b> <i>Copy center operator/ supervisor</i>	Wellington, New Zealand 1997–1998
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Operated and supervised the in-house reprographics service for the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries and assisted at Astra DPI copy center.

**National Mutual Funds Management***Office assistant*

Wellington, New Zealand

1996–1997

Assisted brokers and lenders where needed, managed the office file system and answered phone enquiries.

**The Department of Internal Affairs***Information services clerk*

Wellington, New Zealand

1990–1996

Dealt with all enquiries from staff, CEO and government ministers. Maintained the file system and admin section.

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**PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES**

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I am:

- able to motivate others to achieve goals through my enthusiasm
- committed to achieving targets within given guidelines to ensure clients are satisfied
- able to think laterally and develop creative alternatives and procedures
- capable of managing stress to ensure that my work is of the highest standard
- confident in meeting and relating to a wide range of individuals and groups
- committed to constantly learning new skills to broaden my range of expertise

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**HIGHLIGHTS OF EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS**

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I relate well to people of all walks of life, enjoy meeting new people and experiencing new cultures. My enthusiasm and energy is useful in motivating and helping people to achieve what for them looks impossible.

**Effective Communication & Interpersonal skills**

Excellent oral and written skills developed as information officer at the Dept of Internal Affairs and as admin officer for National Mutual Funds Management.

Extensive networking skills developed as a result of my contact with a variety of clients, associates and various ethnic networks throughout my working career.

**Innovation & Drive**

Demonstrated innovative approaches by marketing various solo and team projects and developing extensive networks in securing prospective clients, exceeding expectations to provide a high quality, client focused service.

**Organizational skills**

Excellent organizational skills gained during my time of employment where I was involved with a number of ethnic networks (Asian, Māori and Pacific peoples).

**Time Management skills**

Implemented good time management skills in order to meet tight client deadlines in the workplace and at university.

**Creative and Visual Design skills**

Developed strong innovative and creative visual art and design skills through involvement in numerous projects during employment and study.

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## PERSONAL INTERESTS

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An easygoing, sociable person who enjoys listening to music, playing guitar, watching movies, dabbling in art and design, geeky computer stuff and a wide range of sports and outdoor activities (Taekwon-do, Jiu-jitsu, boxing, rugby, league, netball, hiking, surfing, snowboarding and water sports to name a few).

A non-smoker who likes to keep healthy and fit.

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## VERBAL REFEREES

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Available on request.

