



Expect The Best

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Testimonial for Poornima Ranchhod – Play Therapist, Playsense

To Whom it May Concern:

I am pleased to provide this testimonial for Poornima Ranchhod.

Poornima joined our team at Corinna School in 2020 after we successfully received funding to support student hauora following the significant impacts of COVID-19, and the associated lockdowns. Our aim was to provide targeted support for identified students to enhance their wellbeing, rebuild a sense of belonging and security, strengthen engagement with whānau, and improve attendance and readiness to learn.

Through Play Therapy, Poornima has created a safe and supportive space for students to explore their thoughts and feelings. The children who have been referred to her had all experienced challenging life circumstances, including trauma, and many struggled with self-regulation. Her regular sessions enabled them to express themselves freely and to begin a journey of healing and self-understanding.

Poornima quickly built trusting relationships with both students and their whānau. She not only provided therapeutic support but also connected families with additional services such as Te Whare Marie and parenting programmes. Staff at Corinna School also benefited from her presence, often commenting on the valuable informal professional learning they gained through their interactions with her.

Student feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. A 10-year-old Samoan boy shared, “Poornima helps me to learn to share and get along with my friends.” A 7-year-old Tokelauan student described Play Therapy as, “I like playing. It helps me learn. I play first and then I write.”

Poornima has become a trusted and respected member of the Corinna School community. She is a highly effective professional, and compassionate Play Therapist, and I recommend her without hesitation.

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