

Mr Bali Haque (2003 - 2006)

Bali Haque was three years old when his family left Pakistan as political exiles

Bali received his education in the UK, attending Holloway Comprehensive School in London and Hull University where he gained an honours degree in Economics. He then went on to attend Garnett College of Education in London, to complete his teacher training. In 1995 he gained a Masters in Educational Administration through Massey University.

Bali's first full time employer was Oxfam, the major overseas aid agency in the UK. As a Youth organiser he was responsible for both fund raising and education.

A 14 year career as a principal has taken Bali from Napier's Tamatea High School to Rosehill College in Papakura then onto Pakuranga College in 2003. He has had long involvement with the Ministry of Education and NZQA, and has a very strong understanding of the secondary education system and has held a leadership role in the Secondary Principals' Association of New Zealand.

Bali said he loved being a principal in a school, he's loved all the chaos, complexity and fun of it. In 2006 he took his next step, Bali took up the position in Wellington as Deputy Chief Executive at the New Zealand Qualifications Authority.

Married to Cara, also a career teacher, since 1973, they have two children – Daniel and Toby.