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Team-Up is a Ministry of Education initiative that aims to provide more and better information to parents, caregivers and families so they can support and encourage their children's learning. The programme is being promoted by Tana Umaga who has fronted the Team-Up television commercials.

As part of the programme you will soon receive a resource pack containing copies of the Team-Up secondary school booklet, along with stocks of flyers with tear-off freepost order forms for parents, and a DVD featuring a comprehensive set of tools, including a PowerPoint presentation for staff briefing. Along with an interview with Tana about the challenges of being a parent, some of the topics for parents in the 56-page booklet include NCEA, hanging in there through the teenage years, choosing subjects for their future, what employers look for, bullying and homework.

The secondary booklet follows on from the highly successful primary booklet for parents launched by Team-Up in late 2006. More than 35,000 parents have ordered their own copy of that booklet and an additional 70,000 have been sent out to schools and other stakeholders.

I met recently with Adrian Parkyn who is the project manager for Team-Up with the Ministry of Education and I was given a sneak preview of the secondary booklet. I am sure you will find it to be a useful resource and one that you would want parents to access and refer to.

Due to the size of the pack that you will receive, I have agreed with the Ministry that it should be sent out separately from their new regular mail-outs to all schools.

Peter Gall
President