

## **Media release: NZCER appoints new director**

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A new chief executive is to lead the country's national educational research organisation.

The Board of the New Zealand Council for Educational Research (NZCER) has today announced the appointment of Graeme Cosslett to the role of director and chief executive.



"Graeme is a deeply committed educator with the skills, experience and drive needed to lead NZCER into an exciting new phase," board chair Peter Coolbear says.

"Graeme has an impressive list of achievements in his current role, including leading a highly successful three year project to make all NZCER tests available to schools online."

Graeme, 45, (pictured) is NZCER's current General Manager, Products and Services, responsible for the development, management and marketing of a wide range of evidence-based educational assessments, surveys, resources and services such as the widely used PAT tests.

"I am excited about leading NZCER as we strive to influence an education system that values learning with evidence," Graeme says. "NZCER is a fantastic place to work, with a strong culture of collaboration, innovation and lifelong learning."

He has worked on many research and evaluation projects and has a real understanding of the needs and challenges of research now and into the future. He has also worked closely with NZCER's Māori research unit, Te Wāhanga, and is determined to see NZCER continue to make a strong contribution to Māori education.

Graeme worked as a primary and intermediate teacher for 10 years, with a particular interest in technology, and he continues to serve as the chair of a school board of trustees.

He joined NZCER as a product developer and to support school assessment practice in 2008 and was appointed to one of three new general manager positions in 2011. His appointment follows an extensive national and international search and selection process after long standing director Robyn Baker stood down late last year.

He will take up the position in June.

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