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To Whom It May Concern,

I have had the pleasure of working with Lila Price for the last 15 years in the Art Department at Christchurch Boys High school. I value her dearly both as a colleague and a friend.

At CBHS, she is a highly regarded and well-liked member of staff. She is a person who can quickly make genuine connections with a wide range of people. They immediately sense her insight, genuine interest, empathy and wisdom and enjoy her sense of humour. Lila is a trustworthy confidante and many have benefitted from her ability to actively listen in a non-judgemental way.

She is not afraid of challenges and has a deep inner strength and resilience to deal with difficulty and setbacks.

She is confident and is willing and able to step into a leadership role. She is also a great supporter and 'cheerleader' ready to offer time and assistance when required.

Lila is an enthusiastic, energetic and innovative teacher who consistently inspires a high level of engagement and achievement from her students. Lila is the TIC of Photography and Design, which are both popular courses in the school and have become so largely due to her efforts. Over the years she has worked tirelessly to dramatically improve student access to quality equipment, resources, programmes and teaching and learning spaces.

Her commitment to giving the highest quality of teaching to her students and to gaining the official recognition she deserved, lead her to the decision to complete a Bachelor of Design, majoring in Digital Photography in 2008. This she did while essentially teaching full time.

Lila is an excellent art teacher in any field: painting, printmaking, and sculpture, at any level.

Lila has in her time at CBHS been involved in wide range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities that have benefitted both the whole school and often the wider community including: being the ICTPD leader for the Visual Arts departments in three boys' schools for a Ministry of Education contract focussing on professional development in ICT; working in the school's Business Partnership Programme with her design students and a local law firm; assisting as a mentor and counsellor for 'at risk' students in the school's 'Traveller's' programme; taking on the role of treasurer for five years for the Canterbury Art Teachers' Association.





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Lila has been a member of the school's Curriculum Committee, the Social Committee and she has been responsible for designing posters, fliers, billboards, catalogues etc for school events and activities. She has also assisted boys in producing the student newspaper. Lila has run and assisted in running several major art exhibitions and art auctions

Lila is keen to participate in Professional Development opportunities and keeps up to date with current practices. She is innovative in her own teaching practice. The academic performance of her students, which is consistently amongst the best in the school, and surpasses national averages for high achieving schools across the whole of the country, attest to her informed, dedicated and thorough approaches.

Lila is, herself, a skilful practitioner in art making particularly enjoying working in the fields of painting and photography.

Adaptable, energetic, innovative, creative, well informed, experienced, successful, collaborative, independent with great interpersonal skills, Lila is an outstanding individual and is outstanding as an educator. She has proved herself time and time again. She would be a wonderful addition to any workplace.

Megan McCormack
(HOD Art)





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7th July 2016

Confidential Written reference for Lila Price

I have written comments based on my experience working with Lila over the past eight years at Christchurch Boys' High School.

Lila joined Christchurch Boys' High School in January 2001 as a teacher of Art, Photography and Design. She quickly established herself through her excellent teaching skills and good relationship with both staff and students. Lila has built up the Photography and Design courses since 2001 at Christchurch Boys' High School to a total of six classes at NCEA level taking full responsibility for the moderation, review and implementation of these courses.

In the subjects of Photography and Design Lila has made a great contribution to raising the achievement of all students within the school. Lila is an excellent teacher, she is enthusiastic, well organised and the students achieve the objectives set within her lessons. She is popular with staff and students and is fully supportive of both the department and whole school vision. I am continually amazed at the exceptional standard of NCEA results that come from Lila's classroom. The percentage of Merit and Excellence grades that come from her lessons on a regular basis continues to astound me.

Within the extra-curricular programme at the Christchurch Boys' High School Lila has made a very significant impact in the time she has been with us. She gives her time freely during lunch times, after school and at weekends for both curricular and co-curricular activities. She has used her expertise to enhance the learning of many pupils at Christchurch Boys' High School. Lila has been involved in Cricket, Squash, Te Reo Maori and has a personal interest in health and fitness.

Lila has very effective management skills. She often leads by example and is an excellent role model for both staff and students. She is professional at all times and is caring and fair when dealing with the pupils. If Lila applied for a job in a school that I was responsible for staff employment I would not hesitate in offering her a position. While at Christchurch Boys' High School Lila has been involved in the curriculum committee, social committee, pastoral care and counselling, ICT integration into the classroom and leads the way with graphic design for the school.





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Lila would be the best Photography / Design practitioner that I have ever had the pleasure of observing. She is highly organised, professional and always gets the best results out of the students and staff that she works with. She leads by example and has the full support of her team.

I would be confident in stating that all staff at this school respect Lila for her integrity, genuine desire to get the best out of the students while fostering a positive and cohesive work environment for all.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information on dunnettc@staff.cbhs.school.nz or 0274222679.

Yours Sincerely

Craig Dunnett

Senior Master (Deputy Principal)

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9 December 2015

To Whom It May Concern

I have worked with Lila Price for five years at Christchurch Boys' High School in my capacity as school guidance counsellor.

I have found her to be enthusiastic and generous. She develops good rapport with students and is an effective teacher and facilitator.

In 2013 Lila volunteered to train for two days in the Friends personal development programme. She co-facilitated a Y10 group of students who undertook this programme during their lunch hour. She was able to adapt the programme to suit the needs of the students and showed respect and sensitivity toward the students. She generously spent her free time to prepare for the sessions and involved herself in the programme with great enthusiasm.

Lila is committed to teaching and always strives to do her best for her students. She is a popular staff member and a person of integrity. I would recommend her for any teaching position that she applied for.

Carole Sandford
(Guidance Counsellor)



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20 July 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Lila Price

I have known Lila for approximately three years since I was appointed as Senior Master at Christchurch Boys' High School in 2014.

I have had many opportunities to observe Lila working with students. She is an extremely experienced and skilful classroom practitioner. She is committed to the wellbeing, positive and creative learning of her students. She works tirelessly to provide the best possible learning environment for students. I have been tremendously impressed with her hard-working, enthusiastic approach not only to her school responsibilities as a teacher in charge of Photography and Design but to the wider life of the school itself. Our students have been the lucky recipients of her skills, experience, time and energy, which she has given to them willingly.

Lila is an asset to the Art Department. She is passionate about her curriculum subject as an Art Teacher and is an excellent artist herself. Over 15 years of teaching at Christchurch Boys' High School her students have consistently achieved well above national standards, especially at Excellence Level. Under Lila's expert tutelage many of her students have also gained Scholarship.

Lila operates from a very sound value base. These values underpin all her actions and are clearly reflected in the way she meets with people and works with them. She has a strong sense of duty, and of loyalty. Her ability to relate to others, staff, students and parents is a real strength. In all her dealings with people, she is cooperative, firm and fair. She is sensitive to the needs of others and totally supportive of staff and students. At all times she sets the highest of standards for herself and by example expects her colleagues to strive for the same high standards.

Lila is a woman of great integrity. She has a bright personality and a welcoming smile. She is warm, hospitable and has a good sense of humour.

I believe Lila exhibits the qualities that are essential to this position. Attributes that are useful and transferable in any working environment. I would have no hesitation recommending Lila for your consideration and fully endorse this application.

Yours sincerely,

Jarred Williams
Senior Master





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To whom it may concern

Lila Price

Lila joined the staff at Christchurch Boys' High School in 2001 and has therefore taught at our school for 16 years. Lila has taught Art to all year groups and Design and Photography to senior students in Years 12 and 13.

I have been a staff member at the school since 1978 and have held the positions of HOD Science and Senior Master. At present I am the HOD Agriculture. In that time I have worked with a large number of teachers and Lila ranks highly as a teacher who has and is making a great contribution to this school.

She is a very hardworking teacher who always prepares well for lessons and has very good classroom management. At times Lila has had to deal with students that have lacked motivation or have other behavioural issues. She has shown her professionalism with these students and has been successful in achieving progress with these challenging students.

Lila has high expectations for her students and this is shown in the excellent results that her students regularly achieve, including students who reach the standard for Scholarship. Only a select group of students across New Zealand are awarded a Scholarship which is highly sort after.

Lila is a valued member of the Visual Arts Department and well regarded by the Head of the Department. She is also highly regarded by the rest of the staff, as she is readily available to assist others with the skills that she possesses. Lila is a great colleague who has served on the staff social committee and has played a big part in creating an environment that is welcoming and supporting for both newcomers and long term staff members.

Lila has been available to provide professional development to others in areas where she has expertise and is always looking to improve her own teaching, by taking advantage of professional development opportunities. She has a great rapport with her students and devotes a good deal of her own time to ensure her students are well prepared for examinations.

I would have no hesitation in appointing Lila to teach in a school as she is an excellent teacher and a valued colleague.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

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