

COL. TIMOTHY KEATING

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Tim Keating left Massey High School in 1979 and Tim's father John was a member of the first Board of Governors of our school.

At school Tim did well academically but he would regard his greatest achievement as being in the 1st XV for two years, including the leadership role of vice-captain. He also represented the school in athletics and played volleyball. In his testimonial, Principal Jack Adam described Tim as having a style of his own which, when channelled wisely, is a tremendous asset. Jack went on to say that Tim has a sense of integrity that will display itself in adult life. What an astute judge of character is Jack.

On leaving school, after a period of work and play, Tim joined the Army in 1982. He went to the Officer Cadet School in Waiouru and graduated Lieutenant in the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment. From this point on, his Army career took off.

He was selected for the first New Zealand Special Air Services group which we know as the SAS. He held a number of leadership roles including Air Troop Commander, Counter Terrorist Team Commander, Operations Officer and Squadron Commander. He was appointed Commanding Officer of the SAS from 1999 to 2001 and as such served in East Timor, Solomon Islands and Afghanistan, after 9/11.

In 2002 he was appointed Commandant of the Officer Cadet School and in 2007 to his current position as Commander of the 2nd Land Force Group based at Linton Military Camp, the Army's largest command in New Zealand.

Colonel Keating is a graduate of the Australian Army Command and Staff College, a graduate of the United States Army War College and holds a Masters degree in Strategic Studies.

In 2008 he was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for Services to Army Strategic Planning.