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**SHADOW:** Ross Hyland with Te Aroha College principal Jan Hoyle.

## Ross not keen to return to school

Morrinsville-based businessman Ross Hyland doesn't fancy a new career heading a secondary school.

"I have no show filling Jan's shoes," said the Seales' managing director during his one-day stint shadowing Te Aroha College principal Jan Hoyle in her daily work.

Mr Hyland took part in COMET (City of Manukau Education Trust) Principal for a Day last Wednesday, joining business and community leaders at various secondary schools around the Waikato.

With support from Wintec, the day aimed to give the visitors an insight into the principal's world and an opportunity to see where business can help schools in areas such as mentoring, sharing technologies, work experience opportunities and careers advice.

Mr Hyland, who left Gisborne Boys High in Year 12, laughed that he was "strong-armed" into joining the programme by organisers.

"It's about putting something back into the community."

He said the visit made him realise the workload principals face.

"The issues just keep coming." During the day, Mr Hyland took in a Year 12 economics class, Year 10 careers and enjoyed lunch with Mrs Hoyle courtesy of the Year 11 hospitality class.

The stockfood guru also attended a Year 11 accounting class, spoke to the yearbook committee and Year 10 business enterprise studies group.