

# Hereworth on parenting show

Former pupil teams up with psychologist for new series and puts his old school in spotlight

Award winning film-maker Rupert Mackenzie will relive his Hawke's Bay school days in a new documentary series to air on TV1 next week.

*The Politically Incorrect Parenting Show*, which starts on Wednesday, follows on from the success of his last series, *Beyond the Darklands*, a series exploring the background of some of New Zealand's most horrific criminals.

The new six-part series is expected to provide a more light-hearted direction for the film-maker and father of two, offering an entertaining insight into parenting with a focus on how being politically correct is affecting children's development.

"People have become so worried about every little thing affecting their children that kids are growing up wrapped in bubble wrap and that is not healthy," Mr Mackenzie, who now lives in Auckland, said.

"If a child doesn't work out its own limitations, how will they grow or learn?"

"We wanted to poke fun at the new age parent but also offer solutions to basic parenting problems with an old school type of parenting."

The series would be popular with new parents, existing parents and the baby boomers, he



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believed. "I think the baby boomers will like the series because we are saying that although they weren't perfect, their hands-off method wasn't so bad — it allowed kids to be kids."

Havelock North's Hereworth School will feature in the series with headmaster Ross Scrymgeour asked his views on raising boys.

As a pupil of Hereworth School in the mid-80s, Mr Mackenzie started the series with first-hand knowledge of how the school operated.

"I appreciate what Hereworth are doing and how they are pushing the kids to find out things for themselves," he said. "That just isn't common practice these days."

Psychologist Nigel Latta, who has produced a successful stage show with the same name, joined Mr Mackenzie to make the series, along with co-director Mark McNeill who narrated each episode.

"I have worked with Nigel Latta for the last three years and he has written a number of books



**BAY BOY:** Award winning film-maker Rupert Mackenzie returns to his Bay roots for the new series.

on raising kids with the same un-PC theme," Mr Mackenzie said.

"We've had a lot of fun making the series — we're certainly not taking ourselves too seriously."

They will get their message across through animation, drama, documentary, archive and live stage show.

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**LOCAL SCHOOL:** Hereworth School will be featured in episode three of *The Politically Incorrect Parenting Show*, and possibly another episode.

**BUBBLE WRAPPED:** *The Politically Incorrect Parenting Show*, which starts on Wednesday, is hosted by Nigel Latta.

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