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Sexual Cultures in Aotearoa NZ Education
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KEY POINTS
• Essential reading for educators
• A 'call to action' for inclusive teaching that supports sexual and gender diversity

Aotearoa New Zealand was recently rated by the *Lonely Planet* travel guide as the second most 'gay friendly' country in the world, with some of the most advanced human rights legislation. Research suggests, however, that New Zealand's relatively 'inclusive' social climate is not always reflected in our educational settings.

This book explores how the assumption that heterosexuality is the norm operates in education, and the discriminatory effects of this for teachers, for students, and for parents, in early childhood education, schools, tertiary and alternative settings.

How can education settings become more socially just sites of inclusion for sexual and gender diversity? Contributors from a wide range of sectors discuss their research and invite others to join them in resisting the many injustices perpetuated by the unchecked discriminatory discourses that have shaped New Zealand education historically, and which continue to do so today.

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