



WAIHI COLLEGE YEAR 7 & 8



Arts, Culture & Service



WELCOME

Welcome to Arts, Culture and Service at Waihi College

We have lots to offer you at Waihi College and many ways for you to grow, participate and shine—all in your own unique way.

Waihi College considers artistic subjects, cultural activities and services to the school and community as hugely important.

The experiences you will gain in these areas will help make not only your school life enjoyable, but your life after school too. You can take your skills, passions or craft with you wherever you may go and use them to help enrich your life, help you build relationships and create employment opportunities too—these all help you when you get out into that big wide world.



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What we Offer

We have a long list of opportunities that you might like to consider. If there is something you are interested in, and you don't see it listed here, please chat to your teacher or come and see Wendy, our Arts & Services Coordinator.

They can help make sure you are getting everything from school that is important to you, or are keen to try, so you don't miss out on a thing.

- Itinerant music lessons
- Kapa Haka
- Amazing Race
- Matariki Concert
- School bands
- School Productions
- Cultural Festivals
- Music Production — electronic and more
- Talent Quest
- Spring Concert

- Chess Club
- Being a Hall Technician or Librarian
- School quizzes
- Lunchtime activities
- Mini community concerts
- Spirit Days
- Community Groups
- Charity Events
- Painting school and town artworks such as murals and tables

These are all available to you right from Year 7 so you can get involved straight away. Whether you might want to try one, two or all of them— chat to your waka teacher or Wendy and they'll help get you started.

Wendy can be contacted at wendys@waihicol.school.nz or by calling the main office on 07 863 8349 during work hours.

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Itinerant Music Lessons & the School Bands

We have several external music teachers who come to Waihi College to teach our students who are interested in learning an instrument (this is over and above what they learn in their rotation music class). These classes are free to our students and are offered during class time. We also have a couple of school bands—rock, concert and brass that are for all aged kids.

Some of the instruments our students learn are: Guitar, Bass, Drums, Piano, Flute, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone and Clarinet. We also have two school bands—one rock and one concert band, as well as students who do their own electronic music production.



Contact Mr Randell at edwinr@waihicol.school.nz to chat about the itinerant music lessons or to join one of our bands.

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Te Ara Poutama—Kapa Haka



We have an amazing Kapa Haka group called Te Ara Poutama.

The students in our group range from Year 7 - 13 and they are led by Whaea Tuihana and Whaea Te Awhi. Some years we have a separate Junior group too. They participate in many events at the school, community and around the Hauraki and Bay of Plenty areas including the Hauraki Festival.



Te Ara Poutama is a strong, inclusive and fierce force that Waihi College, and the whole community, is extremely proud of.

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Community & Charity

Many of the students in our school, both juniors and seniors, are involved in numerous community and charity groups. These groups include: Shave for a Cure, Leo's Club, Gumbboot Day, Pink t-shirt Day, keep Waihi Beautiful, Hands up for Kids, Breakfast Club, Leo's, Pink Ribbon events, Heart Foundation, 40 Hour Famine and SADD to name a few.



Being in these groups are a wonderful way to make you feel connected to your community and make friends within the school—not just from your year group, but the older kids and staff too.

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Community & Charity

Waihi College has raised a considerable amount of money to support Leukemia through Shave for a Cure, the Heart Foundation through Valentine's Day events and Cancer with Pink Ribbon breakfasts and Daffodil Day collections. We also have weekly Breakfast Clubs held here on the school grounds.



Our students and staff also get involved in charity events and community projects such as Big Clean Ups and also help drive change within the school such as ways to improve sustainability, raise awareness about bullying, social media safety and safe driving.



We also have lots of fun opportunities to help with community Christmas wrapping and sausage sizzle fundraisers.

Our Senior Leaders work together with our Sports Coordinator and Arts & Services Coordinator, to get our students involved in many events as possible.

Chat to them to find out more and how you can get involved too.



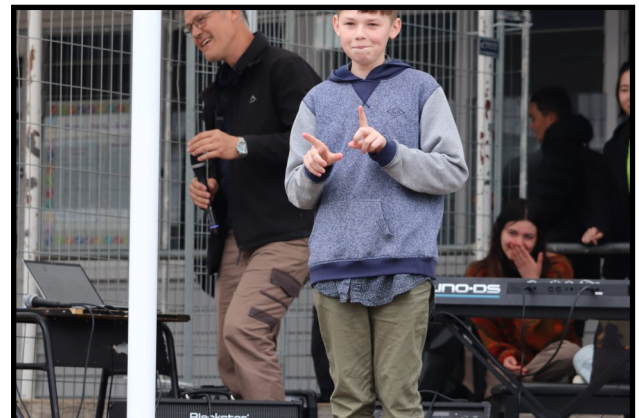
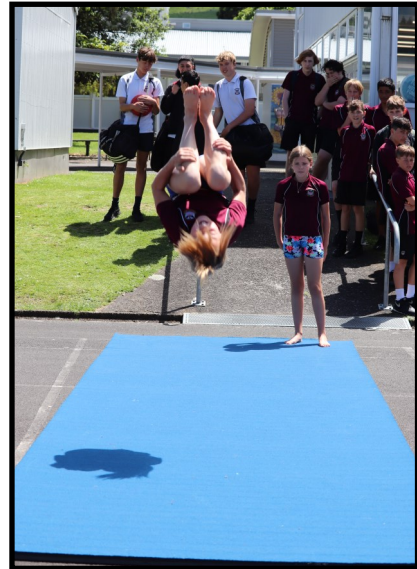
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School & Local Events

There are plenty of school and community events that our juniors love to get involved in. These events often include:

- School Productions
- The Spring Concert
- Matariki Concert
- The Waihi College Talent Quest
- School quizzes at lunchtimes
- Cultural Festivals such as the Hauraki Festival
- Spirit Days
- Waihi Drama Society Productions
- Mini community concerts
- And more...



Chat to Mr Randell or Ms Berry if you would like to be involved in our next School Production — either back stage, chorus or a lead!



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Becoming a Hall Technician or Librarian

Hall Technician

Our fantastic group of Waihi College Hall Techs run all light, sound and AV for school events such as assemblies, Prizegivings and Spirit Day as well as many community events held in the hall.

The group is made up of kids ranging from Year 7–13 who are self motivated students, with a good attendance record and have strong academic skills.

If you are keen to be a Waihi College Techie, chat to one of our Senior Hall Techs.



Librarian

There is a great group of students ranging from Years 7 –13 that help out Mrs Sutton in the library each morning, interval and lunchtime.

They have a lot of fun together and would be keen for you to join them if you like spending time in the library and all it has to offer.

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Chess Club

Mrs Sutton, our library teacher, helps organise kids of any skill level to enter various Chess competitions around the Hauraki and Bay of Plenty areas.

She also runs friendly games before school, interval and lunchtime.

Come along and join in or chat to Mrs Sutton to find out more.



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Rotation Subjects

In Years 7, 8, and 9 you will do different rotation subjects each term and these subjects change each year. You will get a chance to learn about:

- Textiles Technology
- Engineering Technology
- Digital Technology
- Drama
- Art
- Food Technology
- Wood Technology
- Music
- Real World Science
- And so much more!



Once you have had a taste of all these great subjects, you can then start selecting which ones you'd like to focus on more in Year 10. In the meantime—enjoy them and make the most of them. You might end up having a passion for something you never even thought of.



Don't forget to check our website regularly—especially the Latest News section or the Parent Portal to read the daily notices —it's a great way to keep up to date with opportunities at school.

You can also follow the Waihi College Arts & Services Facebook page and Waihi College Instagram to make sure you don't miss a thing.

The daily notices are read out each morning in Ako—so keep an ear on those and chat to your teacher if you think you may have missed something...



The Arts & Services Waihi College

Being involved with Artistic, Cultural and Service activities makes a big impact to the enjoyment of life and development of kids as they grow into adults.

These experiences encourage positive relationships and a love of life that will last them forever.



You can follow us on Waihi
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