



WAIHĪ
COLLEGE

KEI KONEI TĀTOU E TŪ ANA
HERE WE STAND

Values: Respect, Excellence, Honesty, Fun, Teamwork



Waihi College



Prospectus

Kei konei tatou Here we stand

Step it up, Always be prepared, Manaakitanga





Achievement Statement

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Mission Statement

A word from the Principal

Alistair Cochrane

It is my pleasure, as Principal, to introduce you to Waihi College. Our school is a vibrant, innovative co-educational Year 7 - 13 secondary school situated at the base of the magnificent Coromandel Peninsula. The beautiful Waihi Beach (11km from the school gate) is part of our catchment area and the Karangahake and Athenree Gorges define our boundaries.

Our school campus is expansive with numerous trees and open areas where our students can relax and socialise. Our classrooms are regularly upgraded and have quality equipment to aid learning and teaching, and our teachers are passionate and committed.

Successful people in the future will be those who are adaptable, who thrive on challenge, who have a strong sense of personal values, and who want to improve themselves throughout their lives.

The arrival of the New Zealand Curriculum has provided us with the opportunity to review our teaching and learning programmes. We are clearly focused on providing a range of learning opportunities that meet the needs of our students and aim to produce young adults who are confident, who are connected to their communities, who strive for excellence and have the skills to become lifelong learners.

I invite you to become part of a school community prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st Century with confidence and assurance.

Alistair Cochrane
PRINCIPAL



"To be the best we can possibly be, can be a reality."



"The Principal is focused on meeting the needs of students"- Education Review Office

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“The school is willing to consider different approaches to engage students and support their learning and participation of school life”
- Education Review Office

All students will be supported to build a range of transferable skills and a strong work ethic which will help them to make informed decisions about their future pathways through school, tertiary study and life beyond school enabling them to make a valuable contribution to New Zealand society.



Waihi College

Striving for excellence

Learning

"Students have access to a well organised pastoral care network to support their emotional development"- Education Review Office

Year 7 to 10

Key Learning Themes (KLT's) that cross the boundaries of traditional subject areas form the basis of our learning programmes in the junior school and help students to develop their Literacy, Numeracy, Thinking and Communication skills in a context that is real and relevant to their lives.

Students are challenged to learn how to acquire and develop personal learning objectives.

We are moving towards a co-constructed 'Inquiry based' learning environment that allows students to apply the knowledge and skills they have attained in different contexts. Our aim is for all students to perform at, or above, national standards and benchmarks.

A very strong focus on literacy and numeracy continues in the senior school as students focus their attention on achieving NCEA LEVELS 1, 2 and 3.

Students have a wide range of subject choices which allow them to follow particular interests while ensuring they gain a qualification.

For Year 12 and 13 students, specific pathways leading to either academic tertiary study, alternate study or work based further learning are provided.

Our aim is for all students to gain NCEA Level 2 as a minimum and to challenge themselves to achieve Merit and Excellence endorsements.





“Respect is mutual”

“Having fun and loving it”



“Excellence is irresistible”

“Honest to ourselves”

Our Vision

at Waihi College

“Together we can go further”

“Essential to our sense of school history and development.”





Community

We encourage participation in a wide range of activities, both in school and in the wider community. We encourage students to involve themselves in work and activities that are for the common good of the community. We provide learning experiences that make connections with the lives of our students and are supported by the local community. We encourage students to involve themselves in activities and to share in the development of public/community opinion.



Learning

Learning to learn is the purpose of the school. Students are taught to learn and become active, confident, creative and innovative learners and thinkers. Students are prepared to be lifelong learners who possess the qualities of Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness and Reciprocity.



Citizenship

We strive for a caring, supportive and friendly environment. Everyone is treated with respect and consideration. Honesty, courtesy and reliability are key values that are expected and encouraged, and everyone is expected to be accountable for their actions. We aim to develop a sense of belonging for all.



Excellence

We encourage the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of school life, while continuing to develop the whole person (Hauora). We emphasise excellence in learning, through excellence in teaching. Every individual involved with the College is continually challenged to be the best they can be.



Future Focus

Every individual is also continually challenged to be open minded to others' views and contribute their opinions towards thinking about the future.



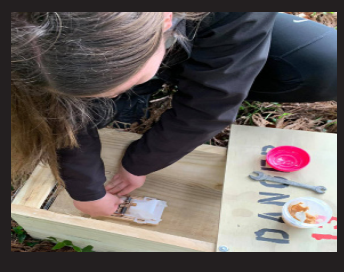
Cultural Heritage

The school's culture recognises that Waihi is a unique community and reflects our bicultural heritage and our multicultural society.



Coherence

We provide clear learning pathways and guidance to enable seamless transitions through school and into further education and employment.



Environment

Waihi College encourages all its members to care for the physical environment, within the school, the local community and globally.

Take a look

Waihi College is a Year 7-13, co-educational state secondary school with a roll of 624. We are situated on State Highway 2, 64 km north of Tauranga and 94km east of Hamilton.

The students are predominantly European with a current Maori roll of 41%. Staff at Waihi College are well qualified with most getting involved with extra curricular activities associated with the school.

The ratio of male to female teachers is well balanced.

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Our Student Leaders for 2023

“The great thing about Waihi College is how the tight knit relationships between students and staff mean there is a sense of community and belonging within our school.”

“Every effort is made to ensure that the school is a safe environment for students” -

Education Review Office





The school sits on 11 hectares of land – some of which is undulating, requiring more time and expense for upkeep. The most obvious special physical feature of the college is the expansive grounds and the attached Farm Unit. 8.2 hectares of agricultural-horticultural land have been leased for 40 years from the Department of Conservation.

Waihi College has had numerous Capital Works upgrades over the last ten years. These include upgrades of the Science, Art, Drama, English and Technology departments and also the Whare Wananga and Library, Pastoral Care Centre, Gymnasium, and Multi Purpose room on the lower sports field. The Community Gymnasium, Weight Room and Swimming Pool are joint school-community operations and were originally built as a result of joint school and community funding.

We have regular visits from the Public Health Nurse, Youth Aide Officer, Itinerant Music Teachers, Doctor, Psychologist and other agencies, where the need arises. We also have a full time school nurse and guidance counsellor. Volunteers from the community also assist with reading programmes, learning for leisure, sports administration and refereeing, outdoor education and music, to name but a few.

Students are drawn from between the Athenree and the Karangahake Gorges. Waihi has an approximate population of 4000, with Waihi Beach providing another 2000.

Other educational institutions in the area are: Play Centre, three Childcare Centres, Kohanga Reo, Kindergarten and six Primary Schools.

The College also has the Ka Ora, Ka Ako (Free Lunches Programme), a Uniform shop and our new multipurpose room, Te Ara Hou.

Community and school relations are very good and there is no shortage of support for school activities.



“Students enjoy success and recognition at both regional and national levels in sport and the performing arts”

- Education Review Office

Waihi College offers:

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| Rugby | Equestrian |
| Netball | Shooting |
| Football | Touch |
| Tennis | Softball |
| Squash | Motor Cross |
| Badminton | Volleyball |
| Surfing | League |
| Hockey | Turf Hockey |
| Basketball | Waka Ama |
| Cricket | |

Sport plays an important part in life at Waihi College and we have excellent facilities to cater for a large variety of sports.

At Waihi College the most popular sports played are netball, basketball, football and rugby. However a mix of other sporting codes offer opportunities for our students to learn new skills and strive for excellence. Waihi township also offers opportunities for our students to participate in any number of sports either through the school or at local club level.

Despite being a relatively small rural school, we are proud of the fact that some of our students have achieved national sporting success in recent years.

Waihi College always has opportunities to get involved with sport and there are endless ways to be involved.



Sport



Music and Drama play an important role in our school. Students are encouraged to perform in the school organised events such as the Talent Quests, Productions, bands and more. Tuition is available free of charge for almost every musical instrument via our itinerant music lessons.

Maori Culture is offered in several forms. The school has a large Kapa Haka Group (Te Ara Poutama) and we have recently joined the Waka Ama Fraternity. A significant landmark in the school is our Whare - "Whare Maia". It is our Whare Wananga (House of Learning) and provides an excellent learning atmosphere for all students to learn Te Reo Maori.

Cultural Exchange and International Waihi College has a wonderful International Department which enables us to get to know students and their whanau from all over the world. The students stay with host families from our community and attend Waihi College for their schooling. Also when possible, we participate in student exchanges in several countries such as China and Japan. These exchanges are invaluable to our students and we try to do them as often as possible.



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