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WAIHĪ COLLEGE PROSPECTUS 2026



# PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME



## Nau Mai, Haere Mai,

Students who attend Waihi College are given many opportunities to participate in a wide array of educational programmes, activities, events and experiences. Management, staff and students are devoted to the educational needs of our unique rural community and are committed to maintaining a caring, supportive and friendly atmosphere.

Here at Waihi College, we endeavour to create a place to stand and a place to come back to for

all time, your turangawaewae. Come on in and let us help your young person on their journey, to become the best version of themselves.

## OUR MISSION

Waihi College supports students on their lifelong journey to develop the knowledge, skills and characteristics that form the foundation of success today and in the future. Cornerstone to the success of our students is the strength of relationships formed between the school, whānau and community which support each student to reach excellence in their chosen field of endeavour.

## ERO REPORT

View our ERO report via this QR code.



# TO TĀTOU ARA OUR PATH



**YEAR 7/8:** Knowing where we stand

**YEAR 9:** Identity and challenge

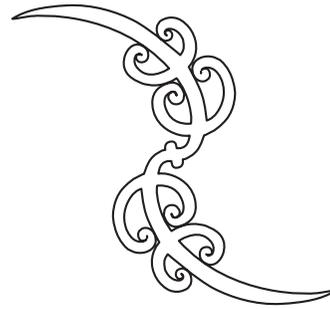
**YEAR 10:** Challenge and responsibility

**YEAR 11:** Making positive choices

**YEAR 12:** Self responsibility

**YEAR 13:** Embracing leadership  
and citizenship

# OUR VALUES



## WHANAUNGATANGA

Whanaungatanga is about relationship, kinship and a sense of family connection. It is created through shared experiences and working together and provides people with a sense of belonging.



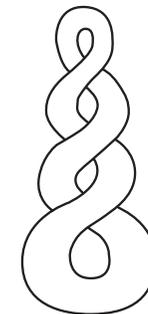
## KAITIAKITANGA

Kaitiakitanga refers to the responsibility to care for and protect the land, water, and other natural resources for future generations.



## MANAAKITANGA

Manaakitanga is about encouraging a warm and supportive environment, and showing each other that you care for each other.



## KOTAHITANGA

Kotahitanga means unity, togetherness, and solidarity. It recognises the diversity of people and supports collective action and achieving unity when coming together.

# STRATEGIC PLAN

READ MORE ABOUT OUR STRATEGIC PLAN HERE



## OUR GOALS

1. Education and Progress. Meeting every students educational needs, offering pathways to meet their aspiration needs.

2. Building a culture of inclusivity and connection.

3. Embracing Tikanga Māori and Te Tiriti o Waitangi

## INITIATIVES

1.1 Differentiation and inclusivity - understanding individual needs, and personalising educational journeys to suit a wide range of learning styles.

1.2 Communication, whānau and community, to encourage collective and collaborativeness.

1.3 Progress, achievement and wellbeing - crafting a celebration of progress culture, offering a range of programs and support services

1.4 Future-focused pathways that cater for diverse and aspirational interest, inclusive of academic and vocational pathways.

2.1 Diversity and promotion of inclusion for all.

2.2 Community connection, via reciprocal relationships, both locally and internationally.

2.3 Building on staff culture, with a focus on wellbeing, professional growth and collective responsibility.

2.4 Sense of turangawaewae and pride, growing our knowledge of our unique culture and heritage

3.1 Maturanga Māori embedded in school curriculum.

3.2 Honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi as Tangata Whenua and Tanga te Tiriti

3.3 Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles are a lived reality.

## SUCCESS STATEMENTS

Our kaiako are curious, deliberate and responsive to meeting holistic needs of our rangatahi, and effectively communicate this to whānau and the wider community.

Waihī College staff, whānau, rangitahi and community, have a collective, transparent understanding of what our needs are, and how, together, we will reach these.

Waihī College recognises the importance of honoring Te Tiriti o Waitangi, through embedding tikanga into everyday school life. We are able to share and communicate our deep insight, through our actions, initiatives and contributions to our wider community.

# FACILITIES



**Established in 1932**, Waihi College is located on 11 hectares of exquisite rural land and includes a farm unit with kiwifruit orchard, a 33.3m length swimming pool, sports fields, netball, tennis and basketball courts, gymnasium, horticulture block plus multiple technology, art and academic classrooms

## **ARTS**

Painting & Photography Studio  
Musical Practice Rooms  
Drama Suite

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Gymnasium  
Swimming Pool  
Rugby & Soccer Fields  
Netball, Tennis and Basketball Courts  
Weights Room  
Mountain Bikes  
Kayaks

## **FARM UNIT**

Farm and Kiwifruit Orchard  
Beekeeping

## **TECHNOLOGY**

- Digital Technology Suite
- Hospitality Kitchen
- Textiles, Woodwork and Engineering Workrooms
- Science Laboratories

## **TRANSPORTATION**

- School vans to assist EOTC
- Free school bus service

# LEARNING

Waihi College boasts some wonderful academic successes and encourages all their students to find what makes them tick. From math competitions and science days to chess and debating teams, there is lots to get involved with at Waihi College.

**See our course outlines here.**



## LOCALISED CURRICULUM

At Waihi College, we are passionate about exploring our local stories and learning all we can about how we came to be in our space, and celebrate those who have gone before us. We are committed to delivering a local curriculum that is responsive to the needs of ākonga, whānau and community.



## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Vocational Education and Training gives opportunities to our students both inside and outside the classroom helping them make decisions on their future career pathways.

Students in Years 12 and 13 have the opportunity to spend time in work places in the community to gain experience in career possibilities. This can be for one semester or for a full year.

## LEARNING SUPPORT

We offer lots of opportunities at Waihi College to support your child's learning. We use a number of programmes and support systems including:

- Steps to Literacy
- Maths Buddy
- Lego Education Club
- G.a.T.E (Gifted and Talented)



# SCHOOL LIFE



## HOUSE SYSTEM

The Waihi College Houses are: Empire, Amaranth, Dominion and Royal. Each house has one staff House Leader and several Student House Leaders. They are there to help our students and guide them when needed.

Everyone is able to earn house points. These are earned through demonstrating school values and service, learning and achievement, competitive sports and participation in non-competitive cultural and sports activities.

## STUDENT WELLBEING

The student services area provides on-site expertise with guidance counsellors, youth workers, a registered school nurse, careers advisor and special education needs co-ordinator. Their aim is to support the wellbeing and safety of all students to enable young people to achieve their full potential.



“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.”

# SPORT



**SPORT PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART IN LIFE AT WAIHI COLLEGE** and we have excellent facilities to cater for a large variety of sporting interests.

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 a local club level.

## **WAIHI COLLEGE OFFERS:**

- Rugby
- Netball
- Football
- Tennis
- Squash
- Badminton
- Surfing
- Hockey
- Basketball
- Equestrian
- Shooting
- Touch
- Softball
- Motocross
- Volleyball
- League
- Turf Hockey
- Waka Ama



# CULTURE



**BEING INVOLVED WITH CULTURAL ACTIVITIES MAKES A BIG IMPACT TO THE ENJOYMENT OF LIFE,** on employability and development of kids as they grow into adults. Waihi College has many opportunities for students to grow, participate and shine—all in their own unique way.

Throughout the year, there are always plenty of school and community events that our students love to get involved in. These events include: Spirit Days, Matariki Concert, Te Ara Poutama (our Kapa Haka group), Music & Drama Concerts and Assessment Evenings, Music Lessons and Bands, School Quizzes at lunchtimes, Cultural Festivals, Gala Days, Talent Quests, School Productions and more.

We love members of the community getting involved with the Cultural activities we have here at Waihi College too - whether it's watching performances or coming in to show your skills with groups of kids throughout the year, or help out back stage.

## WHARE MAIA

Set in the heart of the school, Whare Maia provides not just a space to teach Te Reo and Tikanga Māori but also a space dedicated to Te Ao Māori. Students can build their capacities and immerse their understandings.

This is also where the Whanau Ako class is held each morning, along with our Breakfast Club.



# SERVICE



**WAIHI COLLEGE PRIORITISES OUR SERVICE TO COMMUNITY.** Many of the students in our school, both juniors and seniors, are involved in numerous community and charity groups such as Shave for a Cure, Keep Waihi Beautiful, Hands up for Kids, Breakfast Club, Leo's, Pink Ribbon events, Valentine's Day for the Heart Foundation, 40 Hour Famine and SADD to name a few.

With the help of our community, 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 as well as get involved in helping the Salvation Army Food Bank.

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.



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HERE WE STAND