



TAMATEA
HIGH SCHOOL

Growing Good People for a Changing World
E Tipu E Rea Ka Tipu Kōe Hei Tangata



Welcome

He Mihi Maioha

Tēnā koutou e ngā mātua. He mihi mahana tēnei ki a koutou katoa mai i te Kura Tuarua o Tamatea.

Greetings and a warm welcome to Tamatea High School.

Our vision at Tamatea High School is **E tipu e rea, ka tipu koe hei tangata** – Growing good people for a changing world. We all want our rangatahi and tamariki to have the opportunity to learn the skills and knowledge that enables a positive future and to develop a meaningful career pathway. We want them to learn how to: get on with others, work in teams, set challenging but achievable goals, strive to achieve these goals and most importantly, be a good person.

As a crown entity we take our obligations to be a good treaty partner very seriously. This means that we support our ākonga Māori (Māori students) to achieve success as Māori. We foster identity, tikanga and te reo Māori as well as having high aspirations for meaningful pathways for our ākonga Māori. The treaty requires this for Māori and Tangata Tiriti (non-Māori Treaty partners).

Our school values are captured by the word PRIDE. Participation, Respect, Integrity, Diversity and Excellence. In te reo Māori they are Kia Whakauru, Kia Whai Aroha, Kia Ngākau Pono, He Kura Kanorau and Kia Tū Angitu. These are values that we encourage our ākonga (students) to work and live by. Our kaiako (teachers), kaimahi (staff) and kaihautū (leaders) model these values in their classrooms, their lessons, and in the wider kura (school) environment.

At Tamatea High School we are small enough to make a genuine commitment to your child. We can determine their individual goals and adapt our programmes to help them become good citizens and to succeed. This is our 'X factor' – our size means we are like a family, a whānau. There is a warm, welcoming friendliness to our kura and we care about each other. Our classes are small (and we plan to keep it that way). We know your child's name, we know you, and we know what we need to do to support your child's success. There's no chance of getting lost or slipping through the cracks at Tamatea High School.

I am extremely proud to be the tumuaki (principal) of Tamatea High School. I know, hand on heart, we have a tremendously dedicated staff, great ākonga and supportive whānau who are all committed to helping our young people grow into good people. Tamatea High School is a good choice for your child and for your family.

Robin Fabish - Tumuaki (Principal)

Immersion

Rumaki Reo Māori

Nau mai, haere mai ki tō mātau Rumaki Reo Hou. He huarahi reo rua, rumaki hoki.

If we could wave a magic wand and make you fluent in te reo Māori would you want that?

In 2023, we began our inaugural Te Reo Māori Immersion class for Year 9 and 10 ākonga. This class knows there's no magic spell, but with hard work and commitment we have seen them blossom in their confidence and abilities. In 2024 we want to grow our Rumaki class from our new enrolments. Whether a fluent speaker already or a beginner, our Rumaki team can help ākonga on their tikanga and te reo Māori journey. Our pathways include immersion and bilingual options.

These are some of the benefits of joining our Rumaki:

- Beginners learning of te reo will be accelerated
- Speaking te reo opens doors for lots of awesome jobs
- Our marae need rangatahi who can step up in the future
- Learning a second language is good for our intelligence
- Lots of people wish they'd had the chance to become fluent in their ancestors' language.

The Rumaki class is an excellent opportunity to be supported by our kaiako who are fluent in te reo Māori. This is how it works:

- Social Studies, Health, Science, PE, Maths and Technology are learnt in te reo Māori
- English is still taught in English
- Option subjects like Digital, Food and Nutrition, Hard Materials, Music, Art, Dance etc. will also be taught in English
- The class has small numbers of around 15 students
- Beginner learners are welcomed and supported
- Fluent speakers will be welcomed and challenged.

Here's what some of our 2023 ākonga say about their Rumaki class:

"I feel so free here to be myself."

"It's like unlocking something that I didn't know I needed, like my history, my ancestry."

"I love Rumaki – I'm focused in the class and I love learning in this way."

"I like being in Rumaki because it gives me a new perspective on things, also it's helped me to develop my leadership skills. He rawe te waka ama, Ki o Rahi mo te PE."

"The Rumaki has given my boy confidence to believe in his abilities as a Māori kid, he loves the environment. He is immersed in his culture and he comes home talking about it every day. He's really into it and I love that he's taking it all in. He's teaching me too, we're learning together."

- Current Rumaki māmā



Participation

Kia Whakauru

Whakauru means to enter, enrol, include and it can also mean membership. Kia Whakauru is an encouragement to our ākonga (students), kaiako (teachers), kaimahi (staff members) and whānau to jump in and get involved.



Participation at Tamatea High School means we:

- get involved in the many opportunities that exist at our kura
- do our best in whatever we get involved in
- contribute to activities that support our community.

We are all learners at Tamatea High School. Kaiako and ākonga set goals on a regular basis to improve our results. This is part of ensuring we encourage a growth mindset for all in our kura whānau.

Three times a year, all ākonga meet with whānau and their Whānau Group Teacher to create and review their Individual Development Plan. Together we focus on goal setting and ākonga career pathways. This partnership and regular tracking supports our ākonga to take ownership of their learning.

There are plenty of opportunities for participation at Tamatea High School. We offer all the subjects you would expect. In addition, we have subjects available through the Video Learning Network. Ākonga can follow their passions. We have been doing online learning for 10 years and the experience of the recent COVID lockdown really showed the benefits of being able to provide a quality online platform.

Senior ākonga have the opportunity for blended learning with the Hawke's Bay Trades Academy at the Eastern Institute of Technology (EIT) Te Pūkenga. Strong relationships with EIT Te Pūkenga and businesses help our ākonga make successful transitions when they finish kura.



Respect

Kia Whai Aroha

Kia Whai Aroha means to show love and regard for ourselves, others and our environment.



At Tamatea High School we have an emphasis on respect.

This means we:

- support our ākonga to respect themselves
- speak using positive language
- respect others and respect the school environment.

Through respect we build a safe and supportive learning environment.

Ākonga and adults are all expected to be respectful of each other.

At Tamatea High School we use restorative practice to help ākonga to take responsibility for and learn from their mistakes, rather than punitive approaches that create resentment. Our strong restorative practice and pastoral support system help us to positively influence ākonga behaviour and learning.

Fundamental to our pastoral system is the relationship our ākonga have with their Whānau Group Teacher. Each Whānau Group has around 12 ākonga who get to know their kaiako very well over the course of their five years at high school. The Whānau Group Teacher regularly communicates with parents and caregivers. Our year level Deans, School Counsellor, Restorative Leader, School Kuia, Pastoral Leader and Senior Leadership Team all help with pastoral support when required.

Our ākonga respect themselves and their school. We are fortunate to have large green spaces around the school, with gardens and sporting facilities for all to enjoy. The Arts, Technologies and Music rooms are fully resourced. Our ākonga value and respect our facilities. They wear their regular uniform with pride and relish the opportunity to wear our 'number one' uniform on formal occasions.





Integrity

Kia Ngākau Pono

Kia Ngākau Pono means to have a true heart.
When we show integrity, we are being true to ourselves and others.

Integrity is a key value at Tamatea High School, and this means we expect adults and ākonga to:

- be honest
- be responsible and accountable for their actions
- do the right thing (even when no one is watching).

We take time to teach these skills as we know they are critical for successful relationships in adult life. Integrity is being honest, respectful, responsible, and having the courage to stand up for what you believe is right. Integrity is a value that ākonga learn about in; their interactions with other ākonga and adults, their participation in extra-curricular activities, their schoolwork and completion of formal school assessments.

When ākonga 'get it wrong', we encourage them to show integrity; be honest, own their mistake, make amends, learn the lesson and move forward.

Tamatea High School offers young men and women an opportunity to grow and learn for their future in an environment that recognises them as individuals within a caring family. As part of the Tamatea whānau, they learn that 'We Care'.

*He rangi tā matawhāiti. He rangi tā matawhānui.
A person with narrow vision has a restricted horizon.
A person with wide vision has plentiful opportunities.*



He Kura Kanorau

Kanorau is the kupu Māori (Māori word) for diversity. It also means multicoloured which is a great metaphor for our community.



Diversity is an integral feature of Tamatea High School. It means that we:

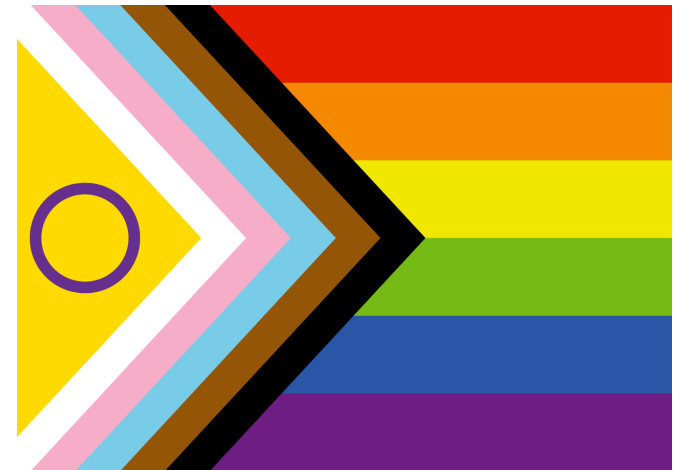
- welcome, include and accept everyone
- work to ensure that everyone feels safe.

We value the languages, cultures and heritages of all; we are inclusive and culturally responsive.

We have a diverse school population that brings a richness to our community. We celebrate our differences, whether religious, ethnic or gender related and we are supportive of our Rainbow community. We are lucky to have international ākonga from all over the world who become part of our whānau.

Celebrating diversity means we provide many different opportunities for ākonga. Sports enthusiasts can play: Volleyball, Basketball, Rugby, Football, Athletics, Netball, Badminton, Touch Rugby, Hockey, Cross Country and Waka Ama.

We also offer opportunities in Rockquest, Speech Competitions, Chess, Kapa Haka, Young Enterprise, Music Bands and Multi-Media Technology. Our Arts programme integrates Design, Painting and Photography. All are supported by a strong digital infrastructure – we have ultra-fast broadband, wifi and a suite of high specification Apple iMacs for Photography, Design and Music.



Excellence

Kia Tū Angitu

Kia Tū Angitu means to stand in success and good fortune.



Excellence at Tamatea High School means that our ākonga:

- aim high in sport, culture, arts and academics
- persevere in the face of challenges
- set challenging goals and strive to achieve them.

At the junior level, considerable effort is placed on accelerating learning so that ākonga are well set up for their senior years. While we value our NCEA performance, we see it as part of ensuring all our ākonga have meaningful post school pathways. We develop individual programmes for ākonga with learning challenges and we celebrate all our ākonga attaining their own excellence. Teachers' hard work, good scaffolding to help learning, and increased ākonga self-belief develops quality results and successful transitions.

Tamatea High School has a well-developed digital learning platform. Google classroom is a widely used learning programme. We have sufficient devices for all ākonga to use in their classroom learning. We are working with our ākonga to develop their excellence as digital citizens – a critical skill in our increasingly digital world.

In our sports, academic, arts and cultural activities we encourage and support whatever excellence looks like for that person. For some it is participation, while for others this may be regional or national success. We work with ākonga as individuals to help them reach their potential.





Community

Te Hapori Whānui

Te Hapori Whānui is our wider community.

We have close relationships with our local marae, especially Tangoio, Wharerangi and Waiohiki. This informs the strategic direction for our curriculum. We use local mātauranga Māori to help our Māori ākonga enjoy success as Māori and our other ākonga to learn about being a citizen of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Our Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) includes Tamatea Intermediate, Tamatea Primary, Porritt Primary, Westshore School, Fairhaven School and Tamatea Kindergarten. Our kura are working together to ensure success for our ākonga through seamless learning and smooth transitions from preschool through to high school. We are also regularly working with EIT Te Pūkenga and other tertiary providers so that our ākonga can make a successful and stress-free transition to tertiary study.

Our Amokura (student leaders) help out at Tamatea Intermediate and the primary schools with learning, sports and kapa haka. Our ākonga leaders help to organise the local schools' ANZAC Day service. Our seniors are also involved in the Napier City Council Youth Council.

We see ourselves as proudly Tamatea. We enjoy our longstanding connection with the wonderfully supportive Greenmeadows Rotary

Club and our local businesses. We are committed to our hapori (community), believing that the good people we help grow, will lead and live in our local hapori.



Ngā Umanga

Ngā umanga helps to develop a pathway to your occupation, business or career.

One of our annual goals is ensuring that our school leavers have meaningful pathways. As a small school we can take the time to help our students plan to achieve their goals. We provide career awareness opportunities at all year levels. Specialist Careers advice is available on any school day, for anyone, from our qualified Careers Teacher. In addition, the Whānau Group Teacher, the student and whānau meet three times a year to make a plan to move towards those goals.

Student opportunities are many:

- Part time study at EIT Te Pūkenga as part of the HB Schools' Trades Academy
- Career Navigator programme with the Graeme Dingle Foundation
- Participation in HB Careers Expo, Futureopoly, and Industry visits
- Gateway work placement with local employers
- Careers visits from Armed Forces, EIT Te Pūkenga and University staff, industry experts and former students now in the workforce.
- Visits to Waikato, Massey and Victoria Universities, Agriculture Field days

- Assistance and support to apply for experience programmes at any university or tertiary provider
- Support to attend the National Youth Drama School, Blue Light Camp and Outward Bound
- Assistance to create CVs and apply for scholarships, part-time work, full time employment
- Students with additional academic needs can study higher level university or polytechnic papers while still at school.

Driving

We place great importance on our driving programme. A drivers' licence is the single most employable skill.

Students can work with the school to study for their Learner Licence. They can have some driving practice while at school, either with our driving instructor or with our community policeman. All our Year 12 students attend the RYDA Road Safety programme where they learn about the importance of good and safe decision making when on our roads. We also support students to complete a Defensive Driving programme.





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We invite you to visit our website to learn more about learning and teaching at our school.

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