

## Frequently Asked Questions

### *What are the school's hours?*

Our school day starts at 9.00am every weekday during the school terms. School finishes at 3.15pm except on Wednesdays when the day concludes at 2.25pm.

### *Is Tamatea High School zoned?*

No, we accept enrolments from students all over Napier.

### *What's it going to cost me?*

- Sports Fees are \$50 per student for the year, entitling students to play up to two summer and two winter sports. This is significantly subsidised by our Board of Trustees.
- As in all schools, stationery, uniform and any additional activities are on a 'user pays' basis.

### *How big are the classes?*

In years 9 and 10 we aim to have no more than 25 students in each class. Each student is also part of a Whānau Group and within that Whānau Group they are part of a 1:12 teacher/student ratio. There will be students from every year level within each Whānau Group which means our senior students work with and support our junior students.

### *Homework?*

Yes, to support learning. We have a 'Homework Club' that runs in the Library on an "as required" basis - usually Tuesdays and Thursdays, after school until 4.45pm so everyone can access a 'quiet space', IT equipment and other resources as they need to.

### *What are your facilities like?*

We have modern and engaging classrooms with school-wide wifi, attractive, well-cared for grounds and a community gymnasium that is always in use. Our laboratories and Hospitality facilities are second to none.

### *What sports are available at Tamatea High School?*

We offer Rugby, Orienteering, Athletics, Waka Ama, Netball, Badminton, Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Squash, Touch Rugby, Hockey, Tennis, Bowls, Triathlon, Cross Country and Adventure Racing. There is also the opportunity to include other sports should our students request these.

### *Is there a place for a child who likes Music, Art and Performance?*

Yes, performing arts and creativity are important to our school life. We offer instruction in many instruments including voice coaching and Dance as a subject. Performances in assembly, in the community and in regional and national competitions occur annually.

### *If this is a small school, will my child get lots of opportunities?*

Yes, our students receive the same opportunities as in larger schools but because we are a smaller size, your son or daughter's chance of being involved in the many activities on offer is much greater.

### *How would your school prepare my child for the world?*

Our whole focus and vision is 'Growing Good People For a Changing World' - your child will work in small classes with enthusiastic, well qualified teachers with easy access to digital technology. They will work as part of a team and have opportunities for leadership. They will interact with the community whether it is catering for the Greenmeadows Rotary/EIT Apprentice Evening or building a playhouse for a kindergarten for the BCITO Buildability Challenge, working in the community gardens or helping to officiate at TeamTamatea sporting events. As a member of our family they will find and develop their strengths and be able to move forward with confidence.