

Our Vision



**‘We encourage finafinau,
pride through success, and
tautua, honour through service.’**

Our Motto:
“Titiro whakarunga ki nga puke”
“My eyes lift to the hills”

Our Focus For Future Learning



▶▶▶▶ Taita College offers the very best opportunities for all; a stimulating environment, a wide range of curricular and co-curricular experiences, and subjects taught by highly qualified and engaging staff. Effective relationships between staff, students and families are critical to our success. At Taita College each student who enrolls at the school develops a learning plan with their tutor teacher. This plan is individually crafted to support each student's

literacy, numeracy and subject and career pathway throughout their time at the college.



'Active Learners, with Individual Learning Plans'

Achievement Aiming High



▶▶▶▶▶ Academic success is extremely important. Over the last few years we have seen a continual increase in our NCEA results. In 2016 we secured some of our best ever merit and excellence endorsements in NCEA. Our literacy and numeracy rates are on par with some of the best in the country and we continue to ensure that students reach their potential to prepare them for University, WelTec, further study or for the workforce.

In 2017 we have implemented some exciting new initiatives that we believe will continue to enhance student outcomes within a culturally responsive curriculum. Success

occurs through partnership, as when we work together, we achieve together.

**'Be the best
that you
can be!'**

A Reputation of Success



At Taita College we are committed to providing the highest quality teaching and learning that enables your child's dreams to become a reality. Our staff is a team of dedicated professionals focused on the success and aspirations of our learners.

Success at Taita College is more than just academic. Success is measured in many different ways through co-curricular activities, sports, interest groups, commitment to school – but success is also about how you treat others, how you show respect, and how you demonstrate leadership and being an active and participating citizen in our community.



'We Set High Expectations'



Manaakitanga

Meaningful Pathways



Future success of all students means we must offer meaningful pathways to every student. At Taita College we pride ourselves on knowing students well and by working alongside parents we are able to tailor a programme that puts student centred learning at the forefront. We want every student to have a pathway that is productive. At Taita College we offer both academic

pathways and vocational pathways, where students learn in authentic contexts and can develop critical life skills to prepare them for when they leave school. Our pastoral care team do all that they can to provide a supportive and inclusive environment, so that all students leave Taita College with the confidence and capabilities they need to excel in any community.

'The Power of Authentic Learning'

One Heart One Beat



▶▶▶▶ Every day at Taita College there are so many magic moments, where students get to shine and show their strengths through a variety of different curriculum activities. Co-curricular involvement is a strong part of our culture, and we encourage

all students to be a part of the incredible opportunities and groups that we offer. By experiencing being a part of these groups, students learn about whanaungatanga, and appreciate the importance of the key competencies and values.



‘Where students feel proud of themselves, their identity, their culture and success.’

Sport



▶▶▶▶ Sport is an integral part of the college life and forms an important link to the values of excellence, commitment, family and respect that the college promotes. We have a proud history of helping to shape outstanding sportspeople, and every year we consistently have regional and national representatives.

Over 60% of students in our school play a sport or are involved in a co-curricular activity. We know that students learn valuable skills being involved in sports and team activities, and this is an excellent way to build relationships and show a real connection with the school.



**‘Regional
and National
Champions’**

Our Curriculum



▶▶▶▶▶ We have a broad range of subjects throughout the school whether it be in the core areas, or the Arts, Sciences or Technologies. We have just completed our new Science block, so it is exciting to be able to offer the most state of art facilities to all students. As we prepare students for their future and what work will look like, we realise Science will continue to be an essential requirement.

In our Technology department we offer very “hands on” courses, but also recently introduced a digital citizenship programme at Year 9. There are exciting things happening

in this area, with the introduction of photography, and of late a 3 D printer which is incorporated into the digital programmes. We encourage BYOD and have 5 computer suites, as 21st century learning is a key.

Our Arts team offer a variety of courses such as performing arts, dance, drama and music. We have recently purchased some Mac computers to assist with music composition and literacy. Performance is an integral part of our culture here at Taita College, due to the enormous talent our students’ exhibit.

We will find the right programmes for all students, to build on their strengths and interests.



Respect

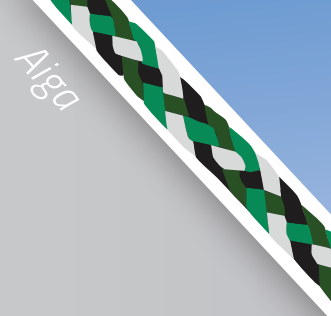
Wellbeing



▶▶▶▶▶ We have a holistic approach to ensuring that we look after students and their wellbeing. In order to learn, students don't need any obstacles so in Year 9 all students are given a 'Heads' assessment, to check their hearing and vision. We offer a dental bus service each year, we have a nurse onsite 4 days a week and a doctor one day a week. We also offer an onsite pastor, physio and counselling services. Learning is our focus at Taita College, and by offering as much support as possible we know that students will reach their potential.



'Meeting Individual Needs'



Our Students



▶▶▶▶▶ Taita College students really care about each other, and do all that they can to always support and promote the very best. As a learning community there is a real sense of 'family,' as respecting each other is one of our key values. At Taita College students establish lifelong friendships, and we often have ex-students returning to the school to share their success stories. Some of our staff are ex-students as they want to give back to a school they adore. At Taita College we build community.



**'Confident,
Connected and
Self-Managing
Students.'**

The Knowledge Hub



At Taita College we understand and appreciate the value of books, but as we all become 21st century learners we need to be able to access information online, develop research skills, and know how to validate what we read and access. Every student has the ability to access and utilise an extensive range of knowledge online. The Knowledge Hub offers all students access to books, e-books, magazines, e-audio,

computers, interactive board games, weaving, knitting, puzzles, and is also an area where clubs or those with similar interests and hobbies can congregate to collaborate.

Our Knowledge Hub is an area that is student driven, inclusive, diverse, reflective of all cultures, and is a space where all forms of learning and success can be promoted and celebrated.

'Adaptable, Lifelong Learners'

Uniform



▶▶▶▶ Taita College is proud to be a uniform school. The blazer, tie and white shirt present a formal business-like look, and students are expected to wear their uniform with pride and respect for the history and legacy of the college. The different tie options represent various forms of leadership and achievement.



**'We dress
for success'**