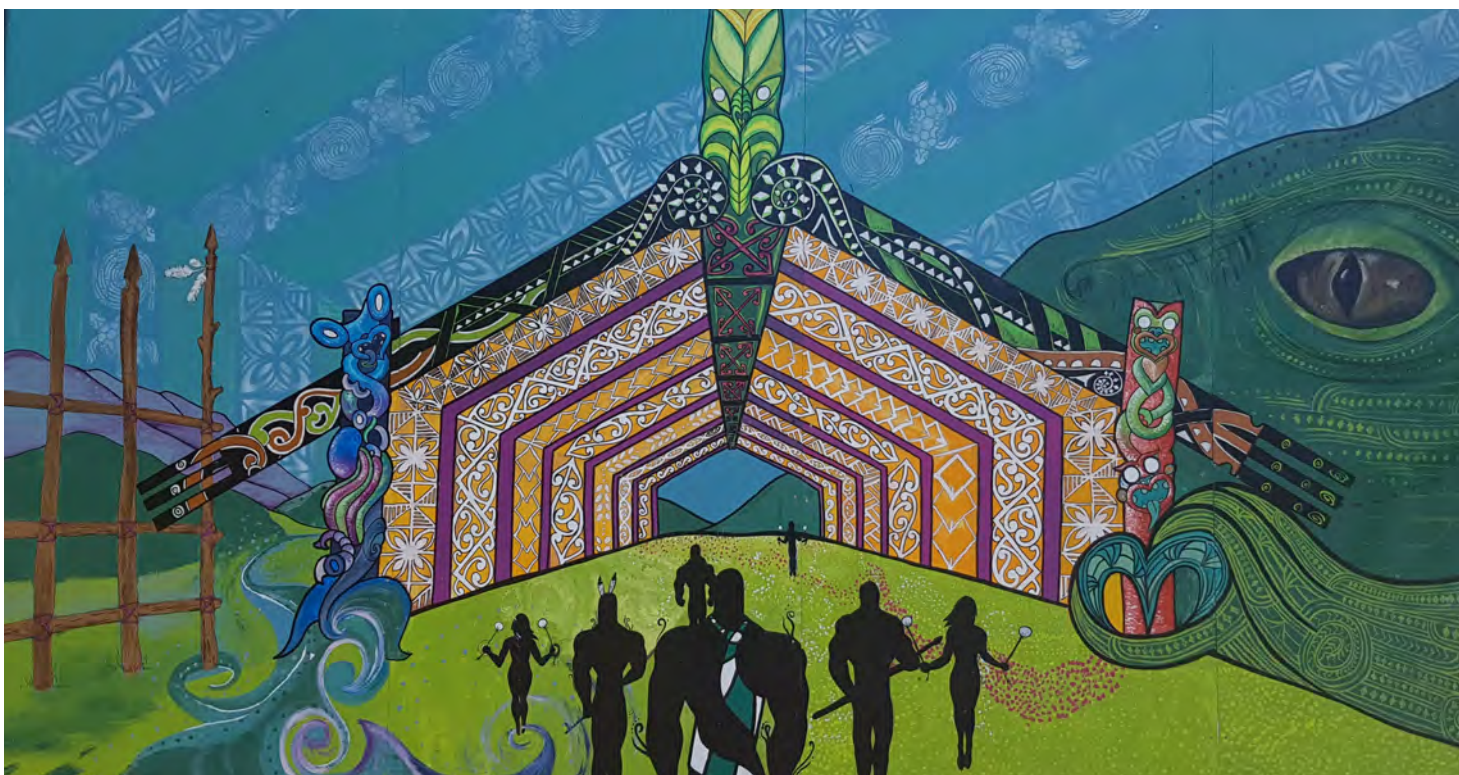




# Taita College Prospectus



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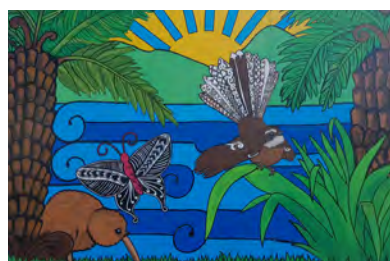
▶▶▶▶▶ **W**hānaungatanga is at the heart of everything we do at Taita College. We build positive relationships between teachers, students, families, aiga, and the community. We seek ways for families and the community to engage with the school to further the growth of Taita College students in academic, social, cultural and sporting areas.

Taita College students receive a high quality education that sets them up for their future. The respect we have for our people, our place and our learning is reflected in our graduates. They are resourceful, reliable, trustworthy and industrious. They are active, positive

citizens who are proud of their successes and proud to have been a part of Taita College.

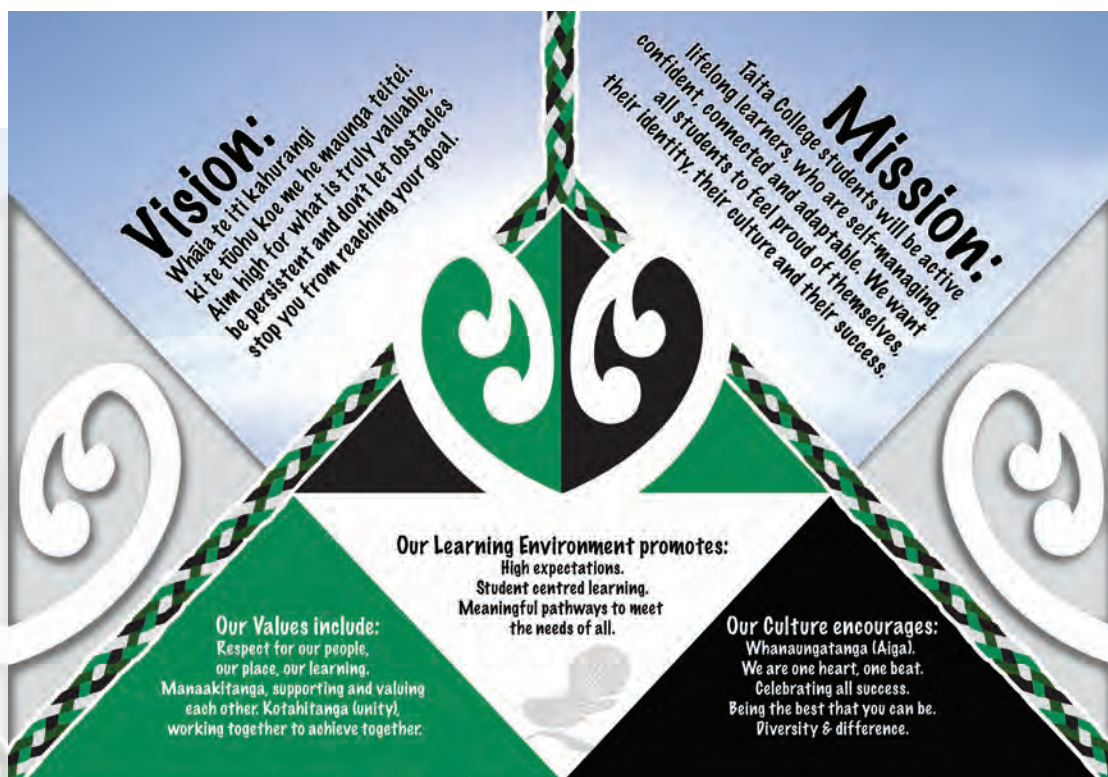
Our Values include:

- Respect for our people, our place, our learning
- Manaakitanga, supporting and valuing each other
- Kotahitanga (unity), working together to achieve together





# 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 three years we have seen a continual increase in our NCEA results such as; L1 up 16%, L2 up 28% and L3 up 52%. In 2018 our Level 3 results surpassed the national average at 85%. 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.

Since 2017 we have implemented some exciting new initiatives each year that are making a difference for our students. In 2019 we have a new curriculum at Yr 9 where there is a thematic approach to learning. Group projects and key competencies are

a focus. We offer a life skills programme, a meaningful pathways programme and a Science Academy. All of these new initiatives are to improve academic results, engagement and overall holistic success. We believe we 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



▶▶▶▶▶ **F**uture 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.

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.

At Taita College we offer both academic pathways and vocational pathways, where

**‘The Power of Authentic Learning’**



# One Heart One Beat



►►►► **E**veryday 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 a 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, and in 2017 we introduced a digital citizenship programme in 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 focus for us all.

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.



# Wellbeing



**W**e have a holistic approach to ensuring that we look after students and their wellbeing. In order to learn, students don't need any obstacles. 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 the facts in respect to what we read online. Every student has the ability to view 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!

In the Knowledge Hub all students can connect to Hutt City Libraries to access all of their online information.

**'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'**



# Enrolment



▶▶▶▶ Each family who enrolls their child at Taita College is invited to an interview with the Principal or the senior leadership team. At this interview, the child's learning experiences, strengths and dreams for the future are captured in preparation for the start of their schooling.

From this meeting, their timetable, tutor teacher and class are organised by the Year Level Dean, to ensure they have the best start at college.

#### Message from the Principal:

I feel very privileged to work alongside such incredible people; our students, staff, parents/whānau and community. Our students are amazingly talented, and the staff so dedicated and committed to developing success on all levels. We work hard to be inclusive and realise the strength and power in collaboration. Relationships are the key

to all success, and at Taita College that is so important to us all. We really care about every child in the school, because we know them and appreciate them as individuals.

Come and be a part of our wonderful learning community!

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