



“Knowledge is a powerful conduit that enables success. As lifelong learners we must be cognisant that knowledge comes from our varying world views, cultures, experiences, understandings and our ability to gather information and apply it in different contexts. At Taita College, our Knowledge Hub provides students with opportunities to experience learning and access knowledge through varying mediums that will ultimately empower them to be the best that they can be!”
—Karen Morgan Principal.

TAITA COLLEGE — THE KNOWLEDGE HUB!

LEARNING IS LIFELONG, KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

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. One of the most important aspects of our Knowledge Hub is using Hutt City Libraries’ online resources, which include e-books, e-audio, online tutorials (Lynda.com), e-magazines, and e-newspapers. This means students have the ability to access and utilise an extensive range of knowledge online, and this will continue to build on our active learning ethos. The power of partnership is impressive and this is making a significant difference for all. When we work together, we achieve together.” Karen Morgan.

“At the start of the year we made a conscious decision to re-brand and re-launch our library to become our “Knowledge Hub”. We wanted to create a space where knowledge can be accessed on many different levels, and establish an interactive learning environment that empowered all of our students to become more confident, self-managing, adaptable and connected. The Knowledge Hub offers all students access to books, magazines, 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.

“This term we installed a 50 inch television so students have the ability to watch movies in the winter, deliver power point presentations in group settings or to simply share important



They are an example of leading from the front, and have had a huge impact on the success of the Knowledge Hub at Taita College says their Principal. (Left to right): Zeta Thickett, Esther Yu, Loria Mamea, Emily Morete-Norgren, Aaron Davis, Adonia MacArthur, Zakary Hooper-Wills, Cruz Campbell.

messages online. In order to make the Knowledge Hub comfortable, where different learning areas are a focus, we transformed one section to include couches and cushions. With a low table in this area, students are able to interact in a more informal way, which encourages powerful connections and relationships,” she says.

Knowledge Hub Facilitator Lydean Herman says Knowledge comes from experiences and not just from information gathering, by providing experiences in the Knowledge Hub Taita College is providing different ways for their students to gain and understand knowledge.

“Making connections is pivotal to retaining knowledge. If our students can connect to a topic using their prior knowledge, and then link it to what they already know, or connect with others who have an interest in

their learning, they then create meaningful discussion and questioning around their topic. In this forum students are more likely to retain that knowledge gained, as opposed to just scanning for information alone. In our knowledge Hub we encourage students to talk to each other and share their learning. We have also created a question wall so students can connect with others who may be ‘experts’ in their area or topic. We want students to take pride and have ownership of their learning.” Lydean Herman says.

“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. We are certainly making our vision a reality, and preparing our students to be outstanding citizens in their community,” sums up Principal Karen Morgan.