



TE KURA TAKIWA O TAURAROA
TAURAROA AREA SCHOOL

NEW ZEALAND



INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Kia Ora, Welcome to our school. We hope you find some interesting and useful information about us in this prospectus and on our website. You can also follow us on Facebook, for more photos and daily information. We welcome visits and will answer any questions you may have. Our teachers and students enjoy being part of this exciting, vibrant, rural school. We provide a quality education which will prepare you for your future.

Tauraroa Area School focuses on challenging and supporting students to live up to our school vision of being the best you can be. Our positive approach continues to produce outstanding results in academic, leadership, sporting and cultural areas. Our students learn in an environment of mutual respect, with an emphasis on sound learning and teaching practice. You will enjoy a range of facilities, including a heated swimming pool, synthetic turf courts, full-sized rugby and football fields, outstanding gymnasium, extensive computer equipment, and well-resourced classrooms. Our school is undergoing a multi-million rebuild at present with the new gymnasium, Science rooms and bathrooms completed. The general-purpose classrooms for the Intermediate and High School areas will be the next part to be completed along with a new all-sports turf.

Tauraroa Area School (TAS) is situated in a picturesque rural location, 22km SW of Whangarei, via SH1 and Maungakaramaea or Mangapai roads. We are four kilometers from the village of Maungakaramaea, an area experiencing strong population growth. It is an ideal learning environment, and it is no surprise that our school is enjoying a growing reputation in the Whangarei region and beyond.

With a roll of 500+ students and catering for Years 1 -13 students, the school is large enough to have the advantages of a range of specialist teachers and facilities, yet small enough to retain the flexibility and pastoral support individual students need.

International students hold a special place in the school, enjoying the friendliness of local students and the school community. Our international students have the chance to experience 'the real New Zealand'. The junior, intermediate, and high school students enjoy shared activities, such as assemblies, sports, and activity days.

The Board of Trustees and senior management of the school are committed to fostering high expectations of student achievement and behaviour, student leadership opportunities, a strong outdoor education programme, a close and positive relationship with parents and friends of the school.

As an area school, you will enjoy some special advantages:

- A wide cross-section of ages and significant leadership opportunities.
- Individualised programmes at the senior levels.
- Close and full support of highly professional staff.

We look forward to having you join the Tauraroa family.

Grant Burns
Principal



INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

We have a small international team who are caring and kind. We want your New Zealand experience to be filled with wonderful memories and lots of exciting experiences. We are available at any time, seven days a week, and are happy to help you in any way we can.

International Director: Mrs Bren Rudolph

Homestay Manager: Mrs Tracy Kelly

We also have a bigger support team to assist you. These include Year Level Deans who will guide you with subject selection, ensuring your academic needs are met. You will also have a homeroom teacher whom you will see every morning when you arrive at school. They will help with your daily needs.

We have an experienced counsellor who will make time to ensure you are happy and will be a listening ear if you need to talk to someone about personal difficulties. She is available for appointments throughout the school day. A nurse is also available for medical concerns. We have support people who speak your language and are able to assist at any time.

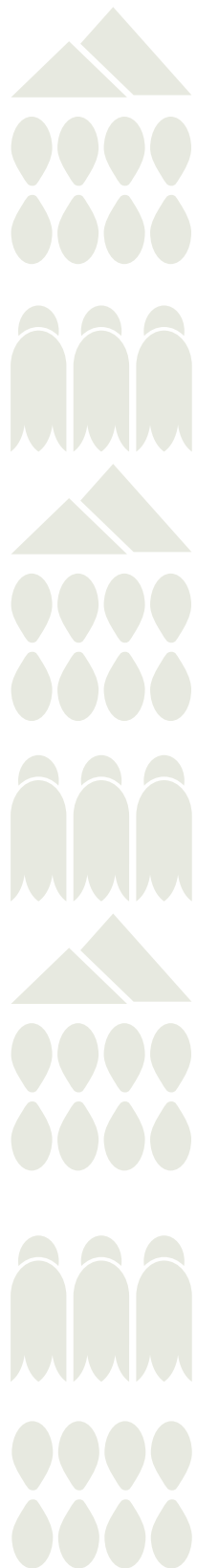


We love having international students at Tauraroa Area School and our students love meeting people from all over the world. It adds to the rich tapestry of our school. We are here to support you during your stay and hope that when you leave, you will feel that it has been an enriching and rewarding experience.

- Friendly, welcoming students
- Small classes
- Beautiful rural environment
- A good selection of subjects
- A unique New Zealand experience
- We support the New Zealand Code of Practice

HOMESTAY FAMILIES

We have families who live on farms, near the beach, in the village or in town. They love hosting international students and would warmly welcome you into their homes. You will have some choice with your family, whether it be a sporty family, musical family, outdoors family or a quiet family. We try our best to match you with a family with similar interests. We encourage you to become a member of the family, joining in with activities and sharing some of your culture, as well. This is a very important part of your New Zealand experience.



SPORTS & CAMP

You will have many sporting opportunities at TAS. On the sports field, we have been well-represented in local sports competitions across basketball, netball, hockey and clay target shooting, football, volleyball, rugby, and track & field. The shooting team has consistently won regional and national titles and our basketball team has recently won a local competition.

We also encourage you to participate in the National Area School tournaments and exchanges.

You might like to take the opportunity to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award Scheme. This involves taking part in expeditions, community service and developing a range of skills. We offer camps at every year level in the school and encourage you to take part. It will help you to make new friends and enjoy a range of experiences.



MUSIC & CULTURE

You might like to join one of our two great jazz bands, rock bands or Kapa Haka groups. We encourage you to become involved and make the most of your time here at Tauraroa Area School. Our jazz bands perform at jazz festivals and perform at other schools. There are many opportunities for talented musicians to shine. We also offer free instrument and vocal tutorials, if you would like to try something new.

We have a strong Drama reputation and our groups have won many awards and local and national Shakespeare competitions. This is something you might like to try. You will have a lot of fun and learn new skills, at the same time. Our students often represent the school at New Zealand competitions and have been selected to participate in the Globe Theatre productions in London.



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You might like to also try debating. You will develop some great skills which you can take with you in further study. It is also a lot of fun and you don't need any prior debating experience.

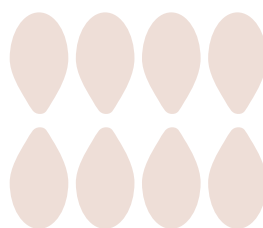


ACADEMIC

We offer a full range of subjects, both academic and practical. If there is a subject you would like to add, and not a class available, we offer online learning in that subject area with online tutorials. Our helpful staff will ensure a varied and interesting programme is available for you.

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This means we can offer a variety of subjects and give you a varied programme. If there is a subject we can't offer, we can provide online learning with tutorials each week. This allows us to provide an individualized programme for you. These cover a range of subjects including History, Philosophy, Psychology and Languages.



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With your other subjects, you may earn credits towards a National Certificate in Educational Achievement – a qualification recognized by universities around the world. The size of the school means that every international student is important to us. You will be treated as a valued individual.





ACADEMIC PROGRAMME: OVERVIEW

YEAR 0 - 8

A warm, supportive programme based on the latest scientific research for the best results. Through engagement in the eight learning areas of the New Zealand Curriculum, our students encounter the essential principles, values and key competencies to support success in their senior schooling years and life beyond the classroom. The core programme is provided by homeroom teachers with specialist teaching in areas such as Physical Education, Technology, Te Reo and the Arts.

YEAR 9 - 10

English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Health and Physical Education are compulsory for the whole year. Modules are offered in a range of other subject options such as Digital Technology, Drama, Music, Health, Food Technology, Visual Art and Te Reo.

YEAR 11

Six subjects are required for Level 1 NCEA. English, Mathematics and Science are compulsory with a further three subjects chosen from Building & Construction, Drama, Design & Visual Communication, Digital Technology, Geography, Health, Hospitality, Music, Physical Education, Sustainable Rural Development, Te Reo, and Visual Art.

YEAR 12

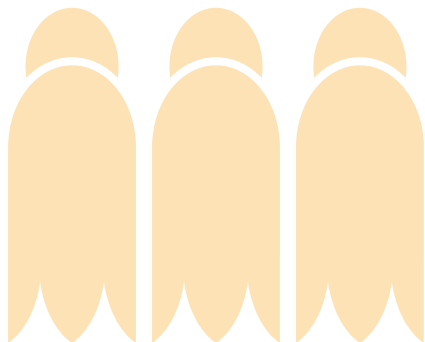
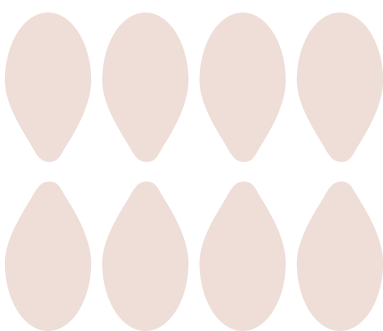
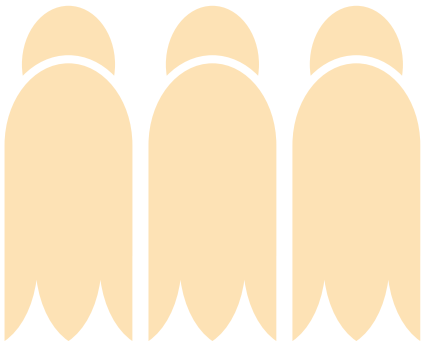
Six subjects are recommended. Subjects offered: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Digital Technology, Digital and Visual Communication, English, Geography, Gateway/Trades, Music, Sustainable Rural Development, Te Reo, Tourism, Visual Art, and Young Enterprise Studies (Business Studies). Other subjects are also available online, such as History, Languages, Psychology and Philosophy.

YEAR 13

Year 13 subjects available include Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Digital Technology, Digital and Visual Communication, English, Music, Physics, Physical Education, Sustainable Rural Development (off campus) Te Reo, Tourism, Visual Art and Young Enterprise Studies (Business Studies). Other subjects are also available online, such as History, Psychology and Philosophy.



FACULTY	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
THE ARTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art• Drama• Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art• Drama• Music
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health• Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health• Physical Education
LANGUAGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English• Te Reo Maori• ESOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English• Te Reo Maori• ESOL
MATHEMATICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mathematics
SCIENCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science
SOCIAL SCIENCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Studies
TECHNOLOGY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food Technology• Digital Technology• Hard Materials Technology• Design Visual & Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food Technology• Digital Technology• Hard Materials Technology• Design Visual & Communication





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YEAR 11 - NCEA LEVEL 1	YEAR 12 - NCEA LEVEL 2	YEAR 13 - NCEA LEVEL 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Arts Drama Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Arts Drama Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Arts Drama Music
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Physical Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Physical Education (includes Outdoor Education) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Physical Education (includes Outdoor Education)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Te Reo Maori ESOL Other languages online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Te Reo Maori ESOL Other languages online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Te Reo Maori ESOL Other languages online
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics with Statistics Mathematics with Calculus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics with Statistics Mathematics with Calculus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable Rural Development Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable Rural Development Biology Chemistry Physics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable Rural Development off-campus courses Biology Chemistry Physics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geography Young Enterprise Studies (Business) Tourism Individualised Programme. Available with online learnign such as History and Psychology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geography Young Enterprise Studies (Business) Tourism Individualised Programme. Available with online learnign such as History and Psychology
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design Visual & Communication Digital Technology Building & Construction Hospitality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design Visual & Communication Digital Technology Building & Construction Hospitality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design Visual & Communication Digital Technology Building & Construction Hospitality (off campus)

STUDENT LEADERS



The Student Council

This is an opportunity for you to be involved in decision-making and become part of a motivated group of students who are interested in issues of student well-being. The student council also fundraises for worthy causes, such as Daffodil Day. Two students are chosen from each year level in the intermediate and high school areas.

Prefects

Our student leaders are role models and ambassadors for the school and do an outstanding job. As a student leader, you will take a vital role in coordinating and leading events, mentoring and providing feedback. There are several portfolios and our prefects are chosen to lead wellbeing, academic, cultural, sports and service activities.

Buses

If you live in the Tauraroa/Maungakaramaea/Maungatapere area, you should be able to catch one of our free buses. If you are coming from Whangarei or somewhere out of the area, there are buses but you will need to pay for these. Your homestay family may bring you to school by car.

Uniform

The official school suppliers are Bethells in the Strand and The Uniform Hub in Kamo. All uniform items should have the school logo. We expect you to wear your uniform with pride. Your hair and uniform should be clean, neat and tidy. For more details, please visit our website

Website and Facebook

We regularly update our website and Facebook pages. You will find daily notices and important information on both of these platforms.

www.tauraroa.school.nz

Facebook: Tauraroa Area School

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees governs the school. After consulting with the general school community, the Board sets policies and agrees to procedures that are in accordance with the school's charter.

Copies of the charter and school policies are available on the school website. The Board is elected by parents and caregivers. They meet each month and their meetings are open to the public.

Newsletter

Families receive a school newsletter each month via email. The newsletter is an official method of communication with parents. Current and archived newsletters are available on the school website.

Progress Reports

Reports are issued twice each year; at the end of Terms 2 & 4. You will be given an opportunity to meet with teachers in Term 1 and you are welcome to contact teachers via email at any time.

Examinations

Internal examinations for Years 11-13 are held in September and NCEA examinations are held in November.

Tuckshop/Canteen

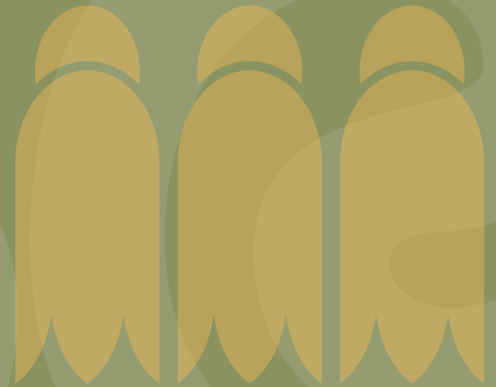
The tuckshop is used for fundraising so there will be opportunities to buy food throughout the year.

Complaints Process

If you have a problem at school or with your homestay, please see the International Director. If you need another opinion, you are welcome to meet with the School Principal. If you still feel the issue has not been resolved, you can make a formal complaint to NZQA.

You can enter a complaint query on the NZQA website, or send an email to risk@nzqa.govt.nz. You can also contact www.istudent.org.nz for advice.

We hope your time at TAS is rewarding, with exciting new experiences, new friendships, and a greater understanding of New Zealand and its people. We will do whatever we can to ensure you are treated well and are able to make the most of your time in New Zealand. Ka kite.





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