

**At Tangaroa College we  
are committed to nurture  
in each student ...**

**a belief in self,**



**a commitment to achieve,**



**and the spirit of aroha.**



### **OUR VALUES:**

- Acknowledgement of Maori as Tangata Whenua of Aotearoa
- Positive affirmation of cultures in the school
- Focus on the needs of students
- Expectations of high standards of teaching
- Non violence
- Innovation in curriculum programming and delivery
- Reflecting community values and aspirations

# Tangaroa College



# Welcome to Tangaroa College



Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Malo e lelei,  
Fakalofa lahi atu, Greetings.  
On behalf of the Board of Trustees,  
I welcome your interest in Tangaroa College.

Tangaroa College provides an outstanding quality education and believes in the pursuit of academic excellence. We stress the importance of an academic curriculum designed to see every student succeed, supported by all the important sports, social and cultural aspects of education within an innovative and caring environment. This will be achieved by a school-wide philosophy that reflects core values, high expectations and standards of discipline.

Our focus at Tangaroa College is on success for all students. We prepare our students for future opportunities in the tertiary education sector and in all vocational areas including commerce, trades and professions with a focus on lifelong learning and self-improvement. All students are encouraged and challenged to attain their full potential in preparation for their future.

Tangaroa College has superb facilities which offer the very best environment for teaching and learning. The school has outstanding and highly qualified staff who are committed to providing the highest quality teaching and education.

Education is the key to any young person's future opportunities and we know that by working with our parents and families we will enhance the educational achievements of our students.

This prospectus reflects our commitment to excellence that is at the core of all that we do. I invite you to visit us so that you can experience first-hand the outstanding qualities that make Tangaroa College such a special place of learning.

Ngaire Ashmore  
M.Ed Mgt (Hons), BA, Dip Tchg  
Principal



## There are many pathways to success

At Tangaroa College we value our students as individuals. We believe each student has the potential to be successful – yet the personal achievements of each student will be different. Our curriculum offers students a wide range of academic courses, work skills programmes, learning experiences and activities to develop their academic, social and physical skills.

- Our timetable is structured to give students the widest possible choice to meet their individual needs.
- Our Health Science Academy provides Year 11, 12 and 13 students with a clear plan, mentoring and a pathway directly into Health Science tertiary study and careers such as medicine, nursing, dentistry etc.
- Our Academic Programme prepares students for NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3. Students earn credits towards NCEA and other National Certificates and Diplomas.
- Our Careers Courses prepare students for the world of work and assist all students to create a career plan. Students can gain credits towards NCEA whilst in work experience and in partnership with tertiary providers.
- Multi-level Study allows student to study subjects at different levels according to their needs. Students may study a combination of year 11, 12 and 13 subjects.
- The whole school Tutor Programme works with students to develop learning strategies and enables all students to set individual targets and plans for their achievement.
- Year Level Deans and Tutor Teachers offer all students from Year 9 to Year 13 an opportunity to set achievement goals and monitor their progress throughout the year with a process of Academic Mentoring.



# Tangaroa College Curriculum

	<b>YEAR 9</b>	<b>YEAR 10</b>
<b>Compulsory</b>	English Mathematics Science Social Sciences Physical Education Health ICT Art Food Technology Soft Materials Music Te Reo Maori Languages	English Mathematics Science Social Studies Physical Education Health ICT
<b>OPTIONS</b>		
<b>Arts</b>		Visual Art Music Drama
<b>Commerce</b>		Enterprise Studies
<b>Information Technology</b>		
<b>Languages</b>		Te Reo Maori Samoan Cook Islands Maori
<b>Technology</b>		Food & Nutrition Soft Materials Hard Materials Design & Visual Communication
<b>Social Sciences</b>		
<b>Sciences</b>		
<b>Mathematics</b>		
<b>Physical Education &amp; Health</b>		
<b>English</b>		
<b>Transition and Career Skills</b>		
<b>Sports and Recreation</b>		

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YEAR 11	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
English Mathematics Science Health Employment Studies	English Mathematics	
<b>OPTIONS</b>		
Visual Arts Music Music & Performing Arts Technology Drama	Painting OR Sculpture Design Music Music & Performing Arts Technology Drama	Painting/Sculpture Design Music Drama
Accounting Economics	Accounting Economics	Accounting Business Studies
Computing	Computing Computer Engineering Office Systems	Computing Computer Engineering Office Systems
Te Reo Maori Samoan	Te Reo Maori Samoan Tongan	Te Reo Maori Samoan Cook Islands Maori
Hospitality Textile Design Hard Materials Technology Design & Visual Communication	Hospitality Fashion Design Carpentry Pathway Engineering Design & Visual Communication	Home Economics Fashion Design Construction Pathway Engineering Design & Visual Communication
History and Social Studies	Social Studies Geography History Tourism	Social Studies Religions in the world Geography History Tourism
Biology Health Science Academy	Science Chemistry Physics Biology Health Science Academy	Chemistry Physics Biology Health Science Academy
	Mathematics with Statistics	Mathematics with Calculus Mathematics with Statistics
Physical Education Sports Studies	Physical Education Health Outdoor Education	Physical Education Health Outdoor Education
		English - Foundation English - Literacy English - Literature ESOL
	Future Pathways	Future Pathways
	Sports and Recreation	Sports and Recreation

# Facilities

Tangaroa College has excellent facilities, resources and programmes designed to provide a variety of learning experiences for students to ensure a comprehensive and successful education during their time with us.

- Health Centre with a full range of services including physiotherapist, doctor, dentist etc.
- Two full-sized gyms with a fully equipped fitness and weights centre
- Library with a suite of networked computers
- Homework centre with subject tutoring
- Six computer suites with specialist software and equipment
- Careers Centre with full time careers staff
- Technology block with six specialist classrooms
- Music Rooms with recording studio and composition technology
- Eight fully-equipped science laboratories
- Classrooms with installed data projectors and interactive smart boards
- Purpose built English block with six classrooms
- Student support and community liaison staff
- Indoor and outdoor sporting facilities including astro-turf courts and specialist sports staff
- A comprehensive guidance system including a daily tutor programme for all students, year level deans, a guidance counsellor and learning support staff.
- Academic Deans to assist students to achieve their NCEA qualifications and gain entry to tertiary study.



## Choosing a secondary school for your child is an important decision

We have tried to answer all the questions that you may have. If there is anything else that you would like to know about Tangaroa College please give us a call or make time to come in and talk to us and have a look around our school.

**Q. Does Tangaroa College have a school uniform?**

Yes, full school uniform is compulsory for all students.

**Q. Will my child get regular homework?**

Yes, students from year 9 to year 13 receive homework that is to be completed on a daily basis. Students in years 11, 12 and 13 are expected to work on assessments and assignments for their NCEA in their own time. We encourage students to attend our supervised Homework Centre.

**Q. How will I know how my child is doing at school?**

Three times each year we will provide written reports to all parents/caregivers. We also ask all parents/caregivers to attend reporting to parents meetings twice a year so that we can have a face-to-face discussion with you about your child's progress.

**Q. Who should I speak to if I have a concern or am worried about something?**

Generally your child's tutor teacher is the first person you should contact. If you are unsure we encourage you to call the school office so that we are able to direct you to most appropriate person. The school has a range of staff that can assist parents and students with problems or issues.

**Q. What will the school expect from me as a parent/caregiver?**

We expect that you are open to working in partnership with us to ensure successful outcomes for your child. We also expect that you ensure your child attends school on time everyday in the correct uniform with the correct learning equipment. We encourage all parents to keep open lines of communication with their children and with the school. We know that parents and families play a key role in the success of their children and we value the input that parents can make.



# We take pride in our achievements

Whether by small steps or giant leaps, our students are encouraged to take pride in their achievements. By recognising and celebrating each success, students build self-esteem and gain confidence to strive for bigger and better goals. For our students, success may take many forms...

## **Learning for your future**

Academic study and practical work skills prepare students to take the next step beyond school into further education and employment.

## **The arts**

It is exciting to develop and enhance the natural talent that so many of our students have for creative expression.

## **Sports**

Through participation in the many sports offered, students develop team spirit, discipline and pride

## **Cultural identity and values**

All cultures and languages are embraced. We offer opportunities for students to experience and grow their languages and cultural understandings.

