



WAIMEA COLLEGE

Your Place to Excel

Prospectus

Welcome to your place

Nau mai ki tō kāinga ako

*E ngā reo, e ngā mana, rau Rangatira mā,
ngā mātāwaka, tēnei te mihi nui atu ki ā
koutou katoa.*

*Ko te wawata me te tūmanako ka noho ora
mai koutou katoa.*

Greetings and a very warm welcome to Waimea College.

At Waimea College we work hard to place you at the centre of everything we do.

We are very proud of our three core values that define us as a school and are brought to life through our daily actions. These are:

Manaakitanga – Caring – we always strive to care for ourselves, others and our environment.

Whanaungatanga – Belonging – we take pride in being part of Waimea College and respect and celebrate our differences.

Akoranga – Learning – we always strive to learn and grow.

Our co-educational college has all the advantages that come with being one of the South Island's largest secondary schools, yet we offer you the warmth and encouragement of a small school.

We strive to develop well-rounded, confident young adults who are equipped for our modern and changing world. We are proud of the 'strong' rating provided to us by the Education Review Office (ERO) that confirms we are on the right path to achieving this.

Our school has a culture where we won't rest until every student in our care is engaged and achieving. We believe that every student, every day, in every class deserves our very best effort and we strive to make sure that we live up to this expectation. We are proud of our students, our staff and our facilities. We are also proud of our modern student-centred curriculum that is technology rich and responsive to your needs.

Waimea College is a vibrant and lively school. We know that success can take many forms and all of these are valuable. Some of you will shine in the classroom, some on the sports field and some in the arts. Our emphasis on delivering a broad and balanced education ensures that you can discover and follow your passion to experience success in any field.

While providing outstanding academic education is our core business, our strong focus on values-based education develops strong citizens who will flourish in both the local community and on the world stage. As a graduate of Waimea College you will have a sense of community and service, and the ability to relate to and work with others, including those socially and culturally diverse.

We are proud that parents both locally and from around the world entrust us with the care and education of close to 1600 students every day. We aspire to be the school of choice for every family in our community and we work hard to meet the expectations and deliver upon the aspirations of our community.

We know that a strong relationship between home and school significantly contributes to your success as a student, and we look forward to partnering with your family to make Waimea College your place to excel.



Scott Haines
Principal





“As a Year 10 student at Waimea College, I am always proud to show off my school’s colours. Starting in Term 2 of 2022 as a Year 9 was challenging at the beginning, but Waimea College helped and supported me in so many ways. This has inspired me to do the same with other new students.”

— Zach, Year 10

Become the best version of you *Me eke koe ki tōu ake taumata*

At Waimea College we recognise that you are a special and unique individual and believe you deserve nothing less than our very best efforts, every hour of every day.

We want to expand your expectations so you can reach your full potential. Our co-educational setting offers you academic achievement backed up by dynamic co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities (sports, the arts, community involvement and leadership) that will enable you to learn, grow and excel.

Providing a world class academic education for you is our core focus, but equally as important to us is our commitment to instilling positive social values and to create in you a sense of citizenship, community and service. We will support your development so you can relate to and work with a wide range of other people.

Our vision is that you develop into a well-rounded, confident young adult prepared for our modern and changing world.

“Students learn, progress and achieve in a calm, collaborative and inclusive learning community.”

— ERO Report



“*Waimea College provides a wide range of learning opportunities, as well as extra-curricular activities. Whether it's Academics, Sports or Arts, Waimea College has it all.*”

— Hayden, Year 12

So many opportunities to learn *He nui ngā āheinga ki te ako*

The huge range of opportunities available at Waimea College is what sets us apart. We offer a broad curriculum, with one of the largest range of subjects of any school in the country. This means there is something here for you to individualise your learning.

Our staff are well-qualified and carefully selected professionals. They are committed to supporting your achievement and success in all curriculum areas.

At junior level there are several compulsory subjects from the eight learning areas of the New Zealand Curriculum. In addition, you can select from a range of option and enrichment subjects. Enrichment subjects offer cross-curriculum opportunities featuring 21st Century learning that is engaging and responsive to your needs and focusing on the key competencies.

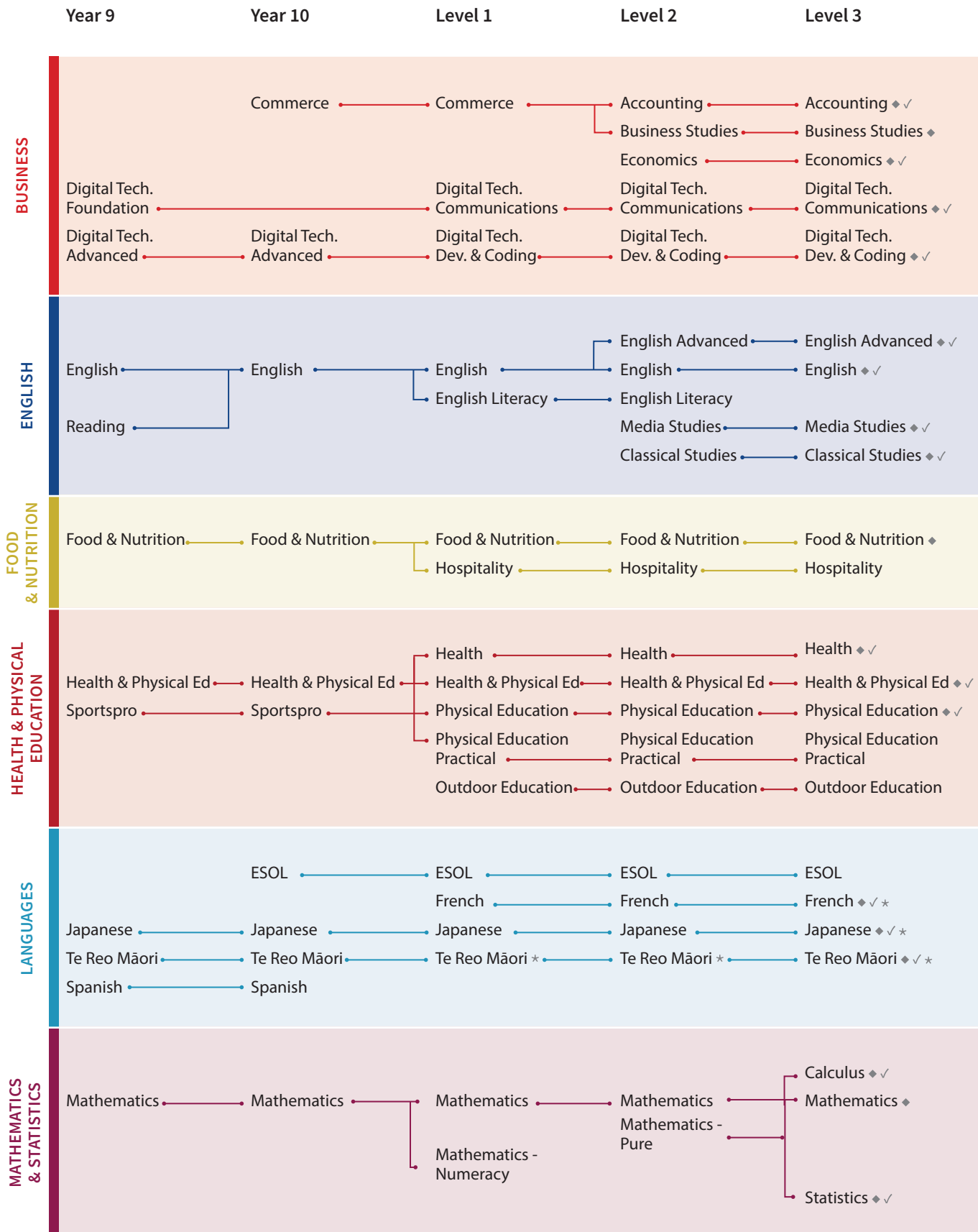
The College offers:

- a comprehensive range of subjects from Year 9 to 13 leading to the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Levels 1, 2 and 3;
- a comprehensive range of senior subjects including Trades Academy and Vocational Pathway options;
- education of Tikanga Māori and Te Reo Māori;
- a technology rich curriculum delivery including BYOD (Bring Your Own Device);
- additional opportunities to accelerate learning and extend any special abilities in a range of curriculum areas;
- additional assistance if you need help with your learning, via specialised support through our student support network.

A strong focus on values-based education and our consistently high expectations for student behaviour supports your achievement and success.

Subject pathways

Huarahi ako

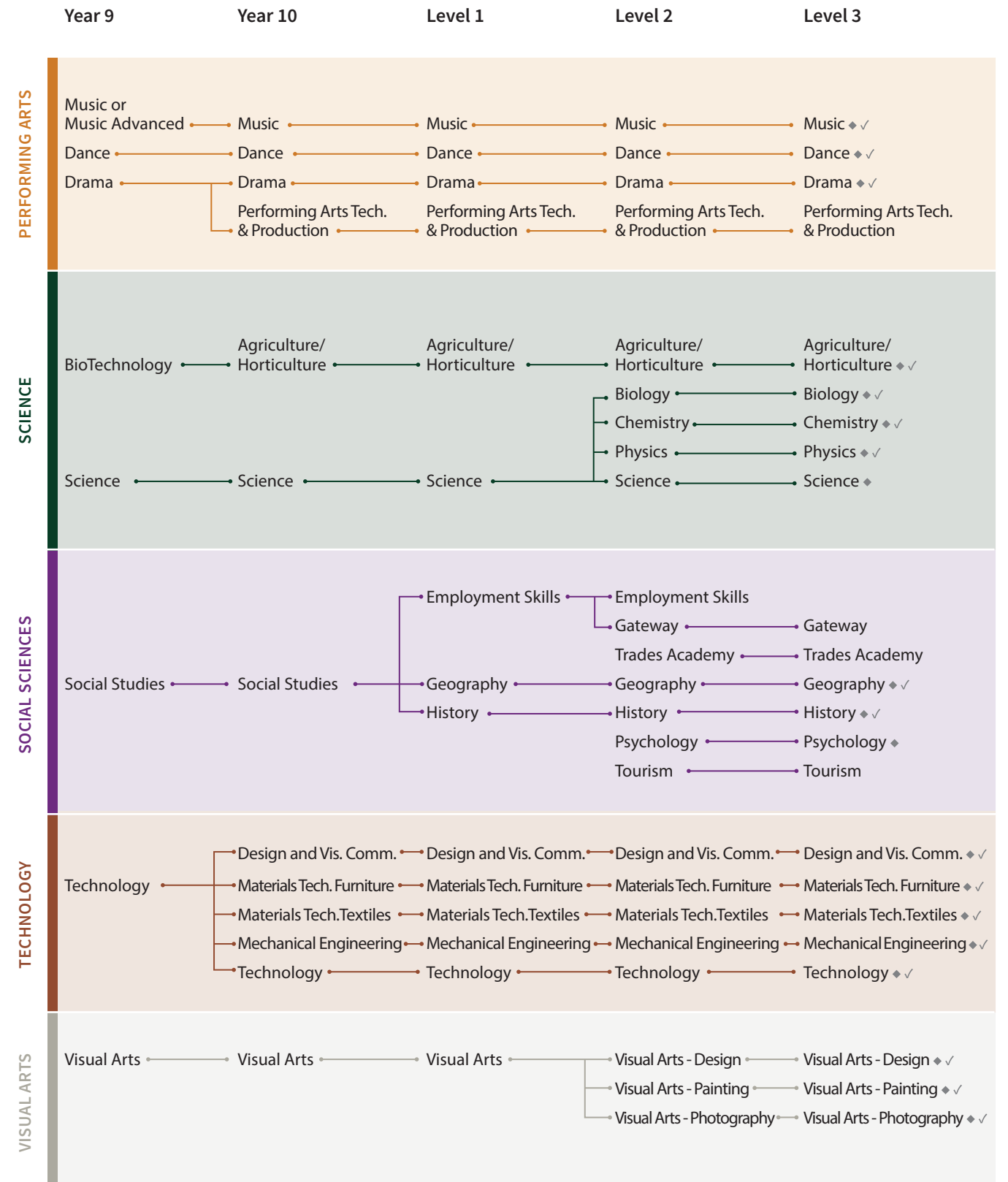


Year 9 and 10 Enrichment courses that focus on Key Competencies and Cross-Curricular teaching and learning are also part of all junior programmes.

Note: all courses are offered subject to sufficient enrolments.

Key:

- ◆ University Entrance subject
- ✓ Scholarship subject
- * May be offered by Correspondence



Your place to excel

Tōu papa whakaangitū

We support students to excel in what matters most to them, understanding that success can take many forms. We are proud of our students and celebrate all achievements in a variety of ways.

“Effective curriculum review design and enactment processes have led to the creation of a local curriculum that has breadth and depth to respond to students’ needs and aspirations.”

— ERO Report

You will have access to a wide range of subjects, academic and extra-curricular, providing you with many opportunities to excel. Our strong school culture will encourage and support you to discover and follow your passion to experience meaningful success.

Waimea College students have a particularly strong record of success in academic, sporting, music and performing arts, with a number that have gone on to represent New Zealand, and experience higher education at prestigious organisations around the world.





Growing future leaders

Whakatupu Rangatira mō Āpōpō

We foster and develop the leadership capabilities that many students possess. At every year level you are given opportunities that enable you to reach your leadership potential and develop into a future leader.

The Student Leadership Team includes an elected representative to the Board of Trustees, six Head Students and eight House Captains.

A variety of senior leadership positions are available to you including but not limited to:

- Academic
- Sport
- Performing Arts
- Visual Arts
- Business
- Culture
- Environment
- International Student Support
- Community
- Diversity
- Events
- Student Ambassadors
- Special Education Captains

In our junior school you will also have the opportunity to be involved and participate in community activities such as ANZAC Day, Big Brothers Big Sisters at local primary and intermediate schools, Wheelchair Dancing and Special Education events. All these will help shape you into a leader of tomorrow.

“ *Waimea College is a diverse and vibrant school that provides a supportive and encouraging environment. Our broad curriculum allows every student to pursue their passion and become lifelong learners.”*

— Zariyah, Year 13

“ *High expectations for teaching, learning, achievement and well-being have created an evolving culture of innovation, flexibility and creativity to meet the diversity of needs across the school.”*

— ERO Report



What we value

Ō mātou uara

We are a values based school with a focus on creating good human beings. We ensure everything we do is centred around our values of caring, belonging and learning. It is expected that students and staff are guided by these values to ensure that the experience of anyone in our school community is positive and uplifting.

“School leaders collaboratively develop, pursue and enact the school’s vision and targets for equity and excellence. Their well considered strategic approach is consultative and inclusive.”

— ERO Report

We adopt a firm, fair and consistent approach to managing behaviour within the frameworks of Restorative Practice and Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L), using our values to guide this.

At Waimea College we encourage you to be the best you can be by:

- caring for yourself, others and the environment;
- taking pride in being part of Waimea College;
- respecting and celebrating everyone’s differences;
- always striving to learn and grow.



Manaakitanga
Caring



Whanaungatanga
Belonging



Akoranga
Learning

Be creative in the arts

Kia auaha i ngā mahi toi

Your creativity will be nurtured at Waimea College through our diverse range of subjects that cater to the arts – visual, performing, and musical.

Additional to these curriculum subjects, we offer a wonderful array of extra opportunities that support the learning in the classroom.

We actively encourage you to take advantage of a large number of opportunities through:

- participating in a range of performing arts and cultural activities;
- being able to experience Māori culture through Tama Tū Tama Ora, Ngā Manu Kōrero, Te Rourou Kura and other available events;
- participating in Theatre Sports, Shakespeare Festivals, competitive drama, performance music, public speaking and creative design competitions;
- learning a variety of musical instruments as part of the itinerant music tuition programme;
- becoming part of our successful and vibrant orchestra or jazz band.

“*Waimea College offers students the opportunity to perform through numerous music groups, cultural groups, school productions and debating. There are many things to join and be a part of so make sure to get involved in as much as possible.*”

— Arts Captains





Connected through sports

Te whakawhanaunga mā ngā hākinakina

Waimea College has an excellent record of achievement at regional and national level in a number of sports and is represented by teams and individuals in many codes.

You will be encouraged to participate in a variety of sports, at either competitive or social levels, to enhance your overall health and well-being. We have a huge range of sporting codes on offer, including the major sports of basketball, cricket, football, hockey, netball, rugby, volleyball and multisport.

Our achievements in sport are the result of the skilled coaching and involvement of staff, parents, past students and members of the wider community. This dedicated group will support you with expertise, energy and enthusiasm.

In the junior levels we offer Sportspro, a high-performance sports course that provides selected students with the knowledge and skills to develop towards their potential in their chosen sports. The course covers goal setting, personal fitness training and sports psychology.

In recent years, we have celebrated success in a number of sporting codes, including:

- Volleyball — Senior Boys 2nd Nationals 2023
- Tennis — TSS Mixed Championship Doubles 2023
- Ki o Rahi — TSS Junior (2022) and Senior (2023) Champs
- Basketball — Senior A Boys 2nd SISS, 5th Nationals 2022
- Touch — Mixed Team 7th NZSS 2022
- TSS Athletics Championship — Records broken in U14Boys 100m, 200m, 400m; U14 Girls 800m; U19 Boys Triple Jump; U19 Boys High Jump
- Kartsport — National Team 2022
- Netball — Senior A 4th SISS B Grade 2022
- Hockey – 1st XI — NZSS Coaches Cup Tournament Winners 2022

“Sporting opportunities at Waimea College are immense. Sports enables students to meet new people and develop valuable friendships. There are opportunities at the social and competitive level for everyone to get involved and compete. One of the best school inclusive events is the annual House Sports Day. It promotes House unity and some friendly competition for the sought-after House Shield.”

— House Captains





Find your passion

Rapuhia te ngākau whitawhita

We are a big school and we pride ourselves on offering a big range of extra-curricular activities that will enable every student to discover their passion.

There are so many ways for you to get involved, including:

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Choir
- Creative Writing
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Dancing
- Debating
- Disc Golf
- Drama
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Environment Committee
- Football
- Futsal
- Get2Go
- Hillary Challenge
- Hockey
- ICAS English Competition
- Instrumental Lessons
- International Student Buddies
- Jazz Band
- Junior Leader Programme
- Kapa Haka
- Kartsport
- Ki o Rahi
- Lawn Bowls
- Mountain Biking
- Multisport
- Netball
- Ngā Manu Kōrero Māori Speech Competitions
- Orchestra
- Rock Bands
- Rock Climbing
- Rugby
- Sailing
- School Production
- Shakespeare Festival
- Ski Team
- Speech Competition
- Spelling Bee
- Squash
- Swimming
- Tama Tū Tama Ora
- Tennis
- Theatre Sports
- Touch Rugby
- Triathlon
- Volleyball
- World Vision
- ... and more.

Supporting your well-being

E tautoko ana i tōu oranga

Our goal for you is to become a person who is resilient and able to cope well with the demands of the modern world, while retaining your natural curiosity and creativity and accepting of those who are socially and ethnically different to you.

All students attend a weekly Ako class where they are equipped with a kete of tools for social success. In Ako, you develop your growth mindset, healthy relationship skills, digital citizenship, mindful practices and an understanding of well-being. We encourage you to find your strengths, and provide the guidance to plan your course of study, set short and long-term goals and assist you to achieve them.

We have an excellent reputation for commitment to student support provided by teachers, deans, guidance and support staff, including pastoral care for the needs of Māori students to succeed and achieve as Māori. Together, we develop your sense of turangawaewae through encouraging the STRIVE values of Waimea College.

Your support network:

- belonging to one of four Houses: Cooper, Hillary, Rutherford and Sheppard;
- the Houses are divided into a number of Form Groups;
- your Form Teacher and Deans who are responsible for your pastoral care;
- your Deans follow your year group throughout your time at Waimea College to provide consistent support;
- a well-resourced Guidance and Learning Centre where fully trained counsellors, social workers and access to some health services, should you require additional support;
- 24/7 Youth Workers.

“What I love about Waimea College is the sense of belonging. I come to school every day feeling proud and part of something. I am guided by kind and supportive staff and boosted by other students. The school culture is a very significant component of Waimea, and something I will cherish forever.”

— Isla, Year 11





“At Waimea College, a wide variety of people gather from all around the world. We understand each other and we come together across cultural boundaries. The school gives us opportunities to engage ourselves and face new challenges. Students are able to explore their own interests and learn freely. With a lot of support from teachers and school staff, I am having a rewarding time here at Waimea.”

— Sayaka, Year 12

Connecting globally *Te whakawhanaunga ki ngā iwi o te ao*

At Waimea College we are proud of our richly diverse student body and we warmly welcome international students from around the world.

Our international students come from a wide range of countries that include Austria, Brazil, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Norway, Switzerland, Thailand, Taiwan and Vietnam amongst others.

Waimea College offers not just an education but a whole new lifestyle for our international students. As an international student you will be mainstreamed into regular classes with local students. You can choose from a wide range of subjects and will mix with a variety of other students.

Our International programme provides:

- experienced and committed staff dedicated to supporting you;
- the opportunity for a world class education, including incredible outdoor education experiences;
- specialist ESOL support classes from elementary to upper intermediate;
- a safe environment which allows you to reach your full potential;
- a wide range of sporting, cultural and recreational activities;
- support for you to have an amazing experience in another country, while excelling academically and learning about yourself.

As an international student you will live with a family in the Waimea College area. These families are carefully selected by our dedicated and experienced homestay staff, who regularly stay in touch with you and your family.

We work hard to produce well-rounded global citizens by also providing our domestic students with the opportunities to experience international exchange programmes.



The outdoor classroom

Te akomanga o waho

In close proximity to three National Parks, our region is an adventure-seekers' paradise. It provides an incredible classroom for all students to experience exhilarating outdoor activities through our extensive Outdoor Education programme.

In Year 9 you will have the opportunity to attend camps in our great outdoors. The focus of the camps is to challenge you personally while working as a team, and includes activities such as tramping, rafting, canoeing or kayaking, and a confidence course.

In Years 11, 12 or 13 you can participate in a range of outdoor pursuits such as kayaking, rock-climbing, tramping, alpine skills and mountain biking.

Waimea College's membership of Outdoor Education New Zealand underpins our commitment to outstanding educational opportunities outside the classroom, where safety is paramount, and we are proud of our industry leading OutdoorsMark Safety Audit certification.



“Outdoor education is an epic and unique opportunity for students to explore their stunning surroundings. Highlights include kayaking, rock climbing, tramping, mountain biking and caving camps. Along the way, students gain confidence, learn invaluable leadership skills, and make lifelong connections.”

— Cassie, Year 13





“The students’ and teachers’ whanaungatanga (sense of belonging) at Waimea College creates a compassionate environment. He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai. If kindness is shown, kindness you shall receive.”

— Hine, Year 11

Our Campus *Tō tātou Marae Ako*

Feel at home in our large, attractive, park-like grounds that border a local primary and intermediate school. This is your school community and it has excellent facilities that will support all your needs.

Considerable emphasis is placed on ensuring that our classrooms are stimulating, well-managed environments that support the work of great teachers and the delivery of a wide range of subjects.

Our facilities include:

- modern covered astro turf outdoor court area;
- spacious outdoor fields;
- campus-wide WiFi freely available for your use;
- well-resourced science laboratories;
- modern learning environments;
- an excellent and newly refurbished music and performing arts environment;
- a spacious, modern Library and Information Centre;
- a newly modernised Technology Centre;
- two fully-equipped gymnasiums and a weights room;
- a solar-heated swimming pool;
- an extensive Guidance and Learning Support Centre;
- a dedicated International Centre;
- a large and centrally located Special Education Facility.





“Here at Waimea College, there is a strong sense of Whanaungatanga (Belonging) as each student, regardless of their personal or cultural background, is treated as an important part of the Waimea community. This school has such a positive and encouraging vibe which helps you achieve your dreams and goals.”

— Fabien, Year 9

Where you belong *Tōu tūrangawaewae*

Being part of Waimea College is being part of a wider school community. It is a community for you to belong to, where you are welcomed and accepted for who you are and for your unique contribution.

At both a junior and senior level, Waimea College students enjoy the sense of pride, loyalty and respect that partaking in community service brings them, and it is something that the school community greatly values.

Features of our school community include:

- a strong sense of belonging;
- a myriad of opportunities to engage through activities;
- strong links with our contributing schools;
- connection with alumni;
- strong links and support with our Māori community;
- active parent support groups such as PTA and Rūnanga Mātua.

“Significant pastoral networks and multiple learning pathways are well managed and support student well-being.”

— ERO Report





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