



# WAIMEA COLLEGE

Your Place to Excel

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*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 endorsement 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 succeed 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.

*Fraser Hill*

Fraser Hill  
Principal



**Manaakitanga**  
**Caring**



**Whanaungatanga**  
**Belonging**



**Akoranga**  
**Learning**





“As a Year 11 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 11

## 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 Academic, Sports or Arts, Waimea College has it all.*”

— Hayden, Year 13

# 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 subjects from The Arts, Languages and the Technology Curriculums. These feature learning that is engaging and responsive to your needs and focus 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.





# 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.







“*Waimea College has an amazing school environment which challenges and pushes their students to strive to become greater academically and as people. Our wide range of subjects allows everyone to excel in their own chosen field.*”

— Seb, Year 13



## 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.

“*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

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 events such as ANZAC Day, Wheelchair Dancing and Special Education events at school. All these will help shape you into a leader of tomorrow.





# 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 6th Nationals 2024; Senior Boys 2nd Nationals 2023
- Tennis — TSS Mixed Championship Doubles 2023
- Ki o Rahi — Senior TSS (2023) Champs
- Basketball — Senior A Boys 1st SISS, 2nd Nationals 2023
- Netball — Senior A 5th SISS B Grade 2023
- Hockey – 1st XI — Boys NZSS Rankin/India Cup 2023 - 20th in New Zealand
- Mountain Biking - 1st place SISS U17 Boys Enduro; 2nd U15 Boys Enduro; 3rd U17 Boys Enduro

“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 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 range of extra-curricular activities that will enable every student to discover their place to excel.

**There are so many ways for you to get involved, these may include:**

- Adventure Racing
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Chess Club
- Choir
- Creative Writing
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Debating
- Disc Golf
- Drama
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Environment Committee
- Football
- Futsal
- Hockey
- Instrumental Lessons
- International Student Buddies
- Jazz Band
- Junior Leader Programme
- Kapa Haka
- Ki o Rahi
- Lawn Bowls
- Mountain Biking
- Netball
- Orchestra
- Rock Bands
- Rugby
- Sailing
- School Production
- Shakespeare Festival
- Speech Competition
- Spelling Bee
- Squash
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Theatre Sports
- Touch
- Triathlon
- Volleyball
- ... and more, please visit our website for more details.



# 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, counselling 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 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 Counselling Centre with fully trained counsellors, social workers and access to some health services, should you require additional support;
- The Kura Hub is a learning space to cater for small groups and individual learning needs.
- 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 12







“*Waimea College has many different events. By deepening relationships with many people at these events and sharing what you like, you can make new connections. All students at Waimea College have different sensitivities, personalities, races, and backgrounds. Therefore, each student has different values, but they respect each other and enjoy their school life. I think this is a wonderful experience.*”

— Yugo, Year 10

## 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 exhilarating and unique experience, from kayaking down the Buller River to scaling beautiful rock faces in Takaka. Students will learn confidence, organization, and practical skills, all while experiencing the natural beauty of Aotearoa through kayaking, rock climbing, caving, tramping and mountain biking. If you want to make lifelong connections, not only with your classmates, but also the land, give Outdoor Ed a go as a senior student!”

— Rosie, Year 12







“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 12

## 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 astroturf 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 Counselling Centre and Kura Hub (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 10

## 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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