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Nga Tumanako o Kahurangi
He Mihi


He pūkapuka paku tenei hei whakamarama atu I “Nga Tumanako o Kahurangi.” I whakatunga tenei ropu. Maori e nga ropu kaiako wahine toa hei whakamana i te reo me ona tikanga hei whakapakari, hei whakaatu hoki i te mana taitamawhine, i te mana Maori.

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History

The first Maori students attended Auckland Girls’ Grammar School in the 1920’s. Since then, many well known Maori women have been educated here. These women include; Dame Mira Szaszy, Meremere Penfold, Emily Karaka, Georgina Te Heuheu, Donna Walker, Tammi Wilson, Betty Ann Monga and Viola Port.

Many of these girls lived at the Maranga Hostel in Pentland Avenue, Mt Eden which opened in 1953 accommodating up to 30 students.

In the mid 1980’s Professor Linda Tuhiwai Smith (then our school Guidance Counsellor) and a group of students and whanau developed the idea of Kahurangi and made plans to establish a wharenui at Auckland Girls’ Grammar School. In 1987 Nga Tumanako o Kahurangi was established as the first secondary school total immersion unit in New Zealand with the support of the Principal of the day, Charmaine Pountney. Since then, it has become a bi-lingual whanau, but it is still based on the original principles of Te Reo, Tikanga Maori, Mana Wahine and Tino Rangatiratanga.

Kahurangi-ki-Maungawhau

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In February 1983, a re-locatable classroom provided by the Department of Education, arrived at Auckland Girls’ Grammar School and the tapu was lifted by Ngati Whatua elders. The classroom then began to be re-shaped into a Whare Wananga – a centre of Maori learning. The porch was added the next year and the carving and tukutuku work was done for the whare as part of a skills training programme under Allan and Wana Nopera. It has since been refurbished and the surroundings landscaped in 2009.
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Nga Tumanako o Kahurangi

Very few secondary schools offer bi-lingual or whanau units to cater for the various needs of Maori students and other New Zealanders wanting to learn the indigenous language of this country. Kahurangi offers beginner students of the language and those girls who have come from bi-lingual or kura kaupapa schools, an opportunity to develop their te reo and tikanga Maori so they are able to stand tall in te ao Maori and te ao Pakeha.

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Students in Kahurangi are encouraged to be active in the wider life of the school and to take advantage of the various subject options and co-curricular activities our school offers.

Nga Tikanga o Kahurangi

There are high expectations for Kahurangi students to fulfill their potential in their academic and cultural studies, so there are certain tikanga that must be adhered to for the kaupapa of the whanau to be upheld and for Kahurangi to function effectively.

The Tikanga of the Nga Tumanako o Kahurangi include:

1. Kahurangi students will have an excellent record of attendance and behaviour. They are all expected to uphold the school values of Pride, Respect, Integrity, Diligence and Empathy.

2. Kahurangi students will participate in organised kaupapa Maori activities, and all students are expected to take part in Kapa Haka and occasionally in powhiri for the school.

3. Parents and Caregivers are required to attend Kahurangi whanau hui once a term and give their support to both Kaupapa Maori and Kaupapa Kura activities.
Matauranga Maori Faculty

In 2015 we established the Matauranga Maori Faculty which has the responsibility for the delivery of the Te Reo Maori from years 9-13.

There is a Dean of Nga Tumanako o Kahurangi and she is supported by Tutor Teachers who will make contact with the whanau as the need arises for curriculum, behaviour and attendance issues.
Class Programme

The Kahurangi programme follows the structure of the mainstream school and incorporates Tikanga Maori o Te Reo Maori where possible. This programme reflects the part Kahurangi plays as tangata whenua in the school. Kahurangi students have the opportunity to participate in all co-curricular school activities and this encourages whakawhanaungatanga relationships both within Kahurangi and the school as a whole.

Kahurangi Year 9
Students remain together for Social Studies, Science, Technology and Physical Education. They choose two Arts subjects from the following: Music, Visual Art, Dance and Drama.

Kāhurangi Year 10
At Year 10, girls stay together for PE. They study Mathematics, English, Social Studies and Science. They all study Te Reo Maori.

Kahurangi Years 11, 12 and 13
Students continue to study Maori and also participate in Maori based activities such as Kapa Haka, Manu Kōrero, Mana Wahine Day, Te Reo Maori Week and the Kahurangi prizegiving.
Nga Tumanako o Kahurangi
Enrolments

If you are interested in becoming part of our Kahurangi whanau, please indicate this on your daughter’s enrolment form.

As this is a special programme, the normal ballot process for out of zone applications does not apply, however the number of places are limited. All applicants and their whanau will be invited to an interview.

All Kahurangi Students will be expected to:

- Be committed to the practice of Te Reo Maori me ona Tikanga. All students will take either Maori or Te Reo Rangatira as their language option and follow and uphold the tikanga of Nga Tumanako o Kahurangi.

- Have excellent attendance and work habits. All prospective students must show evidence at their interview.

- Make a commitment to being a part of one of the school’s Kapa Haka Roopu, and participate in the Manu Korero competition. This will ensure that all Kahurangi students are able to participate in powhiri and waiata.

If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to call the school (09) 307 4180 or email the Nga Tumanako o Kahurangi Dean, jrogers@aggs.school.nz.