



Putāruru
College



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TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW

Welcome to your learning journey at Putāruru College.





Nau mai haere mai

Welcome to Putāruru College.

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.
What is the most important thing in this world, it is people, it is people, it is people.

I feel privileged to be a part of our wonderful school community.

We understand that people are the heart of every school and that relationships are a key component of successful learning. At Putāruru College we strive to establish meaningful, positive relationships between students, teachers and whānau.

Our teachers are the learning champions of your child, helping them to navigate their own pathway through their learning journey towards their employment life beyond school.

The world our rangatahi will experience is one of rapid change with many opportunities.

Our school values of Mana Motuhake (identity), Hikina (advocacy for self and others), Whanaungatanga (connections) and Kia Tutuki (success) form the basis of our planning. We feel these attributes will equip our students with the confidence to make the most of the academic, leadership, cultural and sporting opportunities that our school provides.

Our school works in partnership with outside agencies to provide a variety of learning options to help students achieve their potential and open their minds to the range of work opportunities that are available to them with the right qualifications.

We invite you to come and see what we can offer for your child's future.

Ngā mihi

Rob Rogers

Principal
Putāruru College

OUR STUDENTS



KAYA ALLISON

I have really enjoyed being in the PCFilms crew. Learning how to use industry grade cameras, equipment and editing suites has opened up opportunities for my future career. PCFilms takes part in many competitions like fair go, kinetic kiwi and more, which can win money for the school and put your name out to big people in the media industry. I also do photography and learning how to work the cameras in year 7 has helped with my photography skills and studies this year.



KAYA SCOTT-THOMPSON

Our school is amazing because we have options like digital technology, food technology, drama, art, metal work and so much more. My favorite day of the week is Wednesday because it is two of my favorite classes: digital technology and electronics. In digital technology we are doing 3D printing and in electronics we are making a buzz wire.



TAEJAH DIXON

We have lots of different options and opportunities to learn new skills and form new relationships. I've learnt to work with a team and have better sportsmanship. We embrace all differences and include everyone.



KEIRAH WINIKEREI

The way whanau has changed students is by being able to interact with all years of Putāruru College with no intimidation. The activities are different each day, you get opportunities to interact and understand different people. The activities help us understand our likes, dislikes and how we think and feel about certain things. For me personally is seeing my whanau teacher and how she comes into class everyday in a happy mood regardless of what she may be feeling on the inside. My relationship with my whanau teacher is really close. I am able to tell her how I'm truly feeling about my classes, what I struggle with and she helps me to make things better for myself and strive for what I want to become in the future.



BREIANA RHODES

At Putāruru College we are all one family. We are inclusive towards new students. Our school LOVES sports and Harata and myself will help push your athletic ability. Our teachers are like a school friend who teaches us.

OUR STUDENTS



SHANALAE THOMPSON

I like how we get opportunities to change our classes if needed so I can learn new things and focus on my goals. I find people in our school very helpful and supportive, and I like that our students get along with each other.



ORLAHNDI GILCHRIST

At Putāruru College we have loving staff that will help you towards your career goals and achievements before and after leaving school. We are also kind hearted and a welcoming school that includes all new students that come throughout the year.



KYRONE PRIESTLEY

I enjoy PE because we do alot of different sports and I am sporty. I play in lots of teams and enjoy competing against other schools. Woodwork is really cool because we get to make a remote control holder.



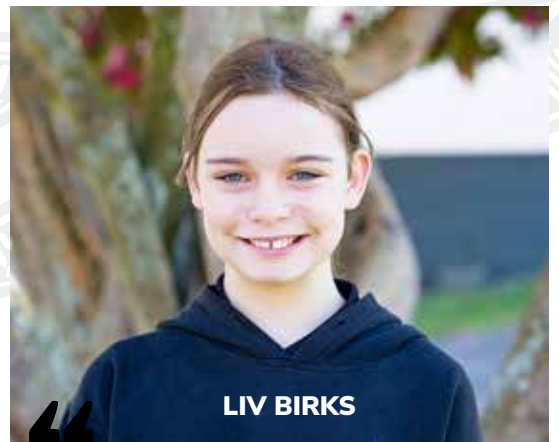
KATELYN TAYLOR

At Putāruru College everyone is kind and caring, the teachers are very kind and support in everyone's learning and what they want to learn. We have a lot of different sports and events for everyone to do. If you are not into sports there are plenty of other things to do. I love being a student here because there are so many opportunities and ideas for everyone to learn. We have good classes and everyone is supportive.



JACKSON WINDLEY

I enjoy playing basketball at break times and for the school team. Science is my favourite class as I really like doing experiments. I have made some nice friends since starting here.



LIV BIRKS

At Putāruru College we get a great education, there's lots of option classes like art (my favourite), food tech, digital technology, drama, science and loads more. I've learnt how easy things can be by working as a team and using teamwork, it's also easier to work independently now. Putāruru College welcomes all new students warmly.

Our Aspirations for Learning

Mana Motuhake | Identity

- Ko wai au?
- We are proud and confident
- We pursue personal and collective excellence
- We believe our cultures count

Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua

– I walk backwards into my future with my eyes fixed on my past.

Hīkina

| Advocate for myself and others

- We have strong hauora – whare tapa wha
- We embrace diversity and difference
- We are able to advocate for ourselves and others
- We know when and how to ask for help/ seek support

Ēhara taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini

– My strength is in unity

Whanaungatanga

| Connections

- We are respectful
- We encourage and support others to learn
- We work together to improve our communities
- We walk confidently in multiple worlds
- We have the right to equity and self determination

Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi

– With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive

Kia tutuki | Success

- We are literate and numerate with NCEA L2/UE
- We strive to reach our highest potential for achievement
- We are curious, brave, flexible, and take risks
- We explore different possibilities and opportunities
- We are equipped and prepared for our future

Ma te huruhuru ka rere te manu

– Adorn the bird with feathers so it can fly.



MISSION

Putāruru College will be the school of choice for our community

VALUES

Mana Motuhake, Whanaungatanga, Hīkina, Kia Tutuki

VISION

Together we learn and grow

1. STRATEGIC GOAL
We have a safe, positive, and inclusive learning environment that promotes hauora

PRIORITIES

- Our school values underpin our community and are visible in our daily practice
- Based on our values, all learners have rights, roles and responsibilities to ensure a culture of care in our community
- School wide Whānau | Learning Advisory programme for all learners
- Quality enrolment, transition and induction programmes
- An effective Learning Support department
- Our school looks like a school in a bicultural Aotearoa New Zealand; it reflects our diverse community while honouring our cultural heritage

SUCCESS MEASURES

Our students enjoy being at school.

Wellbeing data and attendance baseline data increase 10% each year.

2. STRATEGIC GOAL
We use innovative teaching and leadership practices

PRIORITIES

- A localised school curriculum reflecting our place and our people
- An effective teaching profile to deliver our curriculum
- Programmes to build student and teacher leadership capabilities and opportunities.
- Identify the diverse needs of our learners and have the skills to meet these
- Elearning and the use of digital technology to enhance teaching and learning
- All learners engage in a school wide Te Reo Māori programme
- We actively participate and lead the Kāhui Ako priorities

SUCCESS MEASURES

Develop, retain and attract high quality teachers

Effective teacher practices aligned to the teaching profile and subsequent professional growth cycle

3. STRATEGIC GOAL
We design and deliver learning so all learners can succeed in their purposeful pathway

PRIORITIES

- All learners demonstrate commitment to the pursuit of individual and collective excellence
- Every learner and group of learners have individual and collective learner profiles
- Every learner and group of learners have coherent learning pathways
- A cohesive school wide assessment plan for tracking, reporting and reviewing progress and achievement
- A whole school approach to careers education and vocational pathways

SUCCESS MEASURES

ALL (100%) of our students achieve their learning goals

NCEA achievement rates are higher than decile 3 averages

80% of our Y7-10 students will accelerate against curriculum levels

We give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Learners in our school community are self determining in creating notions of success and the realisation of these.

4. STRATEGIC GOAL
We learn through whānau and community partnerships

PRIORITIES

- A deliberate partnership plan
- Strengthen relationship with Raukawa and the whānau rūpu
- Our school is seen leading and serving in the community
- A culture of creating and celebrating success together
- An increased school media presence

SUCCESS MEASURES

Increased connection and active engagement with whānau and the community

Whānau are actively engaged in the identification of needs, and the co-construction and delivery of learning profiles and pathways to meet needs.

The Putāruru College curriculum is made up of three interconnected strands.

Whānau | Learning Advisory

In Whānau | Learning Advisory we recognise that every student needs a strong sense of belonging and has an adult (whānau teacher) who will be a champion for each student's learning success. The whānau teacher will know each student well, will set goals with their students and their families, will monitor their progress and celebrate their successes. Whānau groups are made up of juniors (Y7-9), Seniors (Y10-12) and Y13 as a stand alone whānau group. Whānau is a time for our school values of Mana Motuhake, Hikina, Whanaungatanga and Kia Tutuki as they explore what it looks like to live out the qualities of our graduate profile. In whānau, students will also learn some Te Reo Maori, explore local and global issues as well as working together to achieve high levels of hauora. Students will know their strengths and use these to help others – the whānau group will have collective investment in the success of each other.



Wānanga Ako

| Subject classes

In Wānanga Ako | Subject classes our programmes of learning are founded in the New Zealand Curriculum and are designed to support students moving to achieve in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA). Our programmes are comprised of core (traditional subject based), or themes within a specific subject area (contextualized learning). We are moving to a more integrated approach to learning as there are natural crossovers between authentic topics and themes. Every teacher will be supporting the teaching of literacy and numeracy schoolwide - so there will be transferable strategies learnt across classes. We want learning at Putāruru College to be engaging, challenging and meaningful for students.

Paerangi | Pathways

Pathways at Putāruru College recognise that our students bring a diverse range of strengths and talents. Our role is to match these strengths with student and whānau aspirations and to equip our learners with the skills they need to succeed in their chosen pathway. Whether the pathway is to university, further training or into the workforce, our school size and the relationships we build with our learners means we are able to meaningfully support students in whatever endeavor they are looking to undertake beyond school.

We have strong relationships with Te Pūkenga (New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology) who offer both Trades Academies and STAR taster courses, often in Tokoroa, Rotorua, or Hamilton. We also offer the Gateway Programme, which is made possible by our partnerships with local businesses across a range of industries. Students who take up this opportunity, gain valuable work experience while also earning NCEA credits.

These opportunities allow our students to take risks in a safe and supported environment, challenge themselves and learn life-long skills that prepare them for their future.





CULTURE

Putāruru College students can expand their cultural awareness and knowledge through participation in Cultural Hour which is where we learn waiata and haka specific to Ngāti Raukawa and Tainui. The group supports college assemblies and other activities within the community. In 2022, we introduced a Ngā Toi (The Arts) class which included a class in Mahi Whakairo (traditional Māori carving) which a number of students have engaged with. We also celebrate Matariki with a Kaihākari that included whānau of our kura and the community. We are continuing with our Tikanga class for year 7 and 8 students and the senior Te Reo Māori programme continues to run to support students in learning Te Reo Māori. We have an increasing number of Pasifika students, and enjoy celebrating Cook Island Language Week. We look forward to celebrating all the cultures of our Putāruru College students. In the past we have been honoured to host several Japanese schools who visit New Zealand on a cultural exchange. The visits take place several times a year and are a real highlight of the year for our students. The Japanese students arrive to a traditional Pōwhiri welcome then rotate around the school learning the haka and stick games and teaching our students origami and Japanese songs. We are Facebook friends with a lot of ex visitors who really seem to embrace the Kiwi experience!



SPORTS

The College employs a sports coordinator who has a vital role in encouraging and organising activities throughout the year. The sports coordinator has a team of sports leaders – senior students who work with the sports coordinator to organise sporting activities on a daily basis. The Tuakana Teina program also facilitates students getting involved in non-traditional activities at lunchtimes with the aim of creating social networks through physical activities.

In addition, parents play an important role in managing and coaching sports teams and their involvement is warmly welcomed. Students are encouraged to get involved in sports for the development of their physical well-being, team skills, competitiveness, self-discipline, resilience, friendships, commitment to the code and fair play.

Our sports teams and activities that are on offer include:

Netball	Futsal	Swimming	7's Rugby (Boys & Girls)
Rugby (Boys & Girls)	Ki O Rahi	Motor-Cross	Fitness
Basketball	Turbo Touch	Cricket	Athletics
Volleyball	Touch	Cross country	E - Sports
Badminton	Chess	Bowls	Table tennis
Football	Hockey	Mountain Biking	



LEADERSHIP

At Putāruru College students have endless opportunities to grow their leadership. We have our head students who are taking a lead role in assemblies, growing their public speaking skills, organizing activities for students and introducing new students to our kura. Student Leaders are nominated and elected in their Year 13, final year, at Putāruru College with a specific focus area: sports, culture, hauora and academic. Each student leader creates activities and a portfolio to suit their interests and represent the school community's interests.

Not only do we have sports leaders who are assisting with organisation in sports, but we have cultural leaders who celebrate different cultures through creating awareness and fostering identity. Our hauora leader is a vital contributor to events like Pink Shirt Day, Mental Health Awareness Week and student awahi, while our academic leader helps celebrate the achievements of students and supports an after school 'study & chill' session.

Leadership is not just about our seniors; we send junior students to leadership opportunities as well, such as working with Rotary Club and Blue Light. Leadership opportunities start with our year 7 and 8 students as well nurturing and growing any student interested in building their leadership capabilities.

While we have some set leadership opportunities, we are also very open to creating new experiences and letting the students carve their own leadership paths!

ARTS

The Arts/ Ngā Toi includes Drama, Music, Painting and Drawing, Printmaking, Photography, Sculpture, Whakairo and Film and Media. Students have opportunities to learn how to use professional camera, sound and editing equipment in our state of the art film facilities and how to livestream important school events like Athletics Day, Prize Givings, Pōwhiri and other school celebrations. Over the years PCFilms extra-curricular group have won dozens of awards, prizes and national recognition. Check us out on PCFilmsNZ on Youtube.

Music Tuition is available for a variety of musical instruments including voice through our Itinerant Music Program (available for free). There are opportunities for students to perform, as the school band, at Achievers and Prize Giving Assemblies. Students can also join the Putāruru School of Music for a small fee which offers lessons after school.



UNIFORM

Putāruru College uniform consists of boys, girls and unisex items.

All uniform must carry the school logo and is sold at Student Services.

Girls

- Black skirt \$72.00
- Black pants \$63.00
- Black shorts \$72.00

Boys

- Black pants \$63.00
- Black shorts \$43.00

Unisex

- Black polo shirt \$30.00
- Black hoodie \$45.00
- Black beanie, cap \$10.00
- Black hooded jacket \$90.00
- Tie \$25.00
- Sports shirt \$35.00
- Sports shorts \$48.00
- Sports socks \$18.50

STUDENT SUPPORT

Student support is an important focus of school life.

The following support professionals are available through Student Services

- School Doctor
- School Nurse
- School Counsellor
- Drug and Alcohol Counsellor
- Other counselling services



ORM



Putāruru College have worked with Bluelight and the New Zealand Police to deliver the Cactus Program with our students for a number of years. We can take up to 25 dedicated students who train three mornings a week for eight weeks, starting at 6am in the morning, to improve their fitness and challenge themselves both physically and mentally. All to prepare for the longest day at the conclusion of the eight weeks.



The longest day starts at 3:00am, the students take part in physical challenges throughout the day, which ends with pulling a fire truck from Putāruru Countdown supermarket to the Putāruru Police station at 3:00 pm. The students then have a short break before attending their graduation ceremony at 6:00pm in the College Hall.

CACTUS



CONTACT

Student Absences

To report an absence please email absence@putarurucollege.school.nz or phone 07 883 8323 Ext 1

General

Telephone: 07 883 8323

Email: office@putarurucollege.school.nz

Who do I talk to?

Whānau teachers

The first point of contact for parents is through the students Whānau teacher. The Whānau teacher will know your student best.

Middle leaders

We have a group of house leaders called Pou Ārahi. These leaders support the Whānau teachers and students in their houses and help plan the whānau curriculum.

- Pou Ārahi: Oraka
- Pou Ārahi: Waimakariri
- Pou Ārahi: Pokaiwhenua
- Pou Ārahi: Waihou

We have five curriculum leaders, who lead learning across the areas of our local and NZ curriculum

- Learning Leader: English/Literacy
- Learning Leader: Mathematics/Numeracy
- Learning Leader: Science and Physical Education
- Learning Leader: Arts and Technologies
- Learning Leader: Year 7 and 8 CORE

Senior Leaders

We have a Senior Leader allocated to each school house

If you would like to contact any of our Whānau teachers or middle and senior leaders, please contact Student Services for their details.

In addition you can keep in contact with us in the following ways

- Facebook
- School pānui (newsletter) - via email and Facebook weekly
- Flyers sent home concerning up-coming events
- The Coming Events in the main foyer
- The Notice Board outside Student Services
- The Notice Board outside the school gate





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HOW TO ENROL

Complete an enrolment form and meet with a senior leader.

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