



Kaipara College

School Charter

Strategic Plan and Annual Plan

2016-2019

Our Mission

Kaipara College endeavours to provide a high quality, student-centred educational pathway that is inclusive, engaging, challenging and holistic, thereby developing connected, future-oriented learners.

Vision and Aims

Kaipara College is a coeducational school situated in the town of Helensville in the beautiful South Kaipara district. Kaipara College serves a vibrant and diverse community from Riverhead and Muriwai in the South, to Glorit in the North. We are a community based school, with approximately 700 students accommodated in modern classrooms and specialist spaces. We are situated on Ngati Whatua land that is leased to the school by Nga Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara.

At Kaipara College, we aim for students to achieve the highest academic outcomes through successfully working in partnership with their peers, their teachers, their family and whanau.

To enable this, we aim to develop individual students through the provision of an engaging and broad curriculum that offers learners a structured and vibrant pathway to their desired future. By focusing on the holistic needs of each student, we seek to offer an inclusive environment where it is safe for students to explore new learning opportunities, with a wide range of student support available to assist students on their journey through Kaipara College, and into the wider world.

We aim to produce well rounded young adults who are socially and morally committed to contributing positively to their community. To support this, we provide a high quality programme of cultural, sporting and performance based programmes that develop life long passions and friendships. We aim for all our students to take part in a co-curricular activity that generates pride in the school.

Kaipara College celebrates the bi-cultural partnership of the Treaty of Waitangi and is committed to the integration of te reo and tikanga into the learning experiences of all our students. The College serves five local Ngati Whatua marae: Araparera, Haranui, Kakanui, Puatahi and Reweti. The development of teaching and learning that is focussed on the needs of our diverse learners, underpins the curriculum. We aim to place our students at the centre of teaching and learning development through the creation of student agency.

To continue to build close links with our community, we seek to provide our students with an environment where they are supported, and are able to build resilience to overcome the obstacles that they may face in their futures, providing pathways toward their future endeavours.

The school aims to ensure that facilities are developed and maintained to allow students to perform to the very best of their ability in all aspects of Kaipara College life. We take pride in the quality of our learning facilities and the regeneration of the College in the past 10 years.

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei.

"Pursue that which is precious, and do not be deterred by anything less than a lofty mountain."

Values

Partnership - this is reflected through positive relationships between students, the school, whanau and the wider Kaipara community. We build relationships and make connections that are meaningful, constructive and collaborative.

Respect - by having respect for ourselves and others we are able to work as a team to achieve success and grow as individuals and as a community. Respect teaches us to listen, be patient and appreciate the strengths and weaknesses of ourselves and others.

Innovation - we recognise the value of creativity and the need to promote new solutions to existing problems. We aim for our students to take responsible risks with their learning, creating an environment where students learn from their mistakes, developing perseverance and the ability to think flexibly.

Diversity - the diversity of our community enriches the culture of our school, providing us with opportunities to learn from others and view issues from differing perspectives.

Excellence - by aspiring to reach personal excellence in all we do, we set ourselves targets that challenge us, motivate us and set standards for us to strive towards in our learning.

By building PRIDE in our students we hope to inspire them to reach for success, working as individuals to provide a greater good for our College community. We hope for our students to take PRIDE in who they are, take PRIDE in where they come from, undertaking their journey into their futures with dignity and integrity.

Whāia te iti kahurangi. Ekea tō tāpuhipuhi.

Pursue excellence. Follow your dreams. Reach your potential, be all that you can be.

Principles

Kaipara College Board of Trustees will provide the students with educational opportunities that inspire them to learn and are respectful of the individual differences that students bring with them. The Board will take an inclusive approach to planning, fully recognising the rich Māori heritage of our community and the place of the Treaty of Waitangi in our society.

Students are provided with a broad, coherent curriculum based on the New Zealand Curriculum, enabling them to develop a passion for learning, whilst focusing on the holistic needs of individual learners. The Kaipara College curriculum will be responsive to the needs of our learners, and will offer them the opportunity to reflect on their learning and develop strategies for self improvement.

We recognise that academic outcomes are vital to the future of our learners, whilst acknowledging the importance of growing socially mature, morally strong and culturally aware young people. This approach will enable us to produce young adults who are responsible, future focused global citizens.

All members of Kaipara College will seek to become lifelong learners. School staff will develop their professional practice and will be supported to adopt and refine pedagogy and systems that inspire and engage our learners.

We acknowledge the importance of our community, and aim to work with them to support the school experience that our students have. By welcoming the community we will develop mutually beneficial connections that open doors to the future for us all.

Whāia te iti kahurangi

Strive for the things in life that are important to you

Māori Dimensions and Cultural Diversity

“He Māori ahau, e ako Māori nei, i tēnei kura e whakanui ana i tōku ao Māori ”

“I am a Māori, learning as a Māori, in this school that celebrates my Māori world”.

Our community is located in the Ngati Whatua o Kaipara region, and we seek to embrace the tikanga and Te Reo Māori language that our tūpuna used. Staff are committed to delivering learning experiences that engage our students and build relationships that benefit both students, teachers and whanau.

The staff of the school have developed their understanding of the history of Māori in the local area through connecting with local iwi, undertaking haerenga to visit local marae and building learning programmes that celebrate the special character of our Māori heritage.

Students are central to determining the direction of our culturally responsive pedagogy. The student agency group, Te Ropu Rangitira, guides staff on their learning journeys, offering advice, support and encouragement.

Māori cultural activities are promoted through Kapa Haka, Powhiri, Waiata and the Whare Ako class that leads the celebration of Māori culture.

Pasifika

Kaipara College will endeavour to emphasize the importance of Pasifika identities, languages and cultures. Pasifika learners achieving is essential and improving attendance as a foundation for engagement in learning is a priority. Co-constructing with the Pasifika community and ensuring Pasifika students have agency within their learning. Celebrating Pasifika cultural diversity will ensure students and staff feel connected to their learning environment.

Diversity

The cultural diversity of our student population is a key to our learners becoming respectful, tolerant and inquisitive of others individual identities. At Kaipara College, we seek to grow our understanding and appreciation of the culture, ethnicity, gender, sexuality and uniqueness of our community.

Inā kei te mohio koe ko wai koe, I anga mai koe i hea, kei te mohio koe. Kei te anga atu ki hea.

If you know who you are and where you are from, then you will know where you are going.