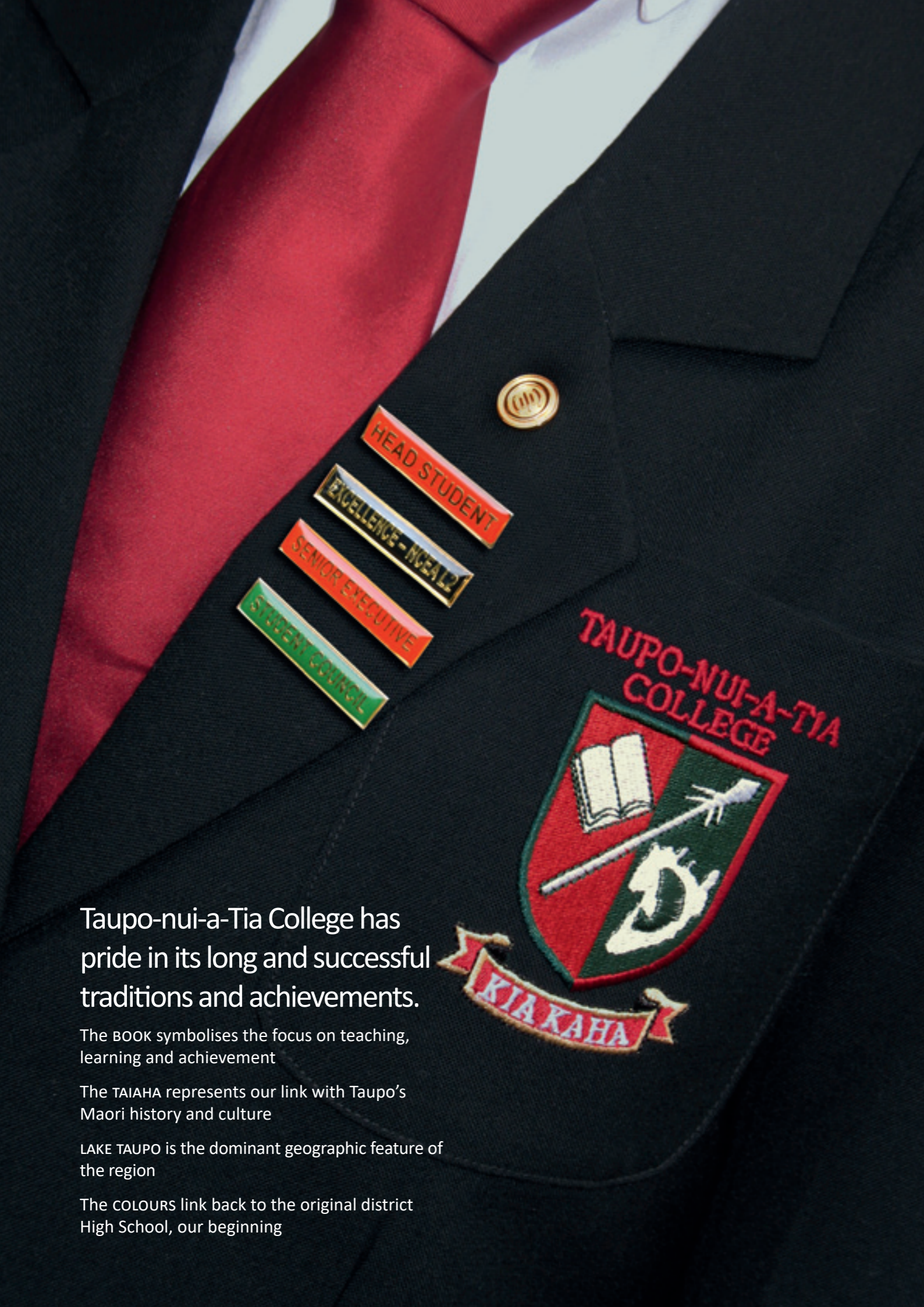




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TAUPO-NUI-A-TIA COLLEGE

ESTABLISHED 1960



Taupo-nui-a-Tia College has pride in its long and successful traditions and achievements.

The **BOOK** symbolises the focus on teaching, learning and achievement

The **TAIAHA** represents our link with Taupo's Maori history and culture

LAKE TAUPO is the dominant geographic feature of the region

The **COLOURS** link back to the original district High School, our beginning

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL/TUMUAKI

Kia ora! Thank you for choosing Taupo-nui-a-Tia College. We would like to extend our warmest welcome to you, and we look forward to you joining the Taupo-nui-a-Tia College whānau and community.

At Taupo-nui-a-Tia College our aim is to provide a world class learning experience for the students in our care. Academic achievement is paramount for us, however, we also believe in a holistic education experience. We place great emphasis on shaping and moulding our students/ākonga into the best possible humans they can be.

To help shape our students/ākonga into awesome human beings, we not only encourage academic success, but we also encourage and promote involvement in the many extra-curricular activities that our school/kura has to offer. We offer an extensive range of sporting, cultural, and performing arts activities which, we believe, helps to develop the whole person. Balancing achievement in the classroom and involvement in the wider life of the school enables our students to be challenged, extended, and motivated in many facets of real life. Taking advantage of all our school/kura has to offer will help our students/ākonga to be better prepared for their individual pathways when they eventually leave Taupo-nui-a-Tia College.

At our kura our students/ākonga are supported by a passionate group of senior leaders, deans, teachers, and support staff. We are governed by a hard working and caring board. Our amazing students/ākonga continue to experience success in and outside the classroom, and this success is testament to the hard work, teamwork, and collaboration of all these groups of people. We are proud of our school/kura!

We are sure you will get a sense of the pride we have for Taupo-nui-a-Tia College when you explore the pages in this prospectus, and we look forward to meeting you in the future.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui – be strong, be steadfast, be willing.

Ngā mihi

Ben Claxton
Principal/Tumuaki

"The forward thinking and motivational leadership provided by the principal, board chair and key staff members underpins the school's ongoing focus on improving teacher practice and student outcomes.

The high-quality leadership is also contributing to the positive learning environment where students are able to succeed and excel."

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OUR VISION

All learners empowered to participate in our community, locally, nationally, and globally.

E whakamana ana ngaa taura katoa ki te whai waahi atu i te hapuu, i te haukainga, i ngaa motu me te ao whaanui.

“Cornerstone Values are well embedded and underpin all aspects of school philosophy, life, and practices. The school is committed to building character through advocating, modelling, and teaching the values of responsibility, respect, kindness, compassion, obedience, duty, consideration, and concern for others. The school is viewed as a safe place by students.”

- ERO Report

OUR MISSION

To achieve our vision, all members of the Taupo-nui-a-Tia College community will strive to:

- ▶ Model our cornerstone values
 - ▶ Seek, use and create knowledge
 - ▶ Show resilience, enterprise, and creativity
 - ▶ Confidently grasp opportunity and manage risks.

OUR VALUES

Our values shape our decisions and actions and therefore influence our journey through life.

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College was the first secondary school in New Zealand to become and accredited Cornerstone Values school. The values that we have adopted are traditional in nature but have stood the test of time and are relevant today. We place high importance on students/ākonga understanding, adopting, and modelling these values. These are the values that we hope they take with them into adulthood.

Most importantly, our values create an environment of stability, safety, and inclusiveness, in which our students/ākonga can grow to become confident and successful learners who interact positively in our community, nationally, and globally.



Our students will experience and model the Cornerstone Values of:

- ▶ Consideration and concern for others
- ▶ Honesty and truthfulness
- ▶ Responsibility
- ▶ Compassion
- ▶ Obedience
- ▶ Kindness
- ▶ Respect
- ▶ Duty



Along with the Cornerstone Values, our students are also encouraged to value:

- ▶ **EXCELLENCE** – striving to achieve their personal best and overcoming obstacles
- ▶ **DIVERSITY** – having respect for themselves and others
- ▶ **EQUITY** – treating others fairly and equally
- ▶ **PARTICIPATION** – learning through being actively involved in their school and wider community
- ▶ **SUSTAINABILITY** – caring for the environment and learning about their role as Kaitiaki for the Earth's resources

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STUDENT WELLBEING

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College is committed to the wellbeing of all students. This focus on wellbeing ties together the curriculum's vision, principles, values, key competencies, and learning areas. Wellbeing clearly positions learners and their development as confident young people.

Our students feel secure in the knowledge that when they face challenges, the college has very transparent and well established systems in place for managing them.

We always encourage a sense of belonging and inclusiveness in our cohesive learning community.

The ways in which we look after our students include:

- ▶ parents and students being welcomed with a powhiri into the Taupo-nui-a-Tia family on day one
- ▶ having pastoral care specialists, our Deans, whose prime objective is to ensure the welfare and academic needs of the students are met. The Deans can be contacted to discuss any aspect of your child's education
- ▶ whānau teachers who work closely with the students and undertake academic mentoring. These teachers stay with the same group throughout their years at college
- ▶ the friendly office staff, who are always ready to help our students and their families
- ▶ our guidance counsellor (MNZAC), who provides a confidential service for advice and support
- ▶ our careers advisor, who helps students determine their positive future pathways
- ▶ the BayTrust Health Centre, where students can access a nurse, physiotherapist, doctor and other outside agencies. This is also where belongings can be cared for in a secure environment
- ▶ communication skills for leadership - Peace Foundation
- ▶ Diversity Rainbow Group student led wellbeing committee, who encourage a sense of belonging and wellbeing.



“Students’ academic pathways are well supported by effective pastoral care networks and teachers who are supportive and know their students well.”

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College is able to provide a rich and varied range of subjects at all levels.

The subjects provide opportunities across all the essential learning areas from the New Zealand Curriculum and reflect the learning needs of all our students from the wider Taupō community. This curriculum provides the best possible opportunities for success in the student's chosen pathway.



YEAR 9

Areas of learning include

- English | Mathematics
- Health & Physical Education
- Science | Social Studies
- Digital Technology
- Fashion Textiles
- Design and Visual Communication
- Food & Nutrition | Hard Materials
- French | Spanish | Te Reo Māori
- Art | Drama | Music | Dance
- Outdoor Education
- Young Enterprise
- Māori Performing Arts
- Enhanced Performance Dance
- Integrated Learning



YEAR 10

Areas of learning include

- English | Mathematics
- Science | Physical Education
- Social Studies
- Design and Visual Communication
- Art | Drama | Dance
- Digital Technology | French
- Spanish | Music
- Māori Performing Arts | Te Reo Māori
- Fashion Textiles
- Food & Nutrition
- Hard Materials
- Outdoor Education
- Enhanced Performance Dance



YEARS 11, 12, AND 13

NCEA Levels 1, 2, and 3

Areas of learning include

- Accounting | Agricultural Science | Biology
- Calculus | Chemistry | Classics | Dance
- Design and Visual Communication
- Digital Technology | Drama
- Driver Education | Economics
- Employment Skills | Engineering | English
- Enterprise Studies | Farming Skills | French
- Spanish | Geography | Health | History
- Hospitality | Licence to Work
- Mathematics | Māori Performing Arts
- Media Studies | Music | Outdoor Leadership
- Physical Education | Physics
- Science | Outdoor Education
- Sport and Recreation | Statistics
- Fashion Textiles | Food & Nutrition
- Hard Materials | Te Reo Māori
- Tourism | Trades Academy
- Visual Arts: Painting, Photography and Design



"The school continues to provide a broad and meaningful curriculum that is responsive to the ongoing needs of students... In recent years the school has extended the range of vocational courses and subject choices that reflect the local environment and employment opportunities. Students who require additional learning support and extension are provided with appropriate programmes..."

Students' academic pathways are well supported by a strong focus on strengthening students' literacy skills across the curriculum."

A RESPONSIVE CURRICULUM

To provide an engaging coherent school curriculum that empowers students to participate locally, nationally and globally.

At Taupo-nui-a-Tia College, students will experience learning to prepare them for their future which includes:

- ▶ Encouraging students to extend their learning beyond the classroom
- ▶ Learning that has purpose with authentic and relevant contexts
- ▶ Opportunities to seek, use, and create knowledge
- ▶ A curriculum that readies students for the next stage of their lives and enables them to be adaptable enough for a fast changing world
- ▶ With our commitment to e-learning, teachers are engaging and evaluating their practices with learning opportunities tailored to the students' interests and individual needs as well as improving their engagement and achievement.
- ▶ Junior students will have the opportunity to apply learning across curriculum areas and real world context

FUTURE PATHWAYS

Which career pathway to follow is one of the most important decisions a young person will make. Taupo-nui-a-Tia College offers a high level of careers support and guidance. Our students benefit from a comprehensive service that enables a seamless transition into tertiary study or the workforce.

This service includes:

- ▶ A careers advisor who is at the cutting edge of current employment trends and research
- ▶ Bulls-eye careers software to help students gain clarity about their future pathway
- ▶ Careers expos and visits to tertiary institutions & workplaces
- ▶ Individual goal setting to plan future pathways
- ▶ Liaison with Universities, other tertiary providers and also other visiting career specialists
- ▶ A personalised testimonial for eligible students on completion of their education
- ▶ The Gateway programme which builds the links between school and employers allowing us to offer contextualised workplace learning opportunities through student placement
- ▶ Trades Academy which is a partnership between school and tertiary to further explore career options
- ▶ Close association with Taupō Pathways - a community organisation working with youth



Authentic Learning

Authentic learning typically focuses on real-world, complex problems and their solutions, including the use of role-playing exercises, problem-based activities, case studies, and participation in virtual communities of practice.

Students access/experience...

- ▶ 'Real life' contexts for learning
- ▶ Relevant, meaningful, valuable skills and knowledge
- ▶ Cross subject study and collaboration
- ▶ A focus on learning
- ▶ Ongoing feedback/forward
- ▶ High level thinking skills to explore complex issues
- ▶ Application of learning to a wider audience beyond the classroom

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MONITORING FOR SUCCESS

Leaving school with the qualifications and academic results to enable our students to fulfil their future goals is of utmost importance at Taupo-nui-a-Tia College. There are high expectations of achievement and we provide an environment where success is celebrated and hard work recognised. We focus on every student aiming for and achieving his or her best. We encourage every student to aim for a level which stretches and challenges them whilst at the same time providing the enjoyment that learning should bring.

- ▶ Meeting regularly with your whānau teacher
- ▶ Development of close relationships with family/whānau so we can support students in their academic journey
- ▶ Online tracking system which allows whānau teachers, whānau and students to review progress on a regular basis
- ▶ Whānau Days where students, parents, and whānau are invited into the school to set goals with the whānau teacher
- ▶ Subject Days where students, parents, and whānau get to discuss student progress and next steps to further enhance their learning
- ▶ Encouraging parents, caregivers, and whānau to be active participants in their children's education
- ▶ Personalised education and goal setting to suit each student's individual needs
- ▶ Targeted literacy and numeracy programmes
- ▶ Kia Eke Panuku (Building on Success) – a school wide programme based on international research to enhance Māori student achievement
- ▶ A future focused school with 21st century facilities and digital technology tools
- ▶ A well qualified, progressive, and passionate teaching staff
- ▶ Website access to student's progress
- ▶ Shared access to student learning via Google Classroom for caregivers

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College is proud of its long tradition of academic success, with our top students being amongst the best in New Zealand. Our students consistently perform well above national averages making us one of the top schools in the central North Island.



Parent Feedback from Whānau Day

"I liked the Assay3 system. Very easy to see the areas that my son needs to work on. The whānau teacher was very organised and highlighted comments from report. Nice to not be in a crowded hall with lots of noise, so can have a detailed personal conversation."

"The teacher had all of the information about my child on the board ready to see when we got there and it was very informative. It was good for him to set goals and the teacher helped him do this in a positive way."

"This was very positive in the sense that I know exactly where my son's at and what he needs to work on to improve his performance in school."

"Actually getting the kids to go through subjects & thinking overall about ongoing focus/goals/study etc."

"More personally relevant. More private and therefore more effectual. Much more informative. Made parent feel more relevant in child's education."



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SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College is a top sporting college. The school is renowned both locally and nationally as a nurturing ground for fine young sportsmen and sportswomen, a number of whom move into professional sport. Every year we are proud of the achievements of our students, with an impressive line-up of national achievers across different codes.

Our aim is for students of all ages and abilities to get involved in being active as it provides fitness, social opportunities, experience in working as part of a team, and enhances their learning. There are multiple opportunities for students to participate in sporting activities:

- ▶ Using the sporting equipment available from 'the HUB' sports store at interval and lunchtime
- ▶ Inter-whānau and inter-house sports competitions
- ▶ Joining social and competitive teams in over 30 different sports
- ▶ School athletics day
- ▶ Cross country
- ▶ Swimming sports

"Sport is an integral part of the college. The school offers students extensive sporting opportunities over a wide spectrum of codes."

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Gymnastics Cricket Cross Country Golf Orienteering Kayaking Mountain Biking
 Clay Target Shooting Moto-cross Hockey



Duathlon Equestrian Football Swimming



Sailing Skiing Snowboarding Croquet Adventure Racing Squash

In the senior school, the range of sporting based subjects includes: physical education, sport and outdoor education, health, services preparation and outdoor leadership.



Waka Ama Lawn Bowls Rowing Ki-o-rahi Rock Climbing Rugby Netball
 Road Cycling Tennis Touch Rugby Triathlon Volley Ball

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PERFORMING ARTS

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College is renowned for its performing arts with a tradition of students moving into this area as a career choice. Across all areas, students are provided with a huge range of opportunities.

Music forms an integral part of the education of many of our students. It can be selected as one of their subjects or be studied separately with specialised tuition. Students may also choose to be a part of a school band or music group that exist in the college and perform regularly.

Drama is a popular choice by many students. Our thriving drama department provides students with opportunities through school productions, drama festivals, competitions, and also as a subject through to NCEA level three.

Dance is a strong part of many students' lives in Taupō. Our performance dance programme provides students with NCEA qualification opportunities in choreography and performance. These classes make use of the purpose built dance studio.

Te Awhiorangi, our **Kapa Haka** group, has built a powerful reputation throughout the region. The group has represented the community at many civic events and also performs with distinction at Kapa Haka competitions. Māori performing arts is also an NCEA subject available to students.



Productions: Grease, High School Musical, Rock of Ages, Little Shop of Horrors

Visiting Artists Shakespeare Sheilah Winn Kapa Haka

Concerts Vocal Group

Acapella Group Māori Performing Arts Dance NZmade Chamber Music

Stage Challenge

Specialised Music Tuition



ACCELERATING ACHIEVEMENT

“Teachers have a high level of commitment to helping students to achieve well. Their openness to new ideas within a culture of ongoing reflection places them in good position for continual improvements to teaching and learning.”

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The Taupō community is brimming with talented students across the academic, sporting, and cultural arenas. Taupo-nui-a-Tia College offers a wide range of opportunities, with high expectations, for the most capable students to reach the highest levels in their chosen field, through:

- ▶ Opportunities for our top achieving senior students to begin university study whilst still at college
- ▶ Zenith – A weekly club for students to learn and develop public speaking skills
- ▶ Specialised music programmes – performance opportunities, entrance into music competitions and tuition from a range of leading teachers and performers
- ▶ Opportunities to participate in a range of local and national academic competitions and examinations including: Maths Matters; Young Enterprise Scheme and participation in Education Perfect in a number of subjects particularly language
- ▶ Seminars for students and parents on study techniques, motivation for success and accelerated learning to enhance academic potential
- ▶ State of the art equipment, modern facilities and digital technology in a BYOD environment to stretch and extend all our students
- ▶ Innovative programme design responding to the ever-changing needs of our students
- ▶ A learning community where students and teachers alike are striving to further enhance outcomes for students
- ▶ Scholarship opportunities for students



“There is a culture of high expectations for staff and students.”

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SPIRIT AND PRIDE



From the moment you walk into Taupo-nui-a-Tia College, you will feel the positive vibe in the place. There is an enviable school spirit and a strong sense of pride.

At the heart of many school activities and events is the college inter-house competition. All students belong to one of the four houses: Tongariro, Ngauruhoe, Ruapehu and Tauhara. The sense of loyalty and pride that students have in their house makes inter-house competitions keenly contested.

House points are awarded over a number of different areas such as athletics 'colours day' with the famous marching and chanting of the colours, cross country, swimming sports, academic opportunities, achievement vouchers, service to the school community, and Spirit Week.

Learning is fun and memorable. Taupo-nui-a-Tia College is a vibrant and exciting place to learn, with many events and activities that students will look back on with nostalgia. For many students, the highlight of their school year is Spirit Week. Often copied but never matched, Spirit Week includes action packed activities, crazy fun, and competitions to celebrate being part of a positive school community.



- Our spirit and pride can be seen through:**
- ▶ Te Awhiorangi Kapa Haka Group rousing performances locally, nationally, and globally
 - ▶ Easter bunnies hopping around the school delivering eggs to every student over Easter
 - ▶ Random Act of Kindness wall for students and staff to show their appreciation for all the hard work that others do
 - ▶ Our students raising the New Zealand flag every day
 - ▶ The compassionate nature of our students, raising thousands of dollars for charity through multi-days, daffodil day, cupcake day, and other student led initiatives
 - ▶ The wide range of sporting opportunities students get to represent our college
 - ▶ ANZAC Day - our students show their respect marching with the returned servicemen and women in our community
 - ▶ The willingness of our students to share their successes and to acknowledge the support that they receive
 - ▶ The school ball which is a sophisticated and glamorous night for senior students and staff
 - ▶ The pride our students take in representing their college in a range of formal occasions
 - ▶ LGBTQI+ - actively promoting a safe and inclusive environment that enables and supports an acceptance of diversity

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Achieving our Vision through

ENRICHING OUR STUDENTS

Opportunities exist within the college in a range of other areas where our students can excel, including:

- ▶ A well qualified, progressive and passionate teaching staff
- ▶ Extensive range of leadership opportunities including:
 - ▶ Head students
 - ▶ Board of Trustee representative
 - ▶ Year level student councils
 - ▶ A full student council
 - ▶ Student committees
 - ▶ Senior executive
 - ▶ House leaders
 - ▶ Student Volunteer Army
 - ▶ Zenith – a weekly club for students to learn and develop public speaking skills
 - ▶ Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Scheme
 - ▶ Year 9 Achievers Award
 - ▶ Year 10 Achievers Award
 - ▶ Year 10 Expeditions – students are encouraged to participate in a week long expedition into the great outdoors
 - ▶ Year 9 Activity Week - students participate in a week of educational and recreational experiences.
 - ▶ Kiwi Forever Programme
 - ▶ Spirit of Adventure
 - ▶ Overseas trips related to academic subjects, performing arts, cultural activities and sporting ventures (e.g. Amazon, Australia, Japan, Mediterranean, Nepal, Vietnam, Hawaii)
 - ▶ International student exchanges
 - ▶ CACTUS - NZ Police Leadership Course
 - ▶ Greening Lake Taupō
 - ▶ Pink Shirt Day
 - ▶ Communication Skills for leadership Yrs 11-13
 - ▶ Youth Peace Week - Peace Foundation
 - ▶ International students enriching our students
 - ▶ Year level “specific” leadership opportunities



“I felt welcome by all students across all year levels when I arrived at Nui. They made me feel embraced and part of a family. Everyone is here to support you.”

Student

TAUPO-NUI-A-TIA COLLEGE LEARNER PROFILE

STUDENTS WILL BE			STUDENTS WILL HAVE	
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Empowered participants in a changing world	Culturally Located and Connected	Values Driven	Well-being Hauora	Positive Pathways
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributing Independent Effective communicators Collaborative Creative Curious Critical thinker Motivated Enterprising Confident Resilient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sense of identity and culture Language understanding and awareness Interacts positively with a diverse range of people in varying contexts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respectful Honest Kind Compassionate Empathetic Responsible Considerate to others Obedient Dutiful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental and Emotional - Taha Hinengaro Physical - Taha Tinana Spiritual - Taha Wairua Social - Taha Whanau 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life skills Employability skills Appropriate qualifications to pursue broad career choices



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BELONG TO TAUPO-NUI-A-TIA COLLEGE

Ko Tongariro, ko Tauhara, ko Ruapehu,
ko Ngauruhoe nga maunga
Ko Taupō te moana
Ko Waikato te awa
Ko Rangatahi te marae
Ko Tia te wharenuī
Ko Karikaroa te wharekai

Ko nga akonga mataou o
te kareti o Taupo-nui-a-Tia.

The mountains are Tongariro,
Tauhara, Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe
The lake is Taupō
The river is Waikato
The marae is Rangatahi
The wharenuī is Tia
The wharekai is Karikaroa
The college is Taupo-nui-a-Tia

We are the students of
Taupo-nui-a-Tia College



TAUPO-NUI-A-TIA COLLEGE

We welcome your enrolment at Taupo-nui-a-Tia College.

Your enrolment form can be dropped off at the college or posted to the address below. You are invited to visit the college where a senior staff member will be available to meet with you to discuss any aspect of the enrolment process. All new enrolments will receive a Welcome to the College pack which provides further details of courses available and student life at Taupo-nui-a-Tia College.

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