



Tauranga Girls' College

The School of Choice for Girls



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Ella Ryan | Year 13

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At Tauranga Girls' College I'm constantly inspired by my teachers and peers. The support and encouragement given by staff and students, combined with the incredible opportunities for any interest, create an empowering environment. Here I've been able to try new things, discover my passions, gain self confidence and have had heaps of fun with amazing people along the way!”



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"Nau mai, haere mai"

Tauranga Girls' College

At Tauranga Girls' College we want every young person to be better than before, to feel valued, cared for and be given a diverse range of opportunities that allow them to foster a love of learning, to experience success and to develop dispositions such as empathy, resilience, adaptability, confidence and collaboration.

No matter their interest or passion, our aim is to encourage, grow and challenge our young people to be the best that they can be. At Tauranga Girls' College, our strategic intentions and our values shape our learners and uphold high expectations of behaviour.

Tauranga Girls' College aims to reflect a school in which all students are empowered to be confident, connected, community minded, proud of their identity, valuing difference and ready to face their future.

We look forward to your support of the "TGC way".



Tara Kanji | Tumuaki/Principal

Academic excellence and future focused learning

Success for all

At Tauranga Girls' College we are focused on learning that allows everyone to succeed. We provide an environment where each student is encouraged to strive for individual success and excellence in all that they do.

The range of subjects and challenging learning experiences at Tauranga Girls' College are designed to meet and extend the needs of students.

Our students consistently perform admirably when compared with national averages and excel in NCEA gaining outstanding results at all levels, including scholarships.

We also offer different and innovative ways to learn including a variety of student subject choice, timetabled Flexi Lines for extended and targeted specific learning, a deliberate focus on the process of learning, future focused skills in subjects areas and Junior Design Thinking classes that employ the Design Thinking Framework to tackle challenges and issues.

Every opportunity is taken to give students real-world experiences and hands-on tasks as part of their learning.

Staff expect all students to extend themselves to reach their full potential and provide an environment where students are not afraid to challenge the status quo.



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Our school is one that helps students be engaged and enjoy learning. The staff motivate and guide us to achieve at high levels; we're guided to grow in positive ways.”

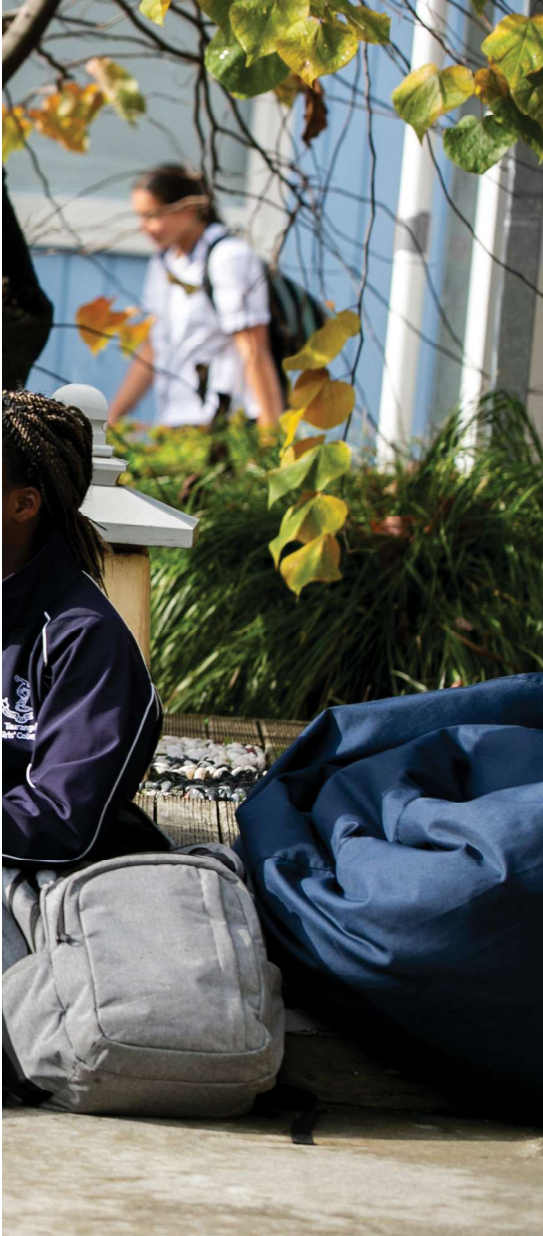
Jimin Lee | Year 11





“Tauranga Girls' College creates an environment that makes you feel safe. From teachers you can talk to, to the encouraging coaches, and then classmates that soon become your sisters, there's a great support system and a strong sense of whanaungatanga.”

Rizzy Saludez | Year 12



Hauora and wellbeing

“He waka eke noa”

We are all in this together

Tauranga Girls' College is a place where students are supported to be strong and to feel empowered. We offer a caring, supportive environment for students to learn and encourage the development of strong relationships built on respect and care.

Pastoral care

Pastoral support is offered to our students in many ways. Vertical Whānau classes, the Whānau class teacher, House Deans, House Deputy Principals, the International Director, the Guidance Counsellors, the Youth Mentor and the Student Health Centre are all a part of the holistic approach we take to pastorally supporting our students. There are also many external support agencies available to students through these networks.

Pathways

Alongside our teaching staff, the Tauranga Girls' College Careers Advisor and our Future Pathways Coordinator support our students as they explore learning and potential pathways beyond school. This may be via a tertiary institute, industry, the Future and Trades Academy or our Gateway programme. Pathway support is strengthened by the Career Central platform.

Additional learning support

Where there is a need, Tauranga Girls' College students are supported in their learning in various ways. Those who require additional learning support may take advantage of our Fast Track Maths programme, the English Support or English as a Second Language classes.

They may also have individualised support offered through our Learning Hub. The Learning Hub provides an inclusive learning environment. Students have flexible learning programmes that cater to individual student abilities, learning needs, and interests. The Learning Hub work closely with a number of community-based agencies to provide cohesive and holistic academic programmes.

Equity support

There are a number of avenues within the school that address equity. Devices, uniform, lunch and sporting support are provided where need exists. Tauranga Girls' College offers a Kickstart Breakfast Club and is also currently a part of the Ministry of Education donations scheme which significantly reduces many learning costs.

Te Ao Māori

“Whaowhia te kete mātauranga”

Fill the baskets of knowledge

Whanaungatanga focus

The beginning of our school year focuses on the building of whanaungatanga for all students; a sense of connectedness to our school and where we are positioned in our local community. This kaupapa is supported by our own Te Reo Māori Learning area and Iwi.

Our optional Māori Vertical Whānau Group takes a Kaupapa Māori approach where students are immersed in Te Reo Māori me ōna Tikanga and share their kete of knowledge of Te Ao Māori with the rōpū. These whānau allow and encourage naturally occurring tuakana-teina relationships.

Mātauranga Māori

The embedding of Mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge) including traditions, values, concepts, philosophies, world views and understandings is a priority at Tauranga Girls' College. Our local Tauranga Peninsula Kāhui Ako and local Iwi resources support this work.

Whānau Partnership

There are many ways we partner with whānau including whānau hui, the Māori Achievement Inquiry mahi, building an understanding of NCEA, Te Ara Ako kōrero and sharing pānui from Iwi Education representatives.

Te Whare o Mereaira

The taonga that is our Tauranga Girls' College whare is used by students and staff in a variety of ways; for student leader hui, our beginning of the year whanaungatanga programme, for Te Reo Māori and Māori Performing Arts classes and as a space for all students to connect socially and formally.

Opportunities

The Deputy Head Prefect Te Ao Māori, alongside the Prefects of Kaupapa Māori and Tikanga, leads the knowledge building of akonga from a Te Ao Māori perspective.

Te Tauranga o Ngā Waka, our Tauranga Girls' and Tauranga Boys' Colleges kapa haka rōpu, continues to excel and work towards their aspirations of continuing to compete at National level.

Waiata, haka and Ki-o-Rahi competitions run in house groups are other opportunities for students to support our Te Ao Māori kaupapa. The whole school celebrates Matariki and Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori.

Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competitions celebrate and promote the use of Te Reo Māori and Kaupapa Māori.





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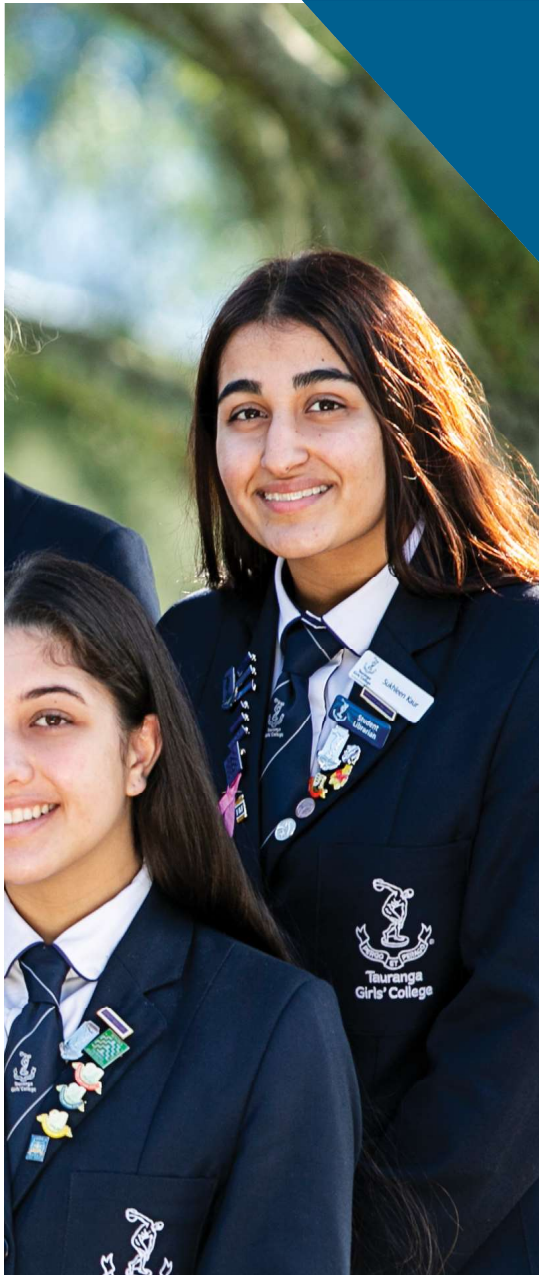
Being able to improve the presence of my culture, the Māori culture at the school has been an honour and a privilege. The opportunities presented to all of the TGC whānau to become educated on and celebrate the various cultures of the many people that call Aotearoa home are meaningful. This awareness and acknowledgement allows our students to strive while knowing their kura accepts them and their roots.”

Hemorere Heke-Ririnui | Year 13



Having the opportunity to give back to our kura and community through leadership and service has been so enriching. Getting involved in these things puts you in the unique position to participate in the creation of the positive outcomes you want to see for others and meet some wonderful people along the way. It's incredibly humbling to be able to embody the change you want to see in the world when you take up these roles at Tauranga Girls' College."

Ella Mitchell | Year 13



Service and Leadership

Making a difference by leading and helping others

At Tauranga Girls' College we are committed to providing our students with the skills they need to contribute valuably as citizens to their communities. We believe service and leadership are important aspects of this development.

Students are encouraged to be part of something "bigger than themselves" and to display this by giving their time, skills and talents to support others, both within our school and our wider community. Examples of this are our Student Volunteer Army, voluntary librarians, student tutors and our Kaitiakitanga committee.

Within our community examples of service are support given to other local schools on sports days and in reading programmes, supporting the BOP Coastal Care programme and volunteering at the Tauranga Riding for the Disabled.

Our young people are offered many opportunities to explore and embrace leadership now and in the future. Within the school, students can access a wide range of leadership opportunities.

In our wider community students can explore their leadership potential via community connections we value and support. The Waikato Young Leader Day (WYLD), Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN), the Priority One Instep Young Leadership Programme and the Bay of Plenty Future Leaders Programme are all examples of these.

Formalised leadership exists for students who are recognised as important role models. These are Head Prefect, Deputy Head Prefect Te Ao Māori, Deputy Head Prefect Arts, Deputy Head Prefect Communications and Publicity, Deputy Head Prefect Diversity, Deputy Head Prefect Learning, Deputy Head Prefect School Spirit, Deputy Head Prefect Sport.

Year 13 prefect leadership roles include:

- . Communications and Publicity
- . Community
- . House Spirit
- . International
- . Kaitiakitanga
- . Kaupapa Māori
- . Media and Publication
- . Pasifika
- . Performing Arts
- . School Wide Diversity
- . Sports
- . Student Wellbeing
- . Technology
- . Tikanga
- . Visual Arts

In addition to the traditional prefect leadership roles, other leadership opportunities are:

- . Audio Visual Technician
- . Ball Committee
- . Board of Trustees
- . Class Ambassador
- . House Representative
- . Librarian
- . SADD Committee
- . World Vision

Innovation and industry; Technology

Designing outcomes creatively and critically

Tauranga Girls' College offers students the opportunity to choose from a wide range of Industry and Innovation subjects including Design and Visual Communication, Interior Design, Food and Nutrition, Food Development, Hospitality, Textile Design, Fashion Design, Information Technology and Digital Technology.

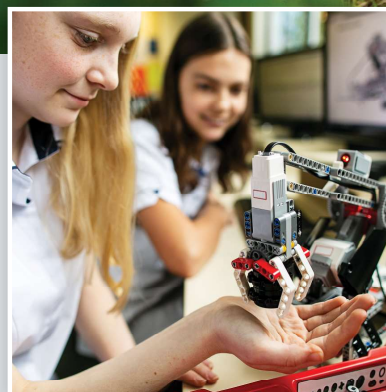
Industry and Innovation is about designing and making, having the freedom to choose the skills that need to be developed and learning to collaborate with others in the process. In this learning environment we focus on students exploring and developing new skills while applying their knowledge from other subjects.

Design Thinking skills are utilised to explore real-life situations and problems and projects in the local community. Students learn that technologies we use everyday are the result of deliberate human intervention.

As they learn, students draw on skills and knowledge gained and further develop the following key transferable skills; Problem solving, communication and collaboration, project management, critical and creative thinking, resilience, agility and confident decision making.

The Technology learning area provides many opportunities for students including:

- Barista courses
- BCITO co-curricular programmes
- EPro8 challenge
- Game and website development
- Gaming and eSports
- Hospitality
- Innovator/Technologist of the Term
- Pin'd Competition
- Robotics
- Sustainability
- Tech Week
- Visit to Fashion Design Schools and Fashion Industry in Auckland
- Young Innovator Awards
- 3D modelling, printing and laser cutting processes





Technology at Tauranga Girls' College is one of my favourite subjects to attend. The processes we learn are much like they are in the professional sense; creating design briefs, making visual diaries that strongly express our ideas and creating our own products."

Yasho Pillai | Year 11



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Learning different techniques and participating in various art forms has given me a clearer sense of who I am and what I like to do. There's so much variety at this school, so even if something maybe isn't your thing, there's a very good chance that something else will be.”

Alana Burling | Year 10



Arts and culture

Celebrating creativity and artistic expression

The Arts are an integral part of Tauranga Girls' College. Through art processes students develop creativity, collaborative and critical thinking skills and confidence. Whether it is performing, producing art for public performances or exhibitions, or simply exploring and developing hidden talents, we believe that the Arts are a vital part of our students' education.

Through visits to or by dance and theatre companies, writer's workshops and art exhibitions in the school students are widely exposed to the Arts. On stage or back stage, there is an arts and culture opportunity for everyone.

In Music there are many groups to be part of, including our award winning Luminosa Armonia, and Jazz Band. Itinerant music lessons also enable our students to discover or enhance a musical talent. In Drama there are a wide range of opportunities from class production to the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare festival. The artistic creations by students adorn our walls, are regularly exhibited publicly and demonstrate the strength of the Visual Arts in our school.

Annually, Tauranga Girls' College collaborate with Tauranga Boys' College on a production. This collaboration is hugely valued by the students and staff. The opportunity to perform for a public audience gives students the chance to practice, hone and exhibit the skills they are learning in our classrooms.

We offer an extensive selection of Performing and Visual Arts opportunities, some of which are:

- . Artsfest
- . Barbershop Chorus
- . Big Bands
- . Chamber Ensembles
- . Chorale
- . Combined Productions
- . Creative Writing
- . Dance Competitions
- . Dance NZ Made
- . Dance Troupes
- . Debating
- . Drama Club
- . Drama Productions
- . Film Festival
- . Guitar
- . Jazz Band
- . Jazz Choir
- . Jazz Combo
- . Lighting and Sound
- . Luminosa Armonia Chorale
- . Mooting
- . NZ Young Designers
- . Oratory
- . Percussion Ensemble
- . Rock Bands
- . Sheilah Winn
- . Showquest
- . String Orchestra
- . Symphonic Band

Sporting Opportunities

Growing, connecting and succeeding in Sport

Tauranga Girls' College is committed to fostering and encouraging participation and excellence.

We have an impressive record of success in sporting competitions at local, regional and national levels, and a proud history of New Zealand Representative titles for both individual sportswomen and teams.

We provide exciting opportunities for girls with our outstanding facilities.

These include: two gymnasiums, a dance studio, a heated swimming pool, a new multi-purpose artificial sports turf which is predominately for hockey, netball and tennis; two high quality hard surface courts, an asphalt basketball court, a fitness centre and fields for cricket, rugby and football.

We have annual sports exchanges with Hamilton Girls' High, Napier Girls' High and Rotorua Girls' High.

Our student leaders work to promote participation and emphasise enjoyment through a wide range of lunchtime activities as well as the opportunity to participate in inter-class challenges.

The Athlete Development Programme is designed to support the students who love to play sport and wish to develop as an athlete. The course has practical and theory lessons covering the following topics: Fitness, Skills Analysis, Goal Setting, Skill Development and Injury Prevention.

We offer an extensive selection of individual and team sporting opportunities. Some of which are:

- . Archery
- . Athletics
- . Badminton
- . Basketball
- . Beach Volleyball
- . Bowls
- . Cross Country
- . Duathlon
- . Equestrian
- . Football
- . Golf
- . Gymnastics
- . Hockey
- . Kayaking
- . Multisport
- . Netball
- . Rowing
- . Rugby
- . Rugby 7s
- . Sailing
- . Skiing/Snowboarding
- . Sport Climbing
- . Squash
- . Swimming
- . Table Tennis
- . Tennis
- . Touch Rugby
- . Triathlon
- . Ultimate Frisbee
- . Underwater Hockey
- . Volleyball
- . Waterpolo





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The thing I like most about Tauranga Girls' College is how we have our tuakana-teina system. I have really enjoyed being on the premier basketball team since I was Year 9 because I got to share thoughts and ideas with older, more experienced students. I really like the pathway opportunities here at school.”

Kiritiana Patea | Year 11

School Spirit

Whanaungatanga
A sense of belonging

School Spirit unites students and staff at Tauranga Girls' College. It encourages us all to work together, be adventurous, creative and proud of our identity.

The Tauranga Girls' College House structure gives our students a sense of belonging. A strong focus is placed on our values: Manaakitanga (Respect), Mahi Tahī (Participation) and Mana Motuhake (Pride).

Our school boasts five houses named after wahine whose qualities we hope our students aim to reflect; (Jean) Batten, (Katherine) Mansfield, (Kate) Sheppard, Te Auetu (Harata Hall nee Paraone) and Whina (Cooper).

Inter-House competitions, with an emphasis on school and house spirit, are held throughout the year. There are a variety of events aimed at building school spirit and positive relationships between our seniors and juniors. These may be service, sporting, cultural and art focused events.

Our five houses also support our pastoral care at Tauranga Girls' College. Deans and Deputy Principals oversee and work alongside the students in a house. This vertical whānau approach also supports the building of tuakana-teina relationships.







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