

Tauranga  
Girls'  
College

INTERNATIONAL



# International Prospectus

A PLACE OF DISCOVERY



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# Empowering learners to make a positive impact

**I am excited to welcome international students from all over the world to Tauranga Girls' College.**

**Our school values the rich cultural and global perspective that each student brings to our community of learners.**

As your International Director, my priority is your success. I am dedicated to providing personalized encouragement and support, ensuring you have a truly rewarding experience at Tauranga Girls' College. My goal is for you to leave equipped with the knowledge and skills to thrive as a impactful global citizen.



**Simon Wheatley**  
International Director



## **Nau mai, haere mai, welcome to Tauranga Girls' College, a place of discovery!**

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

No matter their interest or passion, we aim to encourage, grow, and challenge your young person to be the best they can be.

Imagine a school where your potential is nurtured, your talents are celebrated, and your dreams become reality, a place of discovery. That's what we offer.

**Tara Kanji**  
Tumuaki | Principal

# Tauranga

AUCKLAND TO TAURANGA  
2.5 hours by car  
25 minute flight

Located in the beautiful Bay of Plenty, Tauranga is only 2.5 hours by car or minutes by plane from Auckland and a short journey from the tourist attractions of Rotorua and Lake Taupō.

Tauranga is the 5th largest city in New Zealand (approximately 150,000 people). The main centre, is a vibrant safe city located at the entrance to one of the largest natural harbours in New Zealand. Waikato University is located in the city.

Nearby Mount Maunganui offers pristine beaches and is a popular summer holiday destination. This beach is one of the best beaches in New Zealand for surfing and fishing.





Our retail sector is vibrant, varied and attracts visitors from around the Bay. Enjoy shopping and dining in a safe and friendly city.



Enjoy visiting our natural attractions including our fabulous beaches.

# Homestay

## Making your experience a family one

We know that a happy homestay experience is essential to any successful stay while learning at Tauranga Girls' College.

This is why our school provides an outstanding homestay experience for our students. Families are especially chosen for their ability to make the international student feel cared for, secure and happy.

### Homestay carers provide:

- A student with their own room
- Study facilities
- Laundry facilities
- Full board, including meals
- A supportive environment where a student can become a 'kiwi' member of the family





Our homestay families provide a safe and relaxing place to study and feel at home.



“I have stayed with a lovely family in their beautiful home. They have made me part of their family. I get provided with delicious meals and a comfortable bedroom to make mine. I have a balance between my personal time and socialising with them. My family have helped me become more independent and have supported me to improve my English. I get a hug everyday from my homestay mum which helps when I am missing home.”

Shemain Leung | Chinese





# Academic

## 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.



**“I'm so grateful for the opportunities Tauranga Girls' College provided me. The dedicated teachers and supportive environment helped me achieve my goal of studying law at the University of Exeter in the UK.”**

**Angel Lai | China**





# Curriculum

Tauranga Girls' College fosters an adventurous and creative spirit, encouraging students to be passionate about learning and strive for individual excellence.

We offer a variety of subjects and challenging experiences tailored to meet and extend students' needs.

Our teaching spaces inspire each student to pursue a wide range of subjects and experiences designed to support their academic aspirations.

	JUNIOR - YEAR 9	JUNIOR - YEAR 10	SENIOR - YEAR 11, 12 AND 13
<b>ARTS &amp; CULTURE</b>	Te Aō Māori Art Dance Drama Music Musicianship Ngā Toi Māori Art	Art Dance Drama Music Musicianship Māori Performing Arts Ngā Toi Māori	Art Dance Drama Contemporary Music Studies Music Studies Digital Media Art Film and Media Production Painting Design Photography Contemporary Māori Art Māori Performing Art Te Aō Māori Te Ao Hurihuri
<b>ENGLISH</b>	English	English	English
<b>LANGUAGES</b>	Chinese (Mandarin) French Te Reo Māori Te Reo Rangatira	Chinese (Mandarin) French Spanish Te Reo Māori	Chinese (Mandarin) French Spanish Te Reo Māori
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION &amp; HEALTH</b>	Physical Education & Health Athlete Development Programme	Physical Education Athlete Development Programme	Health Studies Physical Education Sport and Recreation Outdoor Education
<b>SCIENCE</b>	Science	Science	Science Physics Chemistry Biology
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	Social Studies Business Enterprise	Social Studies	Geography History Social Science Classical Studies Tourism Sociology Psychology Commerce Accounting Business Studies Economics
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	Technology	Computer Science Design and Visual Communication Food Technology and Nutrition Product Design and Construction Textile and Fashion Design	Computer Science Design and Visual Communication Early Childhood Education Food Technology and Nutrition Hospitality Product Design and Construction Textile and Fashion Design

\*ESOL support is available for international students.

# Arts & Culture

## Celebrating creativity and artistic expression

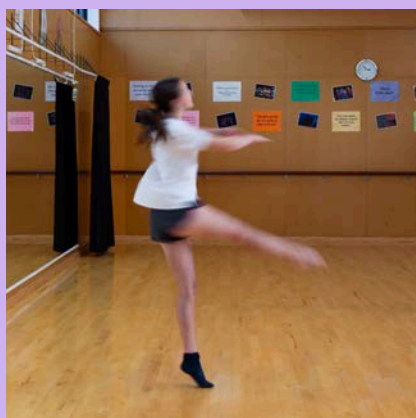


The Arts are an integral part of Tauranga Girls' College. Through art processes students develop creativity, collaborative and critical thinking skills and confidence. Whether it is performing, producing art for public performances or exhibitions, or simply exploring and developing hidden talents, we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

In Music there are many groups to be part of, including our award winning Luminosa Armonia Chorale, 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 (a collaboration with Tauranga Boys' College) 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.

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

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



# Sport

## More than just games, champions are made here

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.

As well as providing an excellent Outdoor Education programme, 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.

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
- Rowing
- Rugby
- Rugby 7s
- Sailing
- Skiing/Snowboarding
- Sport Climbing
- Squash
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Touch Rugby
- Triathlon
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Underwater Hockey
- Volleyball



**“In the sports class everyone is so kind and when you don't understand something they will explain it to you using simple English and gestures.”**

**Sophia Tominago | Japan**



# 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.

The Technology learning area provides many opportunities for students including:

- Barista courses
- Industry training programmes
- EPro8 challenge (STEM)
- 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

**“Tauranga Girls' College enabled me to follow my dreams by graduating NCEA Level 3 with subjects I love doing. Taking Fashion Design this year and designing my own piece of furniture for example, prepared me for future pathways of possibly becoming an industrial designer.”**

**Hannah Trostel | Germany**

# Wellbeing & Support



## Wellbeing

Support is offered to our students in many ways. Whānau (form) classes, the Whānau class teacher, Deans, 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 ensure that our students feel valued, cared for and happy.

Our dedicated teachers are a supportive and friendly face to assist in the classroom.

## International support

Additional support for International students is provided by the Director of International students while they study at the college. The Director ensures students are taking the right subjects for their future pathways, are engaged and are having an enjoyable learning experience.

Our Homestay Manager works with both the student and homestay carer(s) to make sure students have a successful and happy experience while living in Tauranga.

For students who require more support in English we provide an ESOL programme (English for Speakers of Other Language).

**Tauranga Girls' College has allowed me to be part of the leadership role. The teachers are very kind and friendly, especially to international students, they will help and explain to you. I have been given chances to explore some new sports at school as well. Also, they gave me a really good homestay that allowed me to express myself and treat me as a part of the family."**

**Stephanie Wong | China (Hong Kong SAR)**

# School Spirit

## 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).

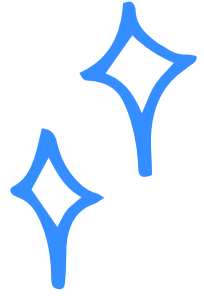
Our school boasts five houses named after wahine whose qualities we hope our students aim to reflect; Jean **Batten**, Katherine **Mansfield**, Kate **Sheppard**, **Te Auetu** Harata Hall nee Paraone and **Whina** Cooper.

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.



# Code of Practice

## The legal requirements



### International students

Tauranga Girls' College is a signatory to, and has agreed to observe and be bound by, the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021, published by the Ministry of Education. Copies of the Code are available in different languages from the NZQA website [nzqa.govt.nz](https://nzqa.govt.nz).

### Application procedures

Application forms are available on our website [tgc.school.nz/international](https://tgc.school.nz/international). Please use the 'Enquire or Apply now' button. This takes you directly to our online enrolment process.

### Medical and travel insurance

The Code of Practice and Immigration New Zealand, require all international students studying in New Zealand to have full travel and medical insurance while in New Zealand. The insurance policy must be compliant with the New Zealand Qualification Authority and if written in another language, must be supplied with an English translation.

### Immigration requirements

Details for student visa and NZeTA visas including any advice about work rights and employment are found on Immigration New Zealand's website [immigration.govt.nz](https://immigration.govt.nz).

### Grievance procedure

The Director of International Students is the contact person for students who have a grievance or complaint. The International Department provides a flow chart detailing procedures for complaints. International students not satisfied with the outcome of the school's formal complaint process may raise their concerns with NZQA by submitting a complaint query on their website, through email or by phone.

**Phone** 0800 697 296

**Email** [qadrisk@nzqa.govt.nz](mailto:qadrisk@nzqa.govt.nz)

**Website** [nzqa.govt.nz](https://nzqa.govt.nz)

"As an International student who came only for one year but stayed three, I saw the value of being able to choose from a range of subjects not available to me in Japan. Teachers have really challenged me to learn and look at ideas from different perspectives. My homestay experience has been amazing."

Yui Kanda | Japan



# Why a Girls' School?

## ✦ Learning styles made for you

We appreciate discussions, debates and hearing your perspective. We value collaboration and working with others and not only by yourself. Experience the positivity of girl power in the way we teach and learn.

## ✦ Empowering confidence

Imagine a classroom where everyone feels comfortable sharing their ideas. In our school, many girls find it easier to speak up and participate, which helps them learn better and feel more confident. We help you to find your voice.

## ✦ Leadership opportunities

Girls get more chances to lead clubs, activities and make important decisions in and for their school. These are skills that enable both personal growth and develop leadership potential beyond school.

## ✦ Challenging stereotypes

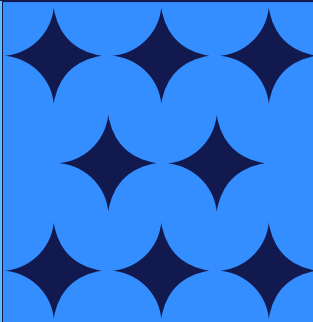
Explore your passion and interests, whether it be building robots, programming, writing plays, engaging in STEM or exploring sport. Find what you love, give it a go and challenge those stereotypes!

## ✦ Valuing your wellbeing

We are inclusive and know that one size does not fit all. Our programmes have a depth of difference to meet the needs of all so that you feel safe and supported with other like minded people who make our school a place for you to be happy and thrive.

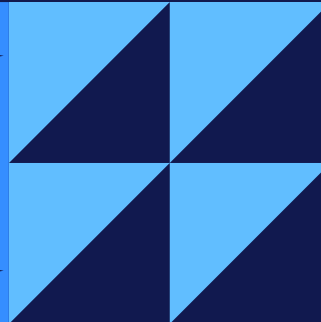


## Our Values



### Mahi Tahi

We work together and participate to make the most of opportunities



### Manaakitanga

We are kind, respectful and inclusive



### Mana Motuhake

We navigate our future with mana and self-determination



✦ a place of discovery

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