



**Tauranga
Girls' College**
The School of Choice

Orientation Booklet 2024



Our vision
"empowering learners to make
a positive impact"

A message from our Tumuaki

Nau mai, haere mai, welcome to 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 values shape our learners and uphold high expectations of behaviour.

Tauranga Girls' College aims to reflect a school in which all learners are empowered to be confident, connected, community minded, proud of their identity, valuing difference and ready to face their future and that is why we want you to also make TGC the school you choose.

"We look forward to your support."

"As a Year 9, I admired the student leaders and aspired to reach their position. Now, as one of those very leaders, I find immense fulfilment in such a humbling position. Fostering relationships with others gives me the ability to gain knowledge from others and their experiences. It's how we create a diverse and inclusive environment and all learn from each other."

Liv Marshall | Year 13



Tara Kanji
Tumuaki | Principal

"Challenge yourself, whether it's through trying a new sport or meeting new people. When you broaden your circle, you know there's always someone there for you."

Maia Kahura | Year 13

"The thing I like most is our tuakana-teina system. I've 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."

Kiritiana Patea | Year 12

Our school values

NGĀ TIKANGA



VALUES

Whanaungatanga

The spirit of whanaungatanga at Tauranga Girls' College is shown through valuing and affirming our sense of belonging and the relationships between learners, students, whānau and community.

Mana Motuhake Pride

Celebrating one's unique tuakiritanga, (identity), independence and control of one's future through autonomy, responsibility and resilience.

Mahi Tahī Participation

Working together collaboratively, sharing ideas, participating and cooperating with others while showing leadership and unity.

Manaakitanga Respect

Taking care of people through kindness, support and hospitality while showing respect, inclusion and generosity.



Learning at Tauranga Girls' College

We're focused on learning

Tauranga Girls' College is a place where you will learn in many different ways and by taking part in many different things. Learning doesn't just happen in the classroom, it happens in the sports team you are a part of, the choir or band you sing in, the assembly you attend or the House competition you take part in during lunch time.

We are keen to be part of your learning all the time and we love to watch and be part of your progress.

We believe you all have the potential to learn, that you should feel like you belong (whanaungatanga), that you have all the help and things you need and that you are worth all these things and support.

In the classroom, there are some things that are so important to you being a learner and learning. We work hard to help you get these things right. With so much out there to learn, it's important that you know how to! Sounds easy but learning is different for everyone.





We believe...

- all learners have potential and can learn.
- all learners should experience whanaungatanga.
- all learners should have equitable opportunities.
- all learners can be agents of their own learning.
- all learners have the opportunity to understand and develop their own self worth.

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TGC 2022



We make sure we are ready for learning

When you are ready for learning you are -

- * On time to class
- * Organised with your learning equipment; Chromebook, note books, pens, calculator, PE gear etc
- * Coming to class with an open and curious mind
- * Sitting with others who will support your learning

If you are stuck with instructions or with your learning there are things you can do to help yourself -

- * Check the Google Classroom, whiteboard or your book for instructions or information
- * Ask a classmate to help you understand what you should/could be doing
- * Find an expert in the classroom who can explain it to you
- * Ask the teacher for help

What will my timetable look like?

There are a few things that will be quite different to the school you have come from when you arrive at Tauranga Girls' College. You will be in two classes; a **Learning Class** and a **Whānau Class**. You will also be in a **House** and have **three option classes** you attend.

Your **Learning Class** will be called something like gFIN. The g shows you are in Year 9 and the three letter code is the code of one of your teachers.

Your **Whānau Class** will be called something like MBXT. The M shows you are in Mansfield House and the three letters after that are your Whānau Teacher's code.

Periods

You'll notice that our days are arranged in Periods instead of blocks of time. You'll move from class to class each time a period is over. There are five periods in a day.

Whānau time

On Monday, Tuesday, and Friday you have Whānau Time (WT) timetabled. You attend this with your Whānau Class. Your Whānau Class is named at the top of the timetable.

Timing of the days

On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday our school day begins at 8.40am and ends at 3.15pm. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, school begins at 9.00am and ends at 3.15pm.

Timetable for 2022						
Your student ID number		Whānau Class code		Learning Class code		
22080		MBXT		9FIN		
Subject teacher code		Your House		Subject code		
Year 9		Mansfield		9ENG		
Term	Week	Mon, 25 Jul	Tue, 26 Jul	Wed, 27 Jul	Thu, 28 Jul	Fri, 29 Jul
3	1	8:40 WT BXT K1	8:40 WT K1		8:40 WT BXT K1	8:40 WT K1
Period 1		9:00 9FTY KGH F1	9:00 9MAT AWO B2	9:00 9ART BFY D1	9:00 9PED JRT GYM	9:00 9ENG FIN B2
Period 2		10:00 9ENG FIN B2	10:00 9SOS RGT B2	10:00 9MAT AWO B2	10:00 9SOS RGT B2	10:00 9SOS RGT B2
Interval		11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00
Period 3		11:30 9MAT AWO B2	11:30 9MPD ROS W1	11:30 9ENG FIN B2	11:30 9ART BFY D1	11:30 9FTY KGH KLY
Period 4		12:30 9SCI PRV B2	12:30 9SCI MTE B2	12:30 9PED JRT GYM	12:30 9MPD ROS W1	12:30 9ART BFY D1
Lunch		1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30
Period 5		2:20 9MPD ROS F6	2:20 9PED JRT COMM	2:20 9FTY KGH F1	2:20 9MAT AWO B2	2:20 9SCI MTE B2
After School		3:20	3:20	3:20	3:20	3:20
Whānau Teacher Mrs K Baxter		Dean Mrs S Gardner		Deputy Principal Ms G Rowlands		

There's a team here to support you

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.

There are many people in our Tauranga Girls' College team here to support you. We focus on ***whanaungatanga** by helping you develop strong relationships built on respect and care.

Pastoral care

We take a holistic approach to pastoral care. This means we focus on looking after you as a whole person and not just parts; we are not just supporting your learning but your social, mental and spiritual wellbeing; so you can be the best version of yourself.

We support this in many ways; through Whānau Class, your Whānau Teacher, Deans, Deputy Principals, the Guidance Counsellors, the Youth Mentor and the Student Health Centre. External support agencies are also available to you through these networks.

Whānau Teacher	Your Whānau Teacher is the first person you'll ask when you're unsure about something like where to go, attendance issues, who to see or what to do in a situation.
Dean	You'll see your Dean if you have learning or subject questions, uniform or friendship issues or just need another adults support or advice. This person will help you manage situations you are not sure how to deal with.
House Leader	Your House Leader will get you excited about being in your House and getting involved in House activities.
Deputy Principal	This person is another one in your team supporting you to be the best version of yourself. They might check in with you when needed to make sure you're honoring our school values or to congratulate you when you are.
Youth Mentor	Our Youth Mentor's support us all to get involved in activities in break times. This person might also be someone your Dean or Deputy Principal refers you to for extra support.
Guidance Counsellor	This person is available to support you when you are sad, worried about something or having issues with others; either here at kura or at home.
Health Centre	A place to go when you are not feeling well, need first aid, need period products or need to see the nurse or doctor (only on Thursdays). If you are unwell, you will be signed out to go home through the Health Centre.

2024 Year 9 Dean and Deputy Principal

Your Dean and Deputy Principal team for the five years you are at Tauranga Girls' College will be Mrs Zoe Blissett, Dean and Ms Glenda Rowlands, Deputy Principal.

* For more information about whanaungatanga, see "Our School Values" page in this booklet, Page 3

For parents, caregivers and whānau

We're mobile phone free from 2024

Cellphones are not a learning device. They are not to be visible during the school day.

Emergency contact can still be made during the school day via the school office plus students can be emailed directly through the day.

- * if a phone is visible, it will be confiscated by the teacher and taken to the school office for pick up at the end of the day by the student.
- * if a phone needs to be confiscated a second time it will require a caregiver to pick the phone up from the school office.

Communicating with your daughter or young person during the school day

If you need to communicate messages with your daughter or young person during school hours, please contact the school office on 07 578 8114. Messages will be emailed to students' school accounts.

If you need to drop anything to your daughter or young person (lunch, PE gear, art supplies), please drop it to the school office, clearly labeled. Students will be sent an email to collect the item from the student office.

If you have an urgent message or need to immediately collect your daughter or young person for an emergency, (Health and Safety, significant wellbeing), the office staff, Deans or Deputy Principal's will assist.

Support with uniform

Our uniform guidelines are clearly laid out on pages 10 and 11. Please support your daughter or young person to get this right. If you require help, please let the Dean know. If your daughter or young person has a valid reason for wearing an incorrect uniform item, please send them to school with a note explaining this. They will take this to their Dean and have a uniform pass issued.

Uniform passes will not be given for hoddie sweat shirts.



Signing your daughter or young person in and out of school

When dropping your daughter or young person to school late or collecting they must be signed in and out through the school office. Students are not to meet parents outside of school grounds to be collected during school hours.

When dropping off and collecting your young person please take care. Cameron Rd, Courtney Rd and 22nd Ave are busy and can be dangerous. Please choose a car park to stop in.

If your daughter or young person is absent from school

Please let us know. You can do this by phoning the school on 5788114 and explaining they are away or by using the school app via the school website.

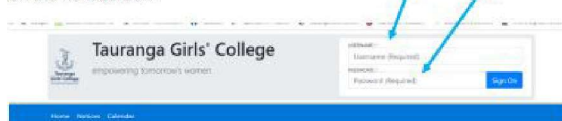
If your young person is absent from school and you haven't informed us of this, you will automatically receive a text message letting you know they are not present in class after 11am.

Staying informed using KAMAR - our parent portal

Click on the KAMAR Home Portal on the Home screen



You should then get this login screen, enter your logon & password: which leads on the next screen



Notices

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Thursday 4th of March, 2021

Meeting / Publication	Location	When	Mail
Careers	UPDATED-Canterbury First Round Visit	Thu 5 Mar 11:15	WLS

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Our House Spirit

Our kura is proud of our five Houses and the wahine whose qualities we hope you aim to reflect. These are (Jean) **Batten**, (Katherine) **Mansfield**, (Kate) **Sheppard**, **Te Auetu** (Harata Hall nee Paraone) and (Dame) **Whina** (Cooper).

Inter-House competitions are held throughout the year. There are a variety of events aimed at building school spirit and positive relationships between everyone. These may be service, sporting, cultural and art focused events.

"Hine-o-te-Rangi", Daughter of the skies, Jean Batten was an international aviation heroine. Her determination and resourcefulness allowed her to chase her dreams in this male dominated profession, and always with a touch of glamour.

Batten



Te Auetu

Bravery and compassion were displayed by the young Te Auetu Harata Hall, as she tended to the injured Māori and Pākeha soldiers, in the wake of the Battle of Pukehinahina. Our Ngāti Ranginui tuawahine has strong links to our whenua and kura.

Kate Sheppard was an advocate for the welfare of women and children in Aotearoa. She inspired thousands of women all over the world to join her courageous fight for women's suffrage.

Sheppard



Mansfield



Katherine Mansfield was an influential modernist New Zealand author of the early 20th Century. Her passion for uniqueness and diversity in her life is celebrated in her work.

As the "Mother of the Nation", Dame Whina Cooper dedicated her life to racial harmony, social justice and land rights for Māori. This strong wahine of Te Rārawa descent led the famous hikoi from Northland to Parliament in 1975.

Whina



Start collecting together items that are your House colour for all our events throughout the year. Your House Leader will get you excited about being in your House and getting involved in House activities.

What happens on the first day?

Thursday 01 February 2024 is your first day at Tauranga Girls' College. This is a day of being welcomed and making connections with other students and staff at our kura. The day begins with our pōwhiri. All new students, Year 9 and other year levels, and new staff are welcomed to Tauranga Girls' College on this morning. Your whānau are welcome to join us in the Sports Hall for this.

<p>Year 9 pōwhiri and assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In preparation, Year 9 students, students new to the school and new staff gather on the basketball courts at the back of the Sports Hall 	<p>8.40 - 9.00am</p>
<p>Pōwhiri begins</p> <p>Order of proceedings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tangata Whenua are seated to the left of the stage area • Karanga from Tangata Whenua • Karanga from Manuhiri • Students move into the Sports Hall • Welcome begins <p>Following tikanga means men are positioned to sit in front of the women once we are inside the Sports Hall. When attending a pōwhiri, women must wear a skirt or dress that covers the knees and shoulders.</p> <p>At the end of the formalities, all students will move into the Old Gym for kai.</p> <p>After the pōwhiri you'll spend the rest of the day in your Whānau Class. Here you'll meet senior students from your Whānau Class.</p> <p>The focus for today is on *whanaungatanga; connecting with and getting to know other people. There is not a focus on learning in a subject area. The activities and tasks you'll be doing are designed to help you connect with and learn about one another.</p>	<p>9.00 - 10.00am</p>
<p>Shared kai for students</p>	<p>10.00am</p>
<p>Return to the Sports Hall</p>	<p>10.25am</p>
<p>Move to Whānau Class - *Whanaungatanga activities begin</p>	<p>11.00am</p>
<p>Lunch</p>	<p>12.30 - 1.15pm</p>
<p>Move back to Whānau Class - getting ready for whanaungatanga rotations with other Whānau classes in your House.</p>	<p>1.15pm - 2.45pm</p>
<p>Bus Meeting</p> <p>At the end of the day there will be an important bus meeting. We like to make sure everyone who catches a bus knows where to go and when. This will all be explained when you visit the hall for this meeting at 2.55pm. Students who don't catch buses will finish the day at this time.</p>	<p>2.55pm</p>

Uniform

Every student attending Tauranga Girls' College agrees when they enrol to wear the uniform fully and correctly. When you present yourself in your uniform with pride it shows us you are ready for learning. When you wear your uniform with pride you model this in the grounds, in the community and, importantly, you show respect to those who have worn the uniform before you; you show you are proud to be a member of "Team TGC".

It is our expectation that you will wear your uniform correctly. You **MUST** leave at home any items that are not part of our uniform.



Uniforms:

- The Uniform Shop (only supplier of shorts and pants) 22nd Avenue
- The Warehouse: Fraser Cove
- NZ Uniforms: 94 Elizabeth Street

Footwear:

- Hannahs
- Number 1 Shoe Warehouse
- The Warehouse



Please check with the College if in doubt before purchasing.

Uniform

Skirt	Navy blue /mid blue check wool-polyester (material pattern BPW096) pleated skirt. Knee length.
Shirt	Tauranga Girls' College shirt
Jersey or Micro-fleece	Tauranga Girls' College, navy blue, striped V-neck woollen jersey or Tauranga Girls' College, navy blue, monogrammed zip front fleece.
Footwear	Plain white or black ankle socks or black opaque pantyhose. Black polishable leather lace-up flat shoes or blue/black or navy sandals with a back strap . These are not to be worn with socks. (No ankle boots, labelled shoes or ballet shoes).
Shorts	Navy with the logo (The Uniform Shop is the only supplier).
Pants	Navy with the logo (The Uniform Shop is the only supplier).
Lavalava	Navy with the logo (The Uniform Shop is the only supplier). The lavalava must be ordered. Allow time.
Jacket	Tauranga Girls' College regulation jacket or a plain navy blue anorak/parka. Blazers are compulsory for all students in formal leadership roles.
Scarf	Navy blue or black: to be worn Terms 2 and 3 only.

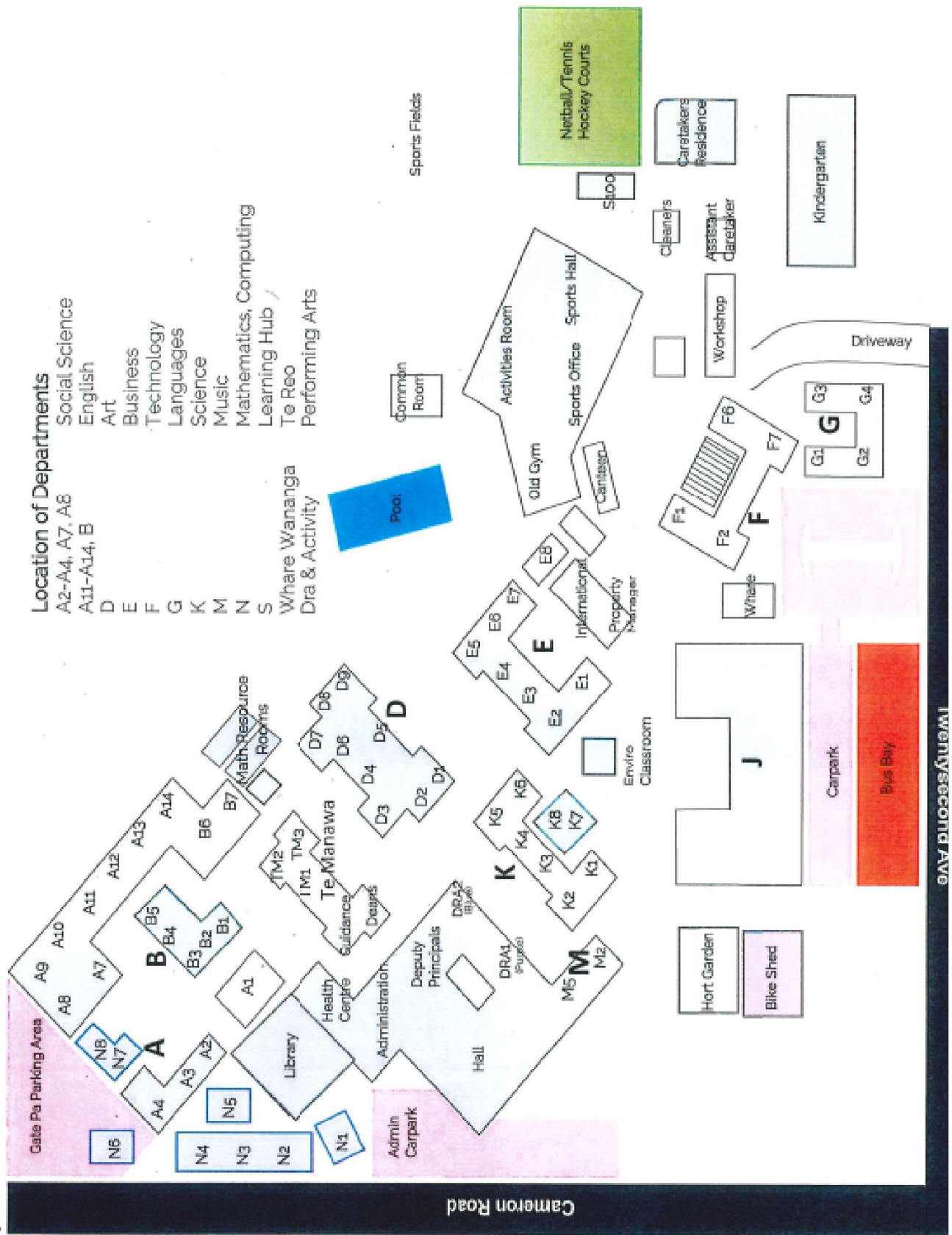
Calendar Dates for Term 1, 2024

Pōwhiri - Welcome Year 9 and all new students and staff to TGC	Thursday 01 February
Waitangi Day	Tuesday 06 February
School closed for instruction	Monday 05 February
Summer Sports and whānau group photos	Wednesday 13 March
Year 9 Whānau kai and kōrero	Thursday 15 February
Competitive Athletics Sports Day	Tuesday 20 February
School Swimming Sports Day	Thursday 07 March
End of Term One	Friday 12 April



Head Students 2023
Tauranga Girls' College

Our kura - take a look around



Notes; what's interesting?



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**We can't
wait to
welcome
you!**



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