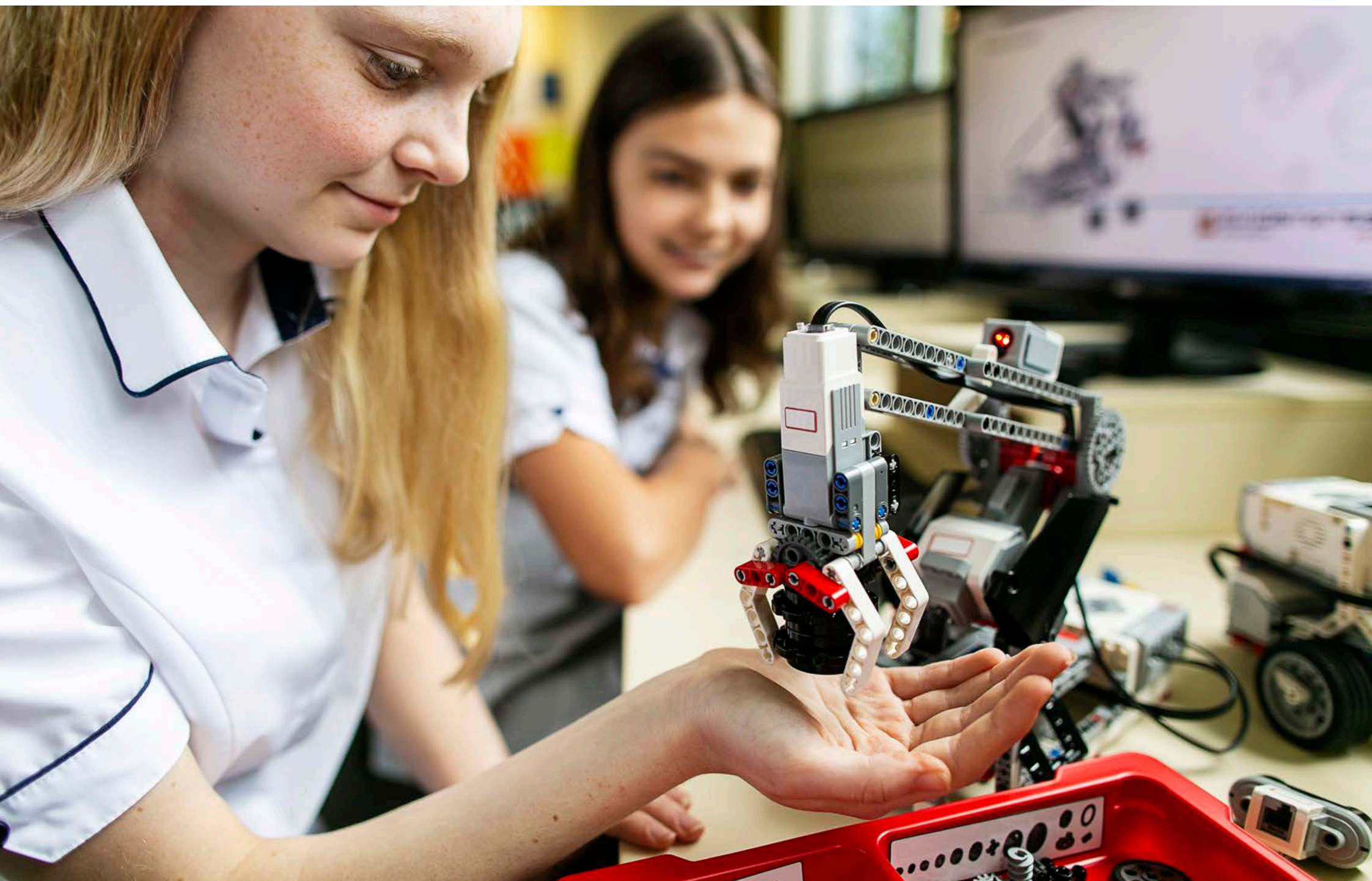




Tauranga Girls' College

The School of Choice for Girls

PROSPECTUS



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Nau mai haere mai Tauranga Girls' College

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

No matter her interest or passion, our aim is to encourage, grow and challenge your daughter to be the best that she can be. At Tauranga Girls' College, our emergent 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 young women, proud of their identity, valuing of difference and ready to face their future.

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

Tara Kanji, Principal/Tumuaki



“Tauranga Girls' College welcomes you as together we strive to be the School of Choice for Girls. Our inclusive community is committed to ensure each and every wahine is equipped to reach their full potential. Surrounded by supportive peers and adults in an environment filled with spirit and diversity, Tauranga Girls' College offers an extensive range of academic, sporting, cultural and artistic opportunities for you to follow your passions. Our school values of Respect (Manaakitanga), Participation (Mahi Tahi) and Pride (Mana Motuhake) lead us to develop into strong, independent and empowered women ready for today's world.

Hannah Rose, Head Girl 2020



Service and Leadership

Making a difference by leading and helping others

Leadership is both a talent and a skill for development. At Tauranga Girls' College our young women enjoy many opportunities to embrace and explore leadership and develop skills for future years.

Service and Leadership opportunities extend across a variety of areas including formal roles for our senior students, who are recognised as important role models.

Head Girl
Deputy Head Girl of Art
Deputy Head Girl of Communications and Publicity
Deputy Head Girl of Cultural Diversity
Deputy Head Girl of Learning
Deputy Head Girl of School Spirit
Deputy Head Girl of Sport

Year 13 prefect leadership roles include:

- Communication and Publicity
- House Spirit Representatives
- International
- Kaitiakitanga
- Kaupapa Maori
- Pasifika
- Performing Arts
- Sports
- Technology
- Visual Arts
- Written Arts

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

- Audio Visual Technician
- Ball Committee
- Board of Trustees
- Careers Assistant
- Class Ambassador
- Club Activity
- Environmental Committee
- House Representative
- International Buddy
- Kapahaka
- Librarian
- Peer Support
- SADD Committee
- School Magazine
- Sports Team Captain

Supporting charities and volunteering service to the local community have long been integral parts of the Tauranga Girls' College ethos. This practice is embedded in the student leadership structures. Themed mufti days are also held throughout the year to show our support for elected charities.

No matter what the opportunity, all leadership and service roles at Tauranga Girls' College are held by young women.



From Year 9 to Year 13, Tauranga Girls' College is a journey of fun, learning, collaboration, service and positive vibes. The kura gives students the greatest gift in life - an opportunity; opportunity to flourish as a leader, opportunity to master new skills not only through the extraordinary extracurricular activities but also through collaboration with fellow members of the school from all ages and backgrounds and opportunity to grow as a person by honing one's ability to learn, unlearn and relearn.

Parvi Goundar, Deputy Head Girl Communications and Publicity 2020



Wahine Toa

He Waka Eke Noa

We are all in this together

Tauranga Girls' College is a place where girls can be strong, empowered women. We offer a caring, supportive environment for our girls to learn, develop and realise their full potential.

Pastoral care is an important part of school life.

- The Whānau Teacher is responsible for all students in their whānau class. They provide encouragement, academic learning support and guidance. Relationships are based on respect, fairness, and integrity.
- Deans know that positive relationships are key to a happy school and work to establish a positive working relationship with students and home.
- Each Deputy Principal works to lead and develop strong relationships based on the school's values of Respect (Manaakitanga), Participation (Mahi Tahī) and Pride (Mana Motuhake).
- Guidance Counsellors provide personal and educational counselling and access where needed to community resources.
- Student Health Services provide a service to enhance the health and wellbeing of students and remove any barriers to learning caused by health issues.
- The Careers Advisor provides careers advice, careers education programmes, tertiary liaison and pathways support.
- The Learning Hub provides support for an inclusive educational environment. Students have flexible learning programmes that cater to individual student abilities, learning needs, and interests. The Learning Hub works closely with a number of community-based agencies to provide a cohesive, holistic academic programmes.

“At Tauranga Girls' College we are constantly seeking new opportunities to celebrate and embrace the cultural diversity within our kura. We encourage our wahine to get involved in our cultural groups. From our International department, to Kapa Haka and Sisters of the Pacific, we create a sense of whanaungatanga; a sense of belonging. Tauranga Girls' College offers plenty of opportunities for your daughter to express and embrace her cultural identity in an environment of acceptance and inclusiveness.

Shanay Talopau, Deputy Head Girl Cultural Diversity 2020

Academic Excellence

Pergo et Perago Strive and Achieve

Tauranga Girls' College is a place where girls can be adventurous, creative, free spirited and passionate about learning.

We provide an environment where each student is encouraged to strive for individual excellence in all that she does.

Tauranga Girls' College's range of subjects and challenging educational experiences are designed to meet and extend the needs of students.

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

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.



“Tauranga Girls' College provides a range of opportunities for students to excel in many academic areas. Through the support and guidance from highly equipped staff, we have the ability to achieve at our greatest potential.

Tania Simpson, Scholarship student 2019

“I walk in the gates of Tauranga Girls' College every day inspired by the people around me. Inspired by my peers, who consistently strive for academic excellence and push me to do the same. Inspired by the incredible teaching staff, who work tirelessly to provide students with the necessary tools to excel academically. As a result, Tauranga Girls' College has fostered my love of learning and I am proud to be learning new things everyday at this school.

Olive Pearce, Scholarship student 2019



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.

The Director of Sports works with the Sports Committee to promote participation and emphasise enjoyment. A wide range of lunchtime activities are provided as well as the opportunity to participate in inter-class challenges.

School spirit is also encouraged in many House competitions, for example athletics and swimming sports days.

The Athlete Development Programme is designed to support the young women 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

Tauranga Girls' College offers an extensive selection of individual and team sporting opportunities. Some of which are:

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

“From the highly competitive swimmer to the social netball player, playing sport at Tauranga Girls' College allows students to find the courage to get involved in sport, continue their sporting passions and go on to form lifelong lasting bonds. From the early days of being a Year 9 student and setting foot in the kura, I was amazed at the abundant sporting opportunities that are available here. There are a multitude of sports exchanges, lunchtime sports and other sporting opportunities for students to immerse themselves in and reap the benefits from. For students who are able to find the courage to give sport a go, I have full faith in the ability of Tauranga Girls' College to support and foster this attitude, furthermore maximising your sporting potential.

Olive Pearce, Deputy Head Girl Sport 2020



Visual and Performing Arts

Celebrating Creativity and Artistic Expression

The Arts are an integral part of Tauranga Girls' College. Participation and excellence are traditional strengths, whether it is performing or 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 girls' education.

Visits to or by art exhibitions, dance companies, writer's workshops and theatre performances in the school, ensure our girls 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 Theatre Sports to the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare festival. Our successful kapahaka group enables students to learn about and to take part in significant aspects of tikanga. The artistic creations by students adorn our walls and demonstrate the strength of the Visual Arts in our school.

Tauranga Girls' College produce a joint production with Tauranga Boys' College and it is one of the highlights in the year. Beauty and the Beast, FAME, Sweeney Todd, Thoroughly Modern Millie are just some of the productions staged.

Tauranga Girls' College offers an extensive selection of Performing and Visual Arts opportunities, some of which are:

- Artsfest
- Barbershop Chorus
- Big Bands
- Chamber Ensembles
- Chorale
- College Herald Writing
- Combined Productions
- Creative Writing
- Dance Competitions
- Dance NZ Made
- Dance Troupes
- Debating
- Drama Club
- Drama Productions
- Film Festival
- Guitar Ensemble
- Jazz Band
- Jazz Choir
- Jazz Combo
- Junior and Senior LBDs
- Kapahaka
- Lighting and Sound
- Luminosa Armonia Chorale
- Mooting
- NZ Young Designers
- Oratory
- Percussion Ensembles
- Pin'd
- Robotics
- Rockbands
- Sheilah Winn
- Showquest
- String Orchestra
- Symphonic Band
- Te Manu Korero
- Young Enterprise
- Wearable Arts



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Tauranga Girls' College has opened many artistic doors for me and hundreds of other students. Our school has countless music, dance and theatre opportunities for the girls to let their love for the arts shine. Not only is the performing arts a high quality area to get involved in, but it's also an environment of family and growth. The atmosphere of the performing arts community at our school is one that is bustling with excitement, challenges and fun. Tauranga Girls' College takes pride in the way we present ourselves through our art.

Shenazzar Sta. Lucia, Deputy Head Girl Arts 2020



Environment for Learning

Designed to Support Learning

Nestled in a residential suburb Tauranga Girls' College is a campus with a remarkable hidden sense of space and tranquillity, enhanced by mature trees, cared for grounds and well-equipped learning and teaching areas.

Learning spaces within the College are specifically designed to support learning. Spacious classrooms are wifi equipped, digital devices support collaboration and continuous learning beyond the classroom. We have a high calibre of highly qualified and passionate teachers. The Learning Hub supports students with Individual Learning Programmes including spaces to support University courses, correspondence school papers and SPEC.

There are many other facilities available to students on campus.

- International Student Centre
- Te Whare Wānanga o Mereaira
- Drama/video studio
- Media equipment for Journalism, Art and Television Production
- Keyboard music laboratory with listening posts and recording studio
- Digital photography, ceramics bay and pottery kiln
- Multimedia studio
- Technology and Design workshop with access to electronic and CAD technology
- A multi-resource library, network, internet link, computers, senior study facilities, private reading areas, careers information centre
- A learning support centre for individual tuition and assistance with learning and study skills
- Computer laboratories with intranet and internet
- Web based Careers Programme
- Health Centre with a part time registered nurse and a first aid officer in attendance
- Envirohub

“Tauranga Girls' College has encouraged me to broaden my horizons and find new passions. With groups like the Kaitiakitanga, Community, Technology and Student Well-being committees, students are able to use their knowledge and skills to help make a difference. These committees allow students to be involved in events like raising money for charities, planting trees, improving students overall hauora and building new innovative inventions. Tauranga Girls' College has an outstanding academic reputation, with a variety of subjects on offer, seeing students achieve at a high level in NCEA. This has resulted in many students gaining scholarships.

Rebecca Eggersglusz, Deputy Head Girl Learning 2020



School Spirit

Whānaungatanga A sense of belonging

School Spirit unites the students and teachers. It encourages the girls to work together, be adventurous, creative and proud of who they are.

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

Every student belongs to a house. Inter-House competitions are held throughout the year starting with athletics and swimming. Lunchtime activities are also run by the Sports Committees where classes can compete in Inter-House or class challenges to vie for bragging rights and house points. Bat-down, crash-pad rounders, dodgeball, hockey, lip-sync, netball, theatre sports are just some of the activities to create that school spirit and build positive relationships between our senior and junior girls.



“Here at Tauranga Girls' College, we encourage everyone to get behind every school event! By taking part in these, the relationships between students and staff members grow, and a positive, friendly and empowered community is developed in our kura. The opportunity to meet new people from all year groups, fosters new friendships and encourages positive, fun rivalries between houses and grows our School Spirit. Over my time at Tauranga Girls' College, I have found a sense of belonging, developed amazing, lifelong friendships and have taken as many opportunities as I can. I hope that my service and leadership this year has given back even just a small amount of what I have gained from being at Tauranga Girls' College.

Grace Pua, Deputy Head Girl School Spirit 2020





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