



Tauranga Girls' College

The School of Choice for Girls

PROSPECTUS



“Tauranga Girls' College provides students with an outstanding sense of Turangawaewae, a sense of belonging. Our inclusive community provides every student with the opportunity to grow. Guided by our school values of Manaakitanga/Respect, Mahi Tahi/Participation and Mana Motuhake/Pride, we strive to be a school where each student feels nurtured, inspired and empowered.”

Teia Kahura, Year 13



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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, proud of their identity, valuing difference and ready to face their future.

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

Tara Kanji, Principal/Tumuaki

“The teachers really care about your learning, and there is so much support to help you succeed. Overall, the opportunities from clubs to committees and sports teams have made my experience at Tauranga Girls' College really positive.”

Niamh Manning, Year 10



Academic Excellence and future focused learning

Success for all

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 educational experiences at Tauranga Girls' College are designed to meet and extend the needs of students.

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 future focused skills in subjects areas and a Junior Design Thinking classes.

Our students consistently 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.



My favourite part at Tauranga Girls' College is connecting and hanging out with new people. I enjoy being in nice and quiet places to learn."

Niomie Jackson, Year 9



“ The learning environment both inside and outside the classroom at Tauranga Girls' College stimulates all students. All learners are catered for to ensure everyone receives the support they require and that everyone has an equal opportunity to excel academically. We're encouraged to take on challenges and achieve highly in all aspects of school life.”

Ashlen Kaur, Year 13



“As a pasifika female my journey through Tauranga Girls' College is something I truly value. Being surrounded by encouraging and supportive people has shaped me into an individual who is well equipped for the future and I have witnessed alongside me countless young wāhine who too, have found their place of belonging here.”

Tarifa Laban, Year 13



Hauora and wellbeing

“He waka eke noa”

We are all in this together

Tauranga Girls' College is a place where students can be strong and empowered. We offer a caring, supportive environment for students to learn, develop and realise their full potential. We 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 and the Whānau class teacher, House Deans, House Deputy Principals, the International Director, the Guidance Counsellors 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 also available to students through these networks.

Pathways

Alongside our teaching staff, the Tauranga Girls' College Careers Advisor and our Gateway/Tertiary Coordinator support our students as they explore their future pathways. This may be via a tertiary institute, industry, the 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 FastTrack 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 is also currently a part of the Ministry of Education donations scheme which significantly reduces costs.

Te Ao Māori

Whaowhia te kete mātauranga

Fill the basket 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 ngā 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

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 kiōrahi 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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At Tauranga Girls' College we are a whānau, a sisterhood. We strive to create a comfortable and accepting environment for all taura in our kura to express who they are. There are so many opportunities to express our culture and at the same time, learn about other cultures within our kura.

Ko te ahurei o te taura arahia o tātou mahi; Let the uniqueness of the student guide our work.”

Kahurangi Ngatai, Year 13



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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 12

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. In-school examples of this are our 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 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:

- Communications and Publicity
- Community
- House Spirit
- International
- Kaitiakitanga
- Kaipapa Māori
- Media and Publication
- Pasifika
- Performing Arts
- Sports
- Student Wellbeing
- Technology
- 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



Technology: Innovation and industry

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.

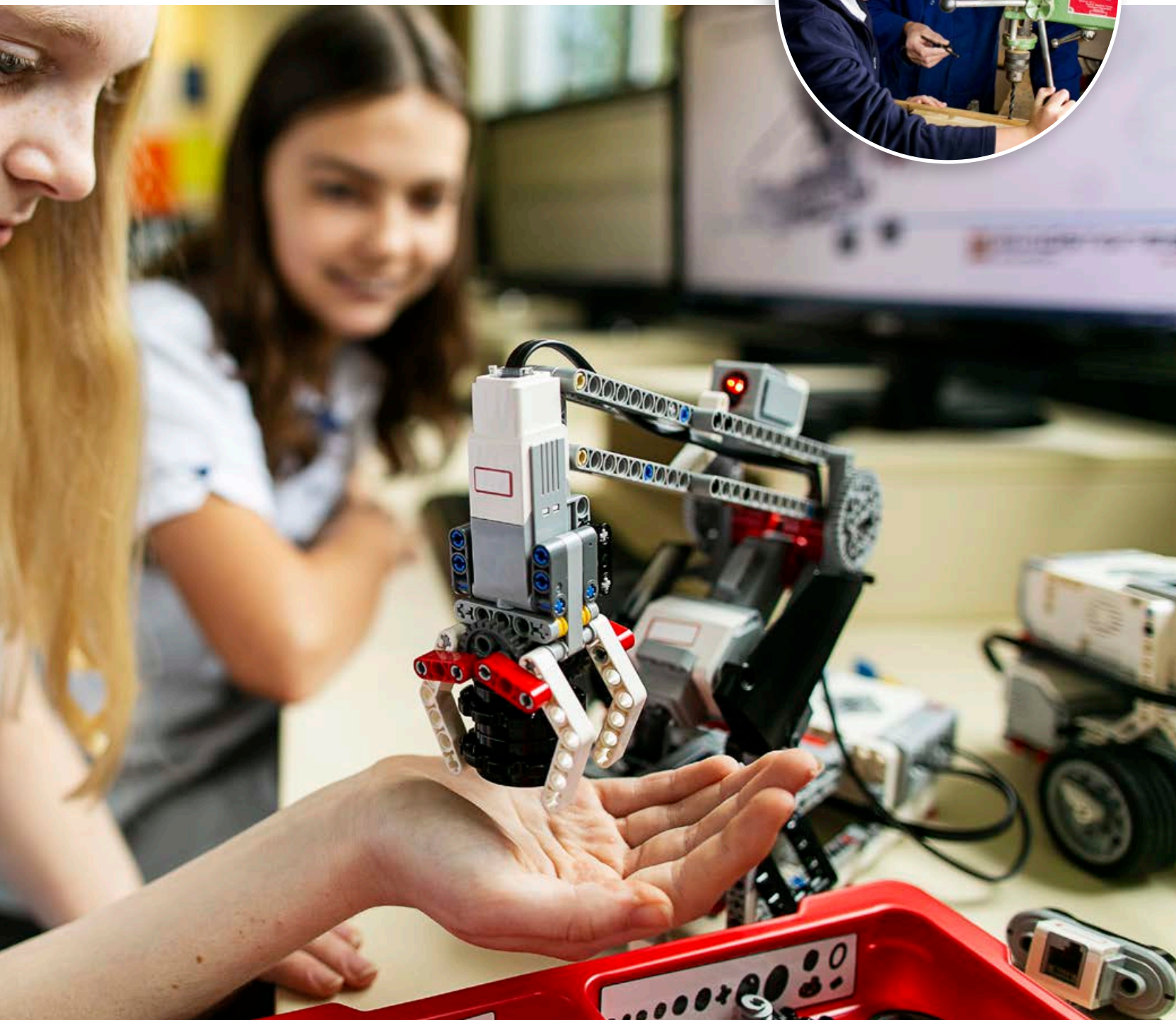
Design Thinking skills are utilised to explore real-life situations and problems and projects in the local community. Students learn that technologies we use everyday are the result of deliberate human intervention.

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
- Design Thinking/Design Process
- EPro8 Challenge
- Game Development
- Gaming and ESports
- Hospitality
- Innovator/Technologist of the Term
- Mashup
- Pin'd
- Robotics
- Sustainability
- Techweek
- Visit to Fashion Design Schools and Fashion Industry in Auckland
- Young Innovator Awards
- 3D modelling, printing and laser cutting processes





“ My Tauranga Girls' College Technology experience has been fun and challenging, with amazing projects and enthusiastic teachers who enabled me to create dresses, coats and even a website. My friends in other Technology subjects have developed some cool practical skills that have helped them into a career pathway. I love the problem solving aspect that comes with these projects, and the sense of satisfaction when you have created something exciting.”

Adara Burns, Year 13



“ 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 9



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 sports women 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.

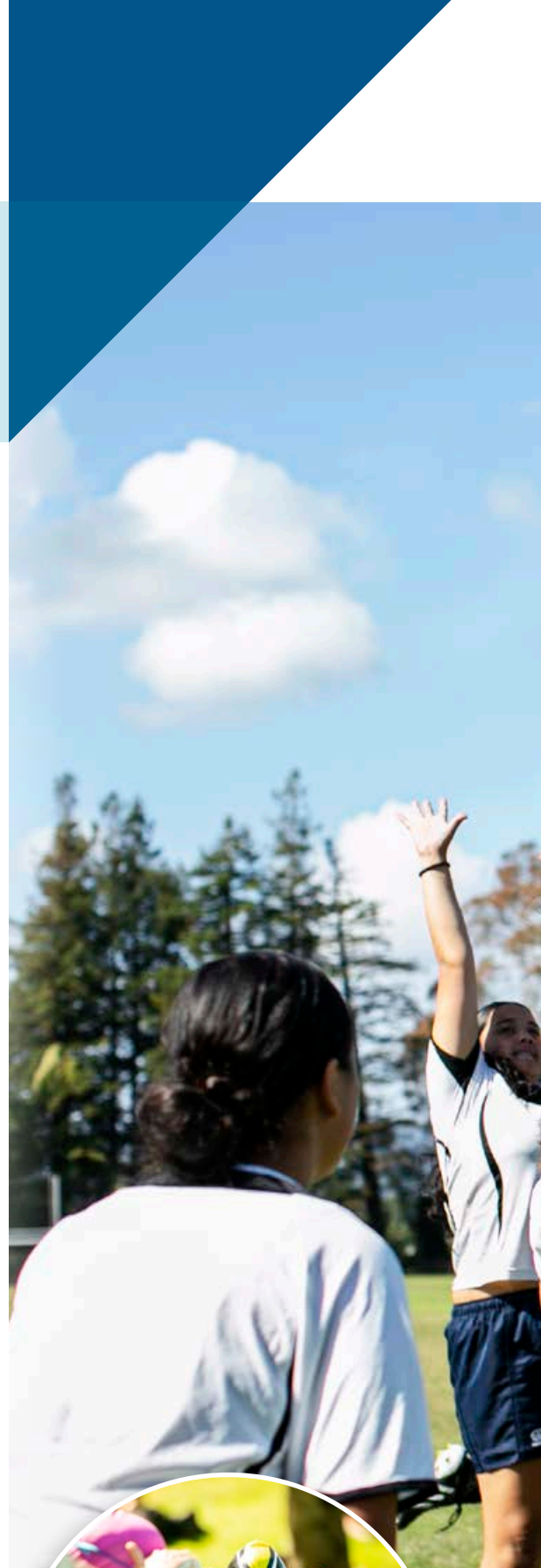
We have annual sports exchanges with Hamilton Girls' High, Napier Girls' High and Rotorua Girls' High.

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
- Underwater Hockey
- Waterpolo





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Since the day I set foot in the Tauranga Girls' College, I've known it as a kura that's committed to fostering and encouraging participation and excellence through both social and competitive sports. The opportunities are endless! Whether you want to make a New Zealand representative team or just have a go, Tauranga Girls' College develops and supports you becoming the person you want to become."

Charlotte Webb, Year 13



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 with 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.



I feel like I found myself here at Tauranga Girls' College. The culture at our school centres around being the best that YOU can be and giving everything a go. Without this supportive culture, I doubt I would've had the courage to leave my comfort zone and involve myself in many of the activities that have made my time at this school so memorable."

Maia Flint, Year 13







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