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AT PAKURANGA COLLEGE WE ARE COMMITTED TO HELPING STUDENTS AND STAFF FIND THEIR FIT. THEIR PASSION. THEIR DRIVE. THEIR REASON. DISCOVER WHAT PAKURANGA COLLEGE CAN DO FOR YOU.

Pakuranga College is a genuinely special learning environment, and I can't think of a better school to start or continue your teaching career.

We take a relational approach to education, fostering partnerships between the college and families to support students across home and school. This approach allows us to consistently outperform the national average for NCEA, providing a strong foundation for our students continuing to university or trades training.

To cater to our more than 2,200 students we have an expansive range of subjects which, in turn, creates an incredibly diverse teaching staff with specialists from all areas of the curriculum at the college. Our co-curricular opportunities are equally diverse with over 100 groups, councils, and teams. Our size allows us to offer variety to staff, who are encouraged to explore areas of interest as well as expertise.

The college also has a fantastically supportive Board, which resources amazing teaching and learning facilities. Our sports facilities are very well developed with competition-ready indoor basketball courts, all-weather hockey turf, a heated swimming pool, and superb rugby and football pitches.

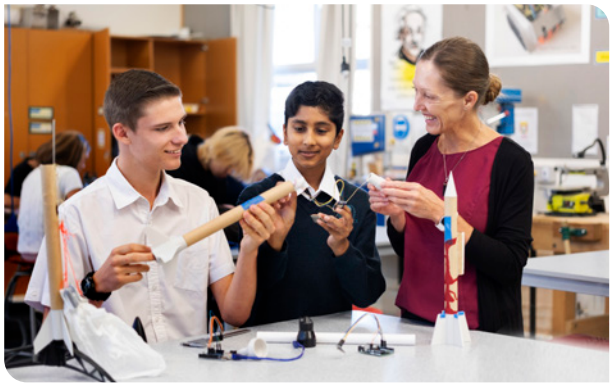
We have state-of-the-art computer suites, a media editing suite, Dance and Drama studios, and a Technology block equipped with 3D printers, laser cutters, engineering workshops, and industrial standard kitchens.

For staff, our professional learning programme is truly leading-edge and helps to grow expert teachers. We will invest in you and support your teaching journey, be it working towards your teaching registration or transitioning from the classroom into a leadership role.

As a large school with over 140 teaching staff, there are endless opportunities for advancement. It is important to us that we recognise and reward the hard work and dedication of our staff.

This is just brief sample of what makes Pakuranga College an amazing place to work. We look forward to helping you find your fit.

Billy Merchant
Principal



fast facts

VITAL STATISTICS

- Total Students: 2,200+
- International Students: 70+
- Ethnicities/cultures attending: 70+
- Staff: 250+
- Founding Date: 1960
- Motto: Caelum Certe Patet (Reach for the Skies)

ACADEMIC STATISTICS

- Subjects offered: 40+
- NCEA: Levels 2 and 3 only
- Post-school Pathways: 70% attend further education (2023 cohort)

OUR VALUES

OUR VISION IS: To empower young people to be the best they can be; equipped and inspired to courageously shape tomorrow's world.

Our guiding principles, which shape wall aspects of the college, are:

- Inclusivity/Kotahitanga
- Integrity/Ngākau Pono
- Care/Manaakitanga
- Innovation/Auahatanga
- Partnership/Rangapū
- Excellence/Hiranga

WE ARE FOCUSED ON STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS IMPORTANT TO US. WE DEDICATE FRIDAY MORNINGS TO STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING, WHERE WE EXPLORE DISCURSIVE AND PEDAGOGICAL PRACTICES THAT ALIGN WITH OUR IDEALS OF RELATIONSHIP-BASED LEARNING.





our staff are life-long learners



We have space marked within the weekly timetable specifically for the growth and continued learning of our teachers, we don't expect them to do this on their own time. The reason we dedicate this time is to build more confident teachers with greater efficacy and agency.

All staff meet weekly in groups with a learning coach (appointed from our staff), focusing on a specific topic each term. Each fortnight staff will also meet their learning coach for a one-on-one session.

Staff feedback shows one-on-one sessions are invaluable. It's a time to discuss what is happening in class that isn't necessarily connected to the curriculum.



Teachers can reflect on what is going well or what needs improving, with input from their learning coach, who has observed lessons.

We strive to create students who are life-long learners, and we want this for our staff as well, so we actively prioritise time to achieve this. The outcomes are absolutely worth the effort.

WHAT PROVISIONAL TEACHERS CAN EXPECT

Provisional teachers are well supported by the college, with an experienced mentor assigned to provide guidance and advice for the first two years in the classroom. Provisional teachers have the same mentor throughout for continuity and consistency.

In the first year, provisional teachers will have 16 hours of classes before moving to 18 hours in the second year, and finally, a full 20-hour teaching load when qualified.

Mentors meet with provisional teachers once a week, plus observe some lessons in real time. By getting to know you individually and seeing your classroom management in action, mentors can help provisional teachers reflect on their practise, set goals, and implement effective planning.

"THE WORD THAT COMES TO MIND WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE CULTURE OF PAKURANGA COLLEGE IS WHAKAWHANAUNGATANGA – THERE IS A REAL CONNECTION BETWEEN STAFF. I'VE FELT SO WELCOMED AND THE ENVIRONMENT IS ONE OF POSITIVITY AND SAFETY."

RHIA *THIRD YEAR TEACHER*

"WE CONSISTENTLY HAVE A GREAT GROUP OF PROVISIONAL TEACHERS – IN 2024 IT WAS 16 FIRST-YEAR TEACHERS! – AND I KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE THAT HAVING A COMMUNITY OF OTHER BEGINNING TEACHERS MAKES SUCH A DIFFERENCE TO YOUR EARLY TEACHING EXPERIENCE. OUR PROVISIONAL TEACHERS SEE EACH OTHER AT REGULAR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS AND OFTEN FORM LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS. NOTHING BONDS YOU LIKE STORIES FROM YOUR FIRST TERM OF TEACHING!"

NICOLA *SPECIALIST CLASSROOM TEACHER – YEAR 1 MENTORING*

student life at Pakuranga College



We offer over 40 different subject options, making it easy for students to find courses that fit their strengths, passions, and career aspirations.

Our Year 12 and 13 courses allow students to gain NCEA qualifications at Level 2 and 3, with most Level 3 courses also providing a pathway to tertiary education. Students at the college consistently outperform the national average for NCEA, with the majority of students continuing on to university study.



Year 11 students study a curriculum tailored to provide a strong foundation for the rigours of NCEA in Year 12. Rather than sitting Level 1 exams in November, students spend an extra four weeks in the classroom.

We appreciate that not every student wishes to continue to university. Whatever their career plans, we have plenty of hands-on courses offering NCEA qualifications in Year 12 and 13, which can lead directly to employment or trades training.

In Year 9 and 10 the curriculum is designed to provide a solid foundation in core subject areas such as Maths, English, Science, Social Studies, and Physical Education; while also allowing students to explore Languages, The Arts, and Technology. Students have plenty of opportunity to sample areas of the curriculum that interest them, with a broader timetable allowing seven to eight subjects.

In Year 11 – 13 students' timetables narrow as they begin to select specialist areas of study. Year 11 and 12 students take six subjects, while Year 13 students have five subjects and a study period.

STUDENT SUPPORT

We have six Whānau, each headed by a Whānau Leader and Assistant Whānau Leader. Within each Whānau students belong to a Whānau Group (Tutor Class) with other students from Year 9-13. The vertical structure of our Whānau Groups gives students continuity as they progress through the college, with the same Whānau Group Teacher supporting them throughout.

Whānau enjoy friendly rivalry, competing for Whānau Cup glory at our annual Athletics Day, Swimming Sports, and Whānau Arts Challenge events. There is also healthy competition within Whānau, as Whānau Groups compete for bragging rights in their annual benchball and trivia competitions.

Each Whānau Group has dedicated Peer Support Leaders to help students find their way, answer questions, and show what it means to be a Pakuranga College student.

CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Our many student-led councils are an important part of college life, organising engaging events that unite students, while also supporting causes that resonate with students. We have over 100 different groups, councils, and teams that students can join, spanning sports, arts, and cultures.



We firmly believe that if students haven't joined a club or team, they are missing out on some of the richest experiences they can have at school, which is why we actively encourage everyone to get involved and add to the vibrancy of the college.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

The cultural diversity of our students is recognised and celebrated at Pakuranga College, with students encouraged to share their culture through language, music, and dance. The Cultural Council oversees our 15+ cultural groups (representing just some of our 70+ cultures), extending opportunities for them to share their cultural heritage with the wider student body.

We also offer parents a chance to engage with the college through a cultural lens, with our termly Talanoa Night for Pasifika aiga and Kōrero and Kai for Māori families, successfully run by our Māori and Pasifika student leaders.

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