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Te Aroha College Graduate Profile

'The students of Te Aroha College are our future, they will be confident, connected, well rounded and have a clear future direction. They will have pride, purpose and flexibility. They will seek excellence and excel locally, nationally and internationally in their chosen strengths. They will be culturally aware and demonstrate tolerance, respect and understanding and will go out into the world and sustainably take responsibility for themselves and those that rely on them.'

We are proud of the education we offer at Te Aroha College and our graduate profile encompasses our most critical beliefs in the importance of growing young people who will positively contribute to the future.

Principal's Welcome

I am privileged as Principal of Te Aroha College to lead this fantastic school and believe we offer an education second to none. We continue as a leadership and teaching team to be learners and innovators as we seek to provide new and varied ways to engage all our students in learning opportunities that focus on personal and educational success. Our size is our greatest strength as we can offer a personalised education that allows our students to individually shine. - Heather Gorrie

Board of Trustees' Welcome

The Board of Trustees of Te Aroha College have a clear strategic plan in place that will see our students prepared for the future. Te Aroha College offers a unique inspirational experience as we move to meet the needs of an ever changing world. We have a vision and resources that will see our students become dynamic, innovative, creative, motivated and respectful young people, attributes that are a prerequisite for success. We are very proud of the recent endorsement of our strategic direction from The Education Review Office.

"Students at Te Aroha College benefit from the welcoming and inclusive culture. There is a wide range of extra-curricular activities, especially sporting, available to them. The new principal, senior leaders and trustees are promoting a strong focus on student learning and all forms of success and achievement" - ERO April 2016





At Te Aroha College we work with our students and community, the relationships we create allow us to work collaboratively and allow us all to be high quality learners. We have high expectations for all. At Te Aroha College we expect all that belong to our whanau, our staff, our students and our parents and caregivers to:

- **Build Positive, Respectful Relationships**
- **Build Excellence through Motivation**
- **Build Resilience**

We value the importance of Excellence and Success and take great pride in our students' achievements. We offer a school environment that is personalised, forward focused, innovative and able to cater for the individual needs our community's young people.

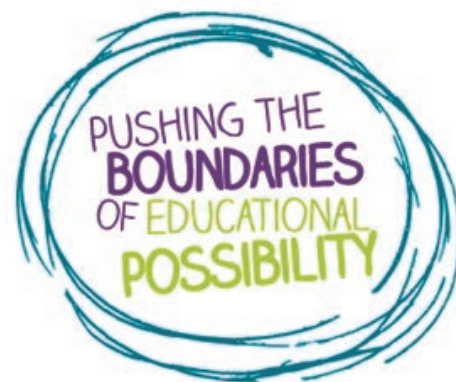
We have an exceptional teaching team who are committed to excellence, believe in the power of building strong learning relationships and are focused on success for all students.

We have a 'High Care - High Expectations' based restorative culture and work hard to ensure our students understand the importance of responsibility, respect and resilience.

We work hard to establish community links and opportunities that allow our students to learn and achieve success in real world situation that supports a culture of lifelong learning and the development of each young person's strengths and passions.

We have a strong history of success and achievement that has spanned the last 50 years and are committed to offering a quality of education that our families, whanau, town and wider community can be proud of.

Our small size is our greatest asset allowing us the time and focus to know our students well, build quality learning relationships and challenge each student to be the best they can be.





Subjects	Arts	Business	English	Languages	Mathematics
Year 9	Art Drama Music	Economics	English English - ESOL Media	Spanish Te Reo Maori	Mathematics
Year 10	Art Drama Music	Business Studies	English English - ESOL Media Studies	Spanish Te Reo Maori	Mathematics
Year 11	Art Drama Music	Economics Accounting Business Studies	English English - ESOL Media Studies	Spanish Te Reo Maori	Mathematics Extension Mathematics
Year 12	Painting Photography Drama Music	Economics Business Studies	English English - ESOL Media Studies	Spanish Te Reo Maori	Mathematics
Year 13 Level 3 Scholarship	Painting Photography Drama Music	Economics Business Studies	English English - ESOL Media Studies	Spanish Te Reo Maori	Calculus Statistics

Academic Programme

We offer a comprehensive range of subjects and opportunities from Year 9 to Year 13. We focus on all students having every opportunity to achieve success in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA).

We also offer the opportunity for individual

student extension with Scholarship and National Certificate opportunities in specialist trade and industry areas along with a wide range of other nationally recognised qualifications.

Our class sizes are small and our staff are highly qualified and able to deliver to excellence level in all of their specialist areas.



Phys Ed & Health	Science	Social Science	Technology	Pathways
Physical Education Health	Science	Social Science	Computing Hospitality Metal Wood Design	Who am I
Physical Education Health	Science	Social Science	Computing Hospitality Metal Wood Design	Who do I want to become
Physical Education Health	Science Extension Science Agriculture	Social Science History Geography	Computing Food Tech Hospitality Metal Automotive Wood Design	Building a plan Trades Gateway
Physical Education Health	Physics Chemistry Biology Agriculture	History Geography Tourism	Computing Food Tech Hospitality Metal Automotive Construction Design	Refining a plan Trades Gateway Pathways
Physical Education Health	Physics Chemistry Biology Agriculture	History Geography Tourism	Computing Food Tech Hospitality Metal Construction Design	Making a Future Trades Gateway Pathways

For students who show exceptional skills and strengths we accommodate multiple level study programmes including the opportunity to complete university papers. We also offer a comprehensive support programme for students with individual needs to ensure they have every opportunity to access learning positively

at every level. We will offer a day per week of passion and interest development focused on developing holistic real world learning opportunities for our students.





Co-curricular Experiences Camps and Outside the Classroom Experiences

At Te Aroha College we offer an extensive camps and outdoor programme that gives students the opportunity to experience our wonderful environment in a way that build experience, leadership and memories for a life time. There are opportunities for students to participate at every year level with senior students participating as organisers and student leaders by year 12 and year 13.

Sports and Culture

Te Aroha College has a proud history of sporting and cultural involvement and success. We expect all students to become involved in the wider opportunities we offer as we see these as a vital part of school life.

As a school we excel in Volleyball and Basketball with numerous national representatives. We field teams in Rugby, Football, Netball, Hockey, Cricket, Tennis, Swimming, Athletics, Squash, Triathlon, Motocross and Equestrian. We also support individual sports including Mountain Biking, Road Cycling, Tae Kwon Do and Powerlifting, Kayaking, Hunting and Fishing.

We participate regularly in Stage Challenge offering students the opportunity to experience production theatre on large scale along with regular school productions and talent events. We also offer Kapahaka and Maori Performing Arts, a variety of Music and Arts events and the ability to learn a range of instruments as part of the wider arts curriculum.





Pastoral Care

At Te Aroha College we work hard to build strong and supportive learning relationships with our students and parents. We welcome parent involvement in our many school events and encourage all parents to be in contact regularly in support of student learning and success.

Our Deans and Form Teachers are a critical part of supporting every student to be successful and are a critical link in communication and building a learning partnership between students, parents and teachers.

Our Pathways & Careers team offer extensive support to students in choosing the right future path through each stage of high school. This includes the Gateway and Trades programmes allowing students real world experiences in support of their strengths and talents.

Our School House System of four Houses - Aotea, Arawa, Tainui, Tokomaru - offers students the opportunity to engage in healthy competition where participation is everything. These whole school events are a critical and colourful part of our school calendar and support every student to get involved with students of every age in a wide range of events and activities. They offer many leadership opportunities for our students and showcase the best of team spirit in our school.

We are committed to ensuring that all students achieve success and appreciate that for some teenagers, high school years are a challenging time. We offer a comprehensive health and support programme including on-site doctors at no charge and in school counselling services that are second to none.





Student Voice

"Over the past five years at Te Aroha College nothing has resonated more than the support I have received from teachers and staff. Teachers go out of their way to offer support and help to all students and this has been invaluable. They genuinely care about our education and wellbeing and this is priceless." **Estelle - Head Girl**



"The thing I have loved about Te Aroha College is the amazing camp opportunities that we are offered all through our college years. The experiences are memorable as a lot of them are once in a lifetime opportunities and the skills that are learned can be utilised later in life. The camps have supported closer relationships with peers and teachers making a fantastic school environment to be part of." **Courtney - Deputy Head Girl**



"The past five years for me at Te Aroha College have been some of the most exciting, challenging, enjoyable and memorable years of my life so far. Some may think that completing your secondary school education at a rural college puts you at a disadvantage compared to those at larger schools, however my experience at Te Aroha College has proved otherwise. The students and staff at Te Aroha College are incredibly friendly and genuinely care about you and your future, which is something I love most about the school. I have been provided with ample opportunities to follow my passions, exceed academically and get involved with my peers by participating in activities such as various camps, sports teams, school productions, work experience, cultural education, and the list goes on. I am more than grateful for the time I have spent at Te Aroha College and I feel well prepared for the next milestones in my life. Larissa - Yr 13
I have had the best experience at Te Aroha College. I have been on so many trips and camps and have always been challenged to try my hardest and reach my full potential. At Te Aroha College I feel appreciated and like that I always have someone looking out for me. I've loved my time at Te Aroha College and would not change it for anything."

Mikayla - BOT Student Representative



"Te Aroha College has certain qualities that seem lacking in other schools. It strives to make students physically active, well-educated and be social with one another. One of these three factors usually outweigh the other two but Te Aroha College seems to have found a way to balance them all out. You'll end up connecting with the school staff and see them as respected peers. My teachers have displayed incredible commitment and effort in their duties, a display of quality that very few people possess. It has been a challenging five-year journey - a joyful and memorable five-year challenge I was fortunate enough to experience." **Mi-Nu - Year 13**

"In my past five years at Te Aroha College I have had many memorable experiences. The sporting and academic opportunities that have been available to participate in are areas that I have thoroughly enjoyed. Due to my interest in various physical activities this helped me to continue to pursue my sporting interests and goals whilst still achieving my academic goals. I have been pushed to succeed to my highest potential in both areas whilst gaining many memories and friendships along the way." **Hamish - Head Boy**

"In my five years at Te Aroha College I have had multiple opportunities. I am more sporting driven than academic but I still understood how important academic work is, so I have kept my academic work to a high standard. Te Aroha College has allowed me to partake in various sports, in class activities and trips. My most memorable trip included ski camp in year 12 when we went to Whakapapa and skied for a few days. It was an amazing experience. Another amazing trip was to Australia with the 1st XV rugby team for 10 days. It was interesting playing against different opponents and I thoroughly enjoyed the team culture and environment. Te Aroha College was absolutely the right choice for me as being such a small school the opportunities are endless. As I look to further my career outside of school I will always be grateful for what Te Aroha College has given me, thankful to all my coaches and teachers who supported me and taught me."

Dylan - Deputy Head Boy



International Experiences

Te Aroha College offers a strong International Student programme with both individual long stay and group short stay options available.

We have excellent support for learners of English and our small class sizes allow students to maintain a strong academic programme. Our community provide an exceptional level of Home Stay support for our international students in a safe and caring environment. Our students enjoy our small town and given our excellent location can access many events and experiences on offer in the cities close to us.

Te Aroha College students have a number of opportunities to travel overseas with regular sports and cultural trips taking place on an annual basis. These include planned trips to Asia, Australia, and South America in the coming years.

Te Aroha College is also very supportive of student exchange programmes with a number of students selected to study abroad for up to a year.

Supporting Information

Our teaching and learning day structure is based around 100-minute learning periods focusing on up to eight student selected subjects. One day per week students focus on cross curricula interest and passion based learning from a range of practical and academic options. We intend to continue to develop this structure to allow our students time to focus on the things they most enjoy to further their learning in a connected world. Our students are expected to maintain a high standard of dress at all times and wear our uniform with pride. We see this as part of developing our positive learning culture.





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Huge beach haka sees 350 perform

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THE warrier sounds of the haka echoed across Broadbeach yesterday as 350 Kivvi schoolboys showcased their fighting spirit.

Believed to be the biggest beach haka ever performed in the southern hemisphere, the routine was a highlight of yesterday's Beach Olympics held during a week-long Gold Coast rugby and netball carnival.

The carnival attracts more than 400 students from interstate and overseas every winter holiday and will continue through to Friday.

Year 9 New Zealand student Tauro Wilson from Te Anau led his team performed the haka before every sporting match.

"It's sort of like a battle but just for fun," he said.

"We get to show off our culture and it's really about sharing in our 'haka' - that we are one and we are prepared to take any battle."

Barry Hosain, who began the rugby carnival 25 years ago, said previous participants from Australia, New Zealand and the UK had gone on to play professional sport.

"We host this epic and netball competition for high school boys from all over the world."



