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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 to innovate educationally 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, PRINCIPAL



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.



TE AROHA COLLEGE VALUES

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

WILLIAM PIKE CHALLENGE AWARD

Year Nine Students at Te Aroha College all participate in this fantastic initiative. It is a structured specialist year-long programme designed to foster personal development. Over the school year nine students are required to engage in outdoor activities, community service and passion projects. During the programme we utilise all of the amazing activities we have in Te Aroha and our local community, such as cycling on the Hauraki Rail trail, kayaking on the Waihou, tramping in the Kaimais. Students are encouraged and supported to plan and complete passion projects (new sports, hobbies and trying different things on SMART days) and community service.





Academic Programme

Subjects	Arts	Business	English	Languages	Mathematics	PE & Health	Science	Social Science	Technology	Pathways	Smart Day
Year 9	Art Drama Music	Economics	English English -ESOL	Spanish Te Reo Maori	Mathematics	Physical Education Health	Science	Social Science	Computing Hospitality Metal Wood Design	Who am I	Cross-Curricular Passion Projects
Year 10	Art Drama Music	Business Studies	English English-ESOL Media Studies	Spanish Te Reo Maori	Mathematics	Physical Education Health Outdoor Education	Science	Social Science	Computing Hospitality Metal Wood Design	Who do I want to become	Cross-Curricular Passion Projects
Year 11 Level 1	Art Drama Music	Economics Accounting Business Studies	English English-ESOL Media Studies	Spanish Te Reo Maori	Mathematics Extension Mathematics	Physical Education Health	Science Extension Science Agriculture	Social science History Geography	Computing Food Tech Hospitality Metal Automotive Wood Design	Building a plan Trades Gateway	Cross-Curricular Passion Projects
Year 12 Level 2	Painting Photography Drama Music	Economics Accounting Business Studies	English English -ESOL Media Studies	Spanish Te Reo Maori	Mathematics	Physical Education Health	Physics Chemistry Biology Agriculture	History Geography Tourism	Computing Food Tech Hospitality Metal Automotive Construction Design	Refining a plan Trades Gateway Pathways	Cross-Curricular Passion Projects
Year 13 Level 3 Scholarship	Painting Photography Drama Music	Economics Accounting Business Studies	English English -ESOL Media Studies	Spanish Te Reo Maori	Calculus Statistics	Physical Education Health	Physics Chemistry Biology Agriculture	History Geography Tourism	Computing Food Tech Hospitality Metal Construction Design	Making a future Trades Gateway Pathways	Cross-Curricular Passion Projects

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.

For students who show exceptional skills and strengths we accommodate multiple level study programmes. 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.





Pastoral

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.



Co-curricular Experiences

Camps and Outside the Classroom Experiences

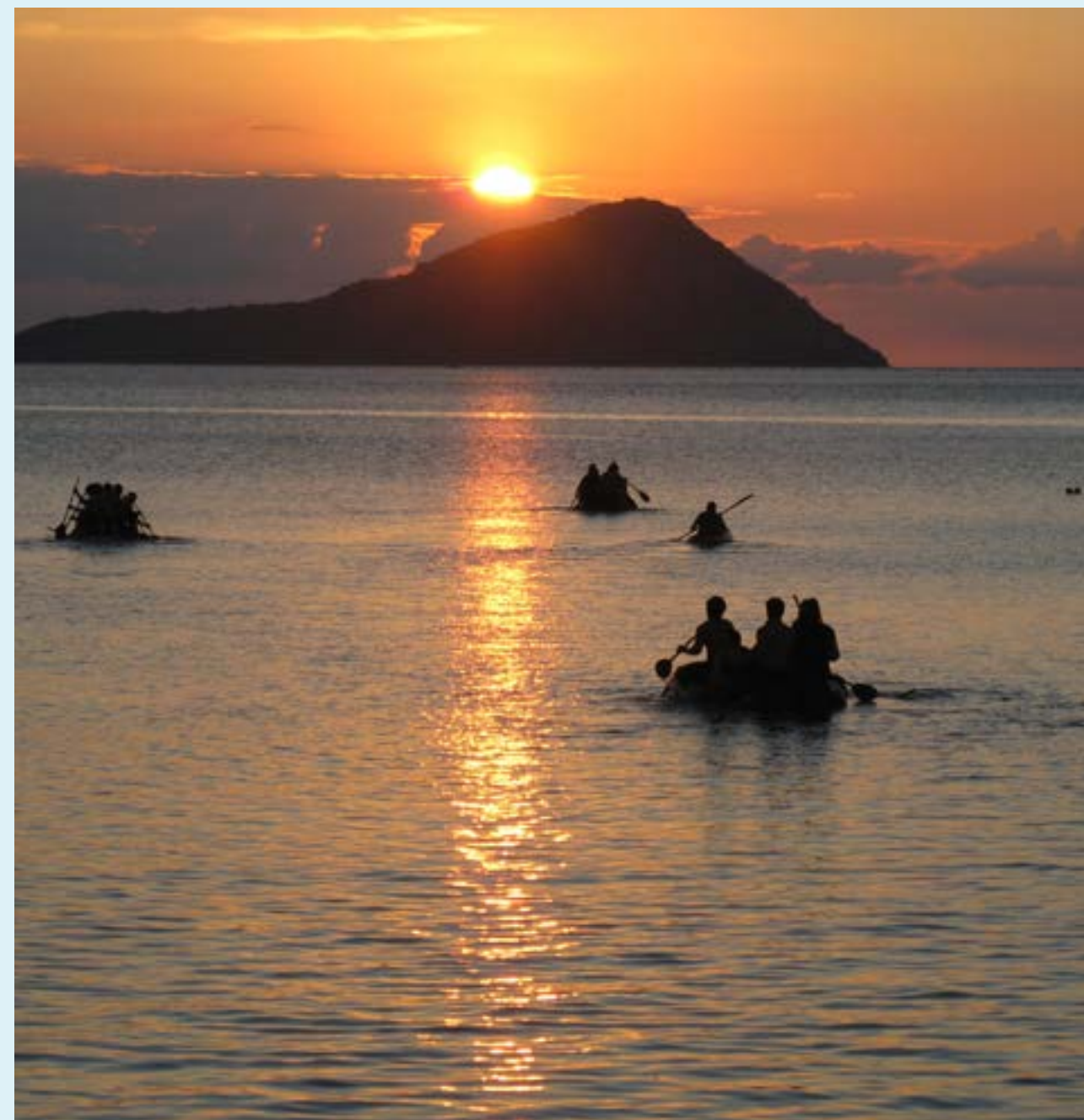
At Te Aroha College we offer an extensive camps and outdoor programme that gives students the opportunity to experience our wonderful environment in a way that build experience, leadership and memories for a life time. There are opportunities for students to participate at every year level with senior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



In my past five years at Te Aroha College I have had ample opportunities to experience incredible things. Culturally I have participated in every school production, such as; Addams Family, Shakespeare's Midsummer's Night Dream, Hairspray and Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, which have allowed me to build positive relationships and teamwork skills. Also in December of 2018 I went on a school exchange to Taiwan which was an amazing opportunity. As I come to the end of my school experience. I must express that I will always be grateful for the incredible teachers and staff who have helped me over the past five years. **Tatiana 2019 Co President.**

In my past four years of Te Aroha College, I have had access to many great opportunities. I have programmed robots, accumulated hours of microlight flight training, achieved NCEA Level One with an excellence endorsement and gained many incredible memories. My personal strength is in academics and leadership and there are many opportunities to excel in both these areas. I am incredibly grateful for the skills I have acquired from Te Aroha College and feel that I have been successfully prepared for future endeavours. **Samuel (Year 12)**

In Year 11 I received a merit endorsement in NCEA Level 1 and I am hoping to get one in year 12. I have also played for the Te Aroha College junior premiere basketball team and am playing for the senior premiere team. We placed second in the New Zealand basketball nationals in 2018. I have represented Te Aroha College in athletics through the Thames Valley and Waikato Secondary Schools and have placed first in discus and second in high jump at Waikato. At NZ national level I placed 6th for high jump. **Manaaki (Year 12)**

At Te Aroha College I have played many sports, including cricket, volleyball, netball, basketball, hockey. I have also been apart of the athletics, swimming and cross country teams. I am very privileged to be able to be a part of all of this, because at other larger schools this would not be possible. Even though Te Aroha College is so small, it still competes at a high level. I have been able to take my sports to the next level through playing for regional teams such as Thames Valley and Waikato.

This year I am apart of the Thames Valley u17 netball team, Waikato u17 Volleyball team and Waikato u17 Basketball team. I also have represented New Zealand in the u15 Basketball team that played in the Oceania championships in Papua New Guinea in 2018. **Breeje (Year 11)**

During my time at Te Aroha College, I have been provided with many different opportunities. I was lucky enough to be chosen to attend the school exchange to Taiwan and Te Aroha College has helped me to understand the importance of connecting with people on a global scale, even if that just means to have a conversation with the visiting exchange students that come in and out of the college. I have had the opportunity to be a part of all the Te Aroha college musicals in the orchestra and I was in the Te Aroha College band which won the Extravaganza. I have strived academically receiving an award for a Merit endorsement at Level 1 NCEA. **Regan (Year 12)**

My time at Te Aroha College has been full of opportunities and challenges. I have enjoyed every minute. I am sports driven and strive to do my best academically as I have high goals for what I want to do in the future. I have played many sports and represented many teams, from my own school to my country New Zealand. These opportunities wouldn't have been offered to me if I didn't attend Te Aroha College. I'm excited to see what the future has in store for me here at this school. This is the potential any student has if they attend Te Aroha College as long as they strive and work hard. **Junior (Year 11)**

In these 5 years, Te Aroha College has presented me with a vast amount of different cultural, sporting and leadership opportunities, such as being a part of the New Zealand volleyball team. The reason I have been able to accomplish these is because of the great school environment this college has. I have had ample support from the faculty especially with the amount of school I miss from sport and leadership activities. The teachers and staff ensure that I am caught up and on track with all my work which I am grateful for. **Dejaan, Co-President 2019**



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.



During the past 5 years, I have had the opportunity to immerse myself in school productions, such as; Addams Family, Shakespeare's Midsummer's Night Dream, Romeo and Juliet, and Hairspray. Due to these opportunities I have been able to build on my strengths, involve myself in things that I have never done before and meet incredible people along the way. My time at Te Aroha College has definitely helped with my studies. Some may say that small secondary schools can be disadvantageous, but I think the opposite. With the support I've received from my teachers and friends, I have developed great connections. Involve yourself in everything and be open to trying new things because there are so many things available to you. Do not limit yourself, get involved, be active and be GREAT. **Sonya, Deputy Co-President for 2019**

In 2015 I made the huge transition from England to little Te Aroha, coming from a school of about 1500 people to about 350. This was a huge difference but Te Aroha College really helped me and made me feel very comfortable and welcome and now I can't imagine the person I would be without it. Some of my best experiences throughout my years at school have been through sports and extra curricular activities like traveling to Australia with the volleyball team, coming second in mixed hockey nationals and many camps. Not only is Te Aroha great for the opportunities you get with sports, exchanges and camps but it is also great with academic achievements as we get a lot more one on one time with teachers, with it being a smaller school, allowing us to succeed.

Amy (Year 13)

Te Aroha College has encouraged me to evolve and develop my personal character which has helped me to excel in all areas. Firstly, academically my teachers have helped me succeed in all my chosen subjects which has led me to achieve Excellence Endorsements at NCEA Level 1 and 2. I find that the close interaction with the teachers means more one on one learning can be performed which has been a helpful factor in my learning over the years. Next regarding the cultural aspects of my time at Te Aroha College

I have noticed the school has personally pushed me as an individual to become more globally connected. For example, at the end of 2018 I was given the opportunity to go on a cultural exchange to Taiwan. This opened my eyes to becoming more culturally aware and has given me a wider acceptance for diversity.

Paige, Co-President 2019

The one thing I personally enjoy the most is the amount of sporting opportunities that are offered to you right from year 9. I have been in numerous sports teams and have had the opportunity to play sports that I had never played or thought about playing before. There are many other opportunities that are possible to do during school time within Smart Day, the one day a week dedicated to catering for different people's hobbies or other interests and developing them. I have taken up the flight training option, where I learnt how to fly microlight aeroplanes. The teachers also work hard to support me to stay on top of work and provide me with ample feedback and help in order for me to keep achieving high marks including a Merit endorsement at NCEA level 1. Te Aroha College also provides students with ample leadership activities, like the GRIP leadership day in Rotorua.

Jackson (Year 12)

William Pike had been a new experience for me and others, it lets us try new things. So far we have rode 40kms on the Hauraki Rail Trail and went kayaking down the Waihou River. As part of Community Service, I and two others have been fundraising towards a charity and recently I picked up rubbish from around the town. For passion project you get to try new things that you might enjoy, I built a working circuit board for the first time. There are still new things to try coming up in the Challenge such as having an Overnight Tramp to the Pinnacles. The William Pike Challenge helps us on our journey to becoming GREAT.

Luca (Year 9)





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