



Te Puāwaitanga

‘The seed has blossomed’

The purpose of Te Puāwaitanga is to give students at Te Aroha College an opportunity to grow their own skills and knowledge. Te Puāwaitanga allows students to be creative, active or relaxed and engage in something they already have an interest in or the chance to explore and try something new. The outcome being students have had the chance to blossom at whatever they have chosen to do.

Te Puāwaitanga is new to Te Aroha College in 2023 and will be on Wednesday afternoons block 3 and started in week 6 of term 1. These blocks last for 120 minutes, giving students the opportunity to get involved in a topic of their choosing. There are three 9 week blocks in 2023 running throughout the year.

Te Puāwaitanga is a timetabled class that students must attend. When students have selected, their class will show on their timetable. Teachers will mark a role for their class as in other curriculum subject classes to monitor attendance.

Students will be given a copy of this booklet to look at and discuss the topics and choices with parents and caregivers as some topics may have a cost involved. Students will then select a topic and a back up choice. If a topic has very low numbers it may not run, so the second choice must be different.

If they have any questions they must see Mr Rowe or email krowe@tacol.nz

Showquest - Student-led “mini-Broadway” show



<https://www.showquest.nz/>

Performers, choreographers, backstage crew - sound and lighting, designers, musicians or dancers, use your Wednesday afternoons to be a part of Te Aroha College's 2023 Showquest bid

What is ShowQuest?

A night to celebrate our creative ākonga, Showquest is a nationwide performing arts competition and a platform for youth voices to be heard. Be amazed by original stage performances combining Art, Music, Dance, Drama, Culture & Technology. Students design, produce and perform these stories in a powerful night of celebration and recognition from their community.

Cost: \$65

Location/ room: School hall

Contact: Ms Hagan ahagan@tacol.nz

If you are currently in Showquest, you must select this option this rotation.
No new performers or backstage.



Creative Zentangle Inspired Art & Mindfulness Practice

Have you always been intrigued by the meditative state that pen artists go into when they make their designs? In the last few years, there has been rapid growth in the number of people turning to zen-doodling as a medium of art for relaxation and therapy, helping them cope with their anxiety and stress.

And this course is designed for precisely that - to help you experience calm, joy, and mindfulness.

I can't wait to see what all of you come up with! So let's get started!

Cost: \$10 Location: TBA Contact: Mrs Ericsson aericcson@tacol.nz



Enviroschools group

Te Aroha College is part of the Enviroschools network.

In this group students will identify, plan and undertake projects which will promote increasing sustainability at Te Aroha College. We will learn about threats to the natural world and about the ways that people are responding to these threats.

We will seek out ways to interact with our local community in order to participate and contribute to environmental awareness, protection and regeneration.

Cost: FREE Location: D1 Contact: Ms Baylis jbaylis@tacol.nz



TABLE TENNIS

This topic is for people who want to learn how to play table tennis and for those who already can play. Each week you will practise the skills and techniques as well as learning the rules. You will also play games and record your wins. Limited numbers for table tennis.

Location: College Gym

Contact: Mr Rowe krowe@tacol.nz



GOLF

Will be working on improving students' golf games and grow their love for the game. Golf on the field to start then hopefully we will attend Te Aroha Golf Course. Only students who can play golf or have some basic skill please.

Cost: To be confirmed.

Location: School field.

Contact: Mr Bridgland nbridgland@tacol.nz



Volleyball skills & training.

This will improve your skills using a combination of different drills. If numbers permit we will also play some games. So it's a way to gain confidence and improve your skills.

Cost: FREE

Location: College Gym

Contacts: Mr Stringer and Mr McArdle wstringer@tacol.nz and tmcardle@tacol.nz



Scholarship Preparation

Thinking about doing Scholarship subjects this year or next year? Join a Scholarship study group to prepare you for these demanding and rewarding exams.

Cost: FREE

Location: B1

Contact: Ms Scott rscott@tacol.nz



Creative Writing

Do you have a novel in your head you want to get written? Do you have something written you need edited and submitted to a publisher? Do you want to enter your poetry or song lyrics into competitions? Or do you want to hone your creative writing skills? Join a group of like-minded people to share written creativity.

Cost: FREE

Location: B1

Contact: Ms Scott rscott@tacol.nz



Flea Market Flip

Combine your creative talents and the school's workshop resources to transform old unloved items around home into cool and contemporary pieces of art for your own use or sell for profit.

Cost: \$20

Location: F5

Contact: Mr Ashford-Beck mashford-beck@tacol.nz



CHESS

Chess can help develop critical thinking skills. When you play chess, you must think ahead and anticipate the consequences of the moves. You will need to understand how each piece moves and be able to identify potential threats and opportunities.

If you want to play social chess or you want to participate in competitions please come and join us. Don't know how to play, not a problem. Come along and learn. All are welcome.

Cost: FREE

Location: D5

Contact: Mr Kurian jkurian@tacol.nz



Learn about Debating

A debate is an organised argument or contest of ideas in which the participants discuss a topic from two opposing sides. Those who agree with this statement or idea are the "Pro" side. Those who will not agree with this statement or idea are the "Con" side.

If this sounds like you, you are the argumentative type then come and learn, and improve your debating skills.

Cost: FREE

Location: TBA

Contact: Ms Raleigh mraleigh@tacol.nz



Te Whakamāuitanga o Te Ruinga - The revitalisation of Te Ruinga

This kaupapa will allow tauira (students) to learn the art of raranga and tāniko in a kaupapa māori context to learn through and to connect to the ancient Māori practice of whatu and raranga. Tuakana (senior students) will learn tikanga and reo about whatu and create a collaboratively woven cloak using contemporary materials.

Each participant will plan and weave a section of a cloak which will then be joined together into a full-sized cloak. Students will research and name the cloak then, as is Māori tikanga, they will gift it to their amokura of the school for the new year and begin a tradition for the kura.

The skills they learn through this collaborative work will enable them to complete their own cloak for their whānau (most materials provided). Rangatahi will be supported to co-construct their own kaupapa for the wananga (for example, reo journeys, hauora, rangatiratanga).

Cost: FREE

Location: C5

Contact: Whaea Arleen amclaren@tacol.nz



Design Extension

Stay ahead of the game with this catchup time in your Design Studies. If you are currently doing design at any year level and you wish to improve your skills and work, then this course is for you.

Cost: FREE

Location: E3

Contact: Mr Pipe spipe@tacol.nz



CRAFT CLUB

Be creative with textiles. Crochet, knit, sew, upcycle clothes..... You can choose any textile skill you want to learn and make an item/s to take home.

Cost: \$10 for Materials

Location: B4

Contact: Mrs Oliver soliver@tacol.nz



Short Film Competition

Ever dreamed of being a film star or movie director? Now is your chance at Te Aroha College Fame! In this course, you'll be planning, filming and directing your own short film on your phone in groups. At the end of the rotation, we will have a viewing party and the overall will be decided!

Categories could be: horror, action, romance or comedy.

Cost: FREE

Location: C6

Contacts: Ms Halford thalford@tacol.nz Ms Park bpark@tacol.nz



Rugby fitness and conditioning programme

If you are thinking about giving rugby a go in 2023 come and join this fitness and conditioning programme. This course will give students the chance to improve skills, fitness, and technique through a wide range of skill based games, weight training, and fitness testing.

Cost: FREE

Location: School field/ Pavilion/ Weights Room

Contact: Mr Aislabie paislabie@tacol.nz

The New Zealand Defensive Driving Course



Defensive driving

If you would like to do this course you must either have your restricted licence or have had your learners licence for some time and be a confident learner driver. You must get a form from Ms Maber before the start of rotation 2 so you can be registered.

Cost: \$219 (If less than 10 students register) This must be paid before you start.

Location: B3

Contact: Ms Maber amaber@tacol.nz



Netball fitness and training

If you are in the Netball team, come and join this fitness and training programme. This course will give students the chance to improve skills, fitness, and technique through a wide range of skill based games, weight training, and fitness testing. You will also upskill your umpiring skills for the sport & gain your umpire theory.

Cost: FREE

Location: C5, Netball Courts

Contact: Whaea Arleen amclaren@tacol.nz



Football fitness and training

If you are in a football team then come and work on your skills and fitness to improve your game and the team's game. If you have never played but would like to learn, even if you are not in a team you are still welcome to join.

Cost: FREE

Location: The football field

Contact: Mr Rowe

krowe@tacol.nz



Work Experience

If you are a senior student and you would like to use Te Puāwaitanga as a time to go on a work placement then this is a great opportunity. Before you go you will need a placement to go to. There may be Gateway credits available alongside your Work Experience Placement. You must see Mrs Verran-Tye to sign up. If your placement is for all day, you must catch up with any work you have missed in the morning classes.

However if no work placement can be arranged, you will need to choose another option.

Cost: FREE

Location: To be arranged

Contact: Mrs Verran-Tye sverran-tye@tacol.nz

FIRST NAME

SURNAME

FORM

Te Puāwaitanga Student selection sheet.

To select your topic, firstly write your full name and formclass clearly at the top.

Then circle your first choice topic from the left hand column.

Then circle a different choice from the right hand column. This is your back up choice if you do not get your first choice.

DO NOT CIRCLE THE SAME TOPIC IN BOTH COLUMNS

When you have circled your choices, take this selection sheet page and hand it in to the office straight away. Some topics have limited numbers, so first in first served.

FIRST CHOICE

BACK UP CHOICE

SHOWQUEST	SHOWQUEST
ZENTANGLE INSPIRED ART	ZENTANGLE INSPIRED ART
ENVIROSCHOOLS	ENVIROSCHOOLS
TABLE TENNIS	TABLE TENNIS
GOLF	GOLF
VOLLEYBALL	VOLLEYBALL
SCHOLARSHIP	SCHOLARSHIP
CREATIVE WRITING	CREATIVE WRITING
FLEA MARKET FLIP	FLEA MARKET FLIP
CHESS	CHESS
Te Whakamāuitanga	Te Whakamāuitanga
DESIGN	DESIGN
CRAFT CLUB	CRAFT CLUB
SHORT FILM	SHORT FILM
RUGBY	RUGBY
DEFENSIVE DRIVING	DEFENSIVE DRIVING
NETBALL	NETBALL
FOOTBALL	FOOTBALL
DEBATING	DEBATING
WORK EXPERIENCE	WORK EXPERIENCE

