



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



KAPA HAKA

Kapa Haka allows individuals to learn a range of disciplines. Kapa Haka is rich in whakapapa, kōrero & history. Kapa Haka builds whanaungatanga, kotahitanga and manaakitanga.

Whaea Arleen encourages all who have been involved in Kapa Haka throughout the year to commit to this kaupapa, as we aim to prepare for a range of events in the future.

With Kapa Haka being offered during this time, there is the likelihood that Kapa haka will not occur throughout the week.



ENGLISH CATCH UP - This is for senior students who have not completed assessments throughout the year. English teachers will be recommending you take this option and entering you for the selection. If you have questions, speak to your English teacher.



Badminton at Te Aroha Events Centre

Keen to play badminton? Whatever your skill level is, come along and have a go. These sessions will improve your badminton skills using a combination of drills and games.

Sessions will be run by coaches from Waikato Badminton.

\$15 per student cost.

Contact: Mrs Williams rwilliams@tacol.nz or Mr Kurian jkurian@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

Contact: Mr Stringer wstringer@tacol.nz



EXAM PREPARATION STUDY

Seniors. You can use this time to make sure you are prepared for your exams. You must bring all the resources and information you need to study.

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



MINECRAFT

Unleash your creativity in Minecraft by exploring set daily tasks to create structures, complete quests and challenges and unlock achievements.

Dive deeper and see what you can create!

You must bring your own chromebook or device.

Contact: Miss Ericsson aericsson@tacol.nz



ULTIMATE SPORTS

Try something different. These sports are not usually part of the school programme. You will start by learning to play Ultimate Frisbee. Check this out to see what Ultimate Frisbee is like. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmZ77Yn3Fr4>



PAIRS MASTERCHEF

This is for year 10's only. There will be two 1 hour sessions. You will work in pairs. You must keep the same pairing each week, So you cannot miss a week. You will be set a culinary challenge that must be completed in time. You must take a photo of your final product and submit it within the time. There will be points for the top 10 each week. At the end of the rotation, the pair with the most points wins an amazing prize.

There will be a cost of \$20 per student to cover ingredient costs.

Contact: Mr Rowe krowe@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 7's

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 Aislable paislable@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 allday, you must catch up with any work you have missed in the morning classes.

As this rotation is only 6 weeks, only select this if you currently have a placement.

Cost: FREE Location: To be arranged
Contact: Mrs Verran-Tye sverran-tye@tacol.nz

