



## TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Takapuna Grammar School. Last year I was appointed as the new Principal of the school following a very successful 12-year tenure by Simon Lamb, now the Head of Kings College. Board of Trustee triennial elections also took place last year with about half of the existing members staying on and the other half newly appointed. Over the last eight months the Board and I have been talking with our staff, students, parents and friends of the school to determine the strategy and projects for the next few years.

We have developed a two-sided document to communicate what the school does and why and how we intend to deliver on these intentions. The infographic layout was created initially by a Year 10 student from the raft of ideas and information provided by the community. The Board has spent hours discussing, distilling and refining the information and getting further feedback from our community. We have also engaged a company to assist with our branding and communication. Now that the focus for the school for the next few years has been established we are developing a new website and prospectus which we hope to launch in the next few weeks.

I have included in the pack some information about the school that I hope you will find useful. It is only a snapshot of what we have to offer. Our staff and students are very friendly and will answer any questions you may have. You are also welcome to take a personal tour of the school at another time if you would like to. Please telephone the school on 09 489 4167 to make a time. For further information, please refer to the enrolment section of our school website [www.takapuna.school.nz](http://www.takapuna.school.nz)

I invite you to enjoy looking around our school to see all that is offered here and to experience the special culture that characterises this place.

Nga mihi nui.

Mary Nixon  
Principal  
Takapuna Grammar School





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Takapuna Grammar School is an outstanding school, highly sought after by families living locally and further afield. The school has a strong reputation for providing an excellent and broad education that ensures all students achieve their personal best. The school provides two world-class academic curricular NCEA (the New Zealand National Curriculum of Educational Achievement) and IB (the International Baccalaureate). TGS was the first state school in New Zealand to be approved to offer this qualification. Alongside academic learning there are a myriad of opportunities for students to make friends and participate in sport, music, arts, culture, business, technology and service groups.

The school has an excellent record of outstanding achievements in academic and a wide range of other endeavours. Since 1927 when the school was established there has been a continuous stream of

alumni who achieve at the highest level nationally and internationally. Staff and students work collaboratively, embracing diversity and valuing each person's uniqueness. The school community is inclusive and open to new ideas and challenges yet remains grounded through traditions and sound values.

Participation, having a go and being your best are hallmarks of the school that ensure a friendly, safe environment. Students enjoy themselves and develop fond memories and friendships that remain steadfast long after they leave. This school has high expectations and feels like a family. Everyone is encouraged to aspire to and be their personal best. Staff love working here. Students leave as well rounded, well educated, community minded people who will contribute to making New Zealand and the world a better place.



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# CURRICULUM

Takapuna Grammar School believes in a curriculum which extends students to realise their full potential. Dual qualifications pathways of NCEA (National Certificate of Educational Achievement) and IB (International Baccalaureate) provides an excellent range of learning opportunities. Both programmes are highly regarded globally and students can access tertiary courses in New Zealand and around the world with either qualification.

In Years 9 and 10 students participate in all eight areas of the New Zealand curriculum which ensures that all students have a sound knowledge and a wide skill base is developed.

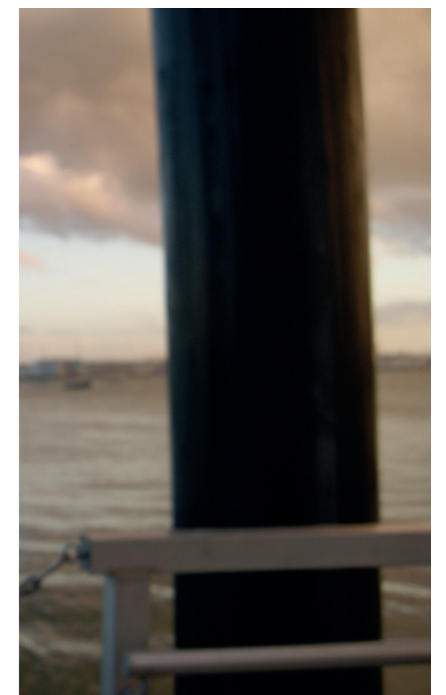
Some option choices are available at Year 10 as students start developing skills in particular curriculum areas. At Years 11, 12 and 13 students make option choices which enable their progression to chosen careers.

There is a huge range of academic and vocational programmes offered at Takapuna Grammar School to cater for the diverse student population. Regular monitoring of student progress and achievement assists teachers to identify and meet individual needs. There are opportunities for individual and group extension and support through the Leap Programme, multi-level learning, extension within subjects, extension days, and the Scholarship Programme and university courses. Support is offered to individuals and groups in a variety of ways such as individual programmes, tutoring, pre-teaching, and peer teaching.

Other qualifications are available so students can access relevant qualifications such as First Aid certificates and computer skills that develop talents and increase readiness for work.



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# ACADEMIC

Takapuna Grammar School believes in and provides an all-round education for all students. Our students learn and develop skills and qualities to contribute and make New Zealand and the world a better place.

Takapuna Grammar School is proud of its history and widely recognised reputation for academic excellence and student achievement. Being the only Grammar school on the North Shore, it has a special place in the academic community of Auckland and New Zealand.

Many have achieved well in their education at Takapuna Grammar School and progressed onto significant careers and achievements, providing a legacy of world class achievement and performance across a broad range of endeavours.

There is an emphasis on strong academic goals and career pathways. These are the focus of current programmes and future plans of Takapuna Grammar School. We provide a high quality global education and have dual pathways for two world-class and internationally recognised qualifications; New Zealand's NCEA and the International Baccalaureate.

We currently have students performing at the highest levels of assessment in New Zealand and beyond. NCEA and NZQA Scholarship results as well as scores in the International Baccalaureate demonstrate that Takapuna Grammar School is a high performing academic school. Awards in international competitions further enhance Takapuna Grammar School's reputation as an internationally competitive institution.



## WELL RECOGNISED NAMES FEATURE ON THE TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR HONOURS BOARDS:

Phoebe Meikle	Author & Educator
Bruce Mason	Playwright, 'End of the Golden Weather'
Merata Kawharu	Rhodes Scholar
Sir Ian Turbett	Ex-Governor and Commander in Chief, Grenada, West Indies
Sir Peter Blake	World Sailor and Leader for Environment
Bert Sutcliffe	World Cricketer of the Decade
Richard Randerson	Bishop of Auckland
Sir Stephen Tindall	Founder of The Warehouse
Ella (Lorde) Yellich-O'Connor	Singer, Songwriter
Eliza McCartney	Youngest Female Olympic Medalist
Diane Forman	Entrepreneur
Pamela Stephenson	Clinical Psychologist, Writer and Actor
Gin Wigmore	Singer, Songwriter



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# CO-CURRICULAR

Takapuna Grammar School caters for all interests and abilities and everyone is encouraged to participate in the things they enjoy and to try new ones. Our students make new friends, learn new skills and enjoy creating performances and giving service to the wider community. Numerous leadership opportunities are also available. Many students want to participate in a variety of activities and the school has a culture of including everyone who is committed rather than only selecting the best.

There are many teams and groups so everyone from the elite to the novice and students who just want to join socially are catered for. The school has excellent connections with experienced high level coaches and mentors who provide their expertise through programmes such as the Elite Sports Institute and Leadership Institute.

Takapuna Grammar School has something for everyone with more than 100 activities, clubs and service groups. We value each student's uniqueness and appreciate the diversity of all those who make up our school family. Many students excel and achieve awards in national and international competitions.

There are opportunities for all students to achieve their personal best and receive high level awards and recognition. The Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award,

International Baccalaureate CAS, Young Enterprise and Zonta programmes are examples. Each year the Governor General presents several Gold Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Awards to TGS students or alumni and we have numerous representatives nominated for the regional sports person of the year and AIMES awards.

Our staff and students have extensive opportunities to travel overseas to expand their horizons and make global connections. Up to ten tours are approved annually to visit places such as the USA, South America, Europe, the United Kingdom, the Pacific and Africa.

Sport, music and culture are strongly embedded in the culture of the school and every year numbers of our students from many sporting codes, musical genres and other areas of talent represent TGS at regional and national levels. The school has a long list of illustrious alumni who have performed at world class level. Many of these people give back to the school and the community by sharing their experiences with our staff and students.

The list of activities is continuously growing and new opportunities such as the Robotics Club, Makerspace and Music Theatre are now available. Strong support is provided by parents and friends of the school.



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