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He uri koe nō te hunga Atua, nōu te ao

Te Kōpuku High
is a Māori-STREAM
schooling initiative
for Hamilton City.

In 2021, we welcome
Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 12
and 13 students.

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Kiingi Taawhiao

Maaku anoo e hanga tooku nei whare.

Ko te taahuhu he hiinau ko ngaa poupou he maahoe, patatee.

Me whakatupu ki te hua o te rengarenga, me whakapakari ki te hua o te kawariki.

I will take charge of my own destiny and build my future from the resources I have at my disposal -

Humble that they may be.

Kotahi anoo te koohao o te ngira; e kuhuna ai te miro mā te miro whero me te miro pango.

A muri i a au kia mau ki te ture ki te whakaponu ki te aroha.

Hei aha te aha! hei aha te aha!

There is but one eye of the needle, through which the white, red and black threads must pass.

Hold fast to the law, hold fast to faith, hold fast to love.

Forsake all else!

Te Kōpuku High acknowledges the whakatauaiki attributed to Tāwhiao -

We will indeed use all of the resources at our disposal to ensure that the mokopuna thrive as whānau, iwi and global citizens.

We acknowledge that our place of learning provides a common meeting ground for our students and staff to learn from each other.

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Princess Te Puea Herangi

Mahia te mahi hei painga moo te iwi.

Do what needs to be done for the betterment of the people.

Te Puea provides further motivation for Te Kōpuku High via her adage “*Mahia te mahi hei painga moo te iwi*”.

Through sheer effort and application at Te Kōpuku High, we will succeed for ourselves, for our whānau, for our iwi and for the world.

We also acknowledge mana whenua – Ngaati Maahanga, Ngaati Wairere and Ngaati Haua.

We undertake to provide a quality schooling experience for mokopuna¹ in Hamilton City.

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definition of māori-STREAM

Te Kōpuku High endeavours to deliver a STREAM curriculum within a Māori kaupapa framework

Science

Tikanga and Technology

Reo (Māori)

English and Engineering

Arts

Mathematics

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introduction to our curriculum

This handbook describes the content and delivery of the curriculum in 2021 for year 7 to 13 students at Te Kōpuku High in achieving our **vision** to:

Develop a generation of Māori students with the self-belief that as Māori, they are capable of designing innovative, sustainable, successful futures for themselves, their communities and the world. This is encapsulated in the whakatauaāki -

Kia rite ki te hua o te nīkau.

Our **mission** is to ensure that each student:

Realises their greatness - also expressed as -

Nō te hunga atua koe, nōu te ao

We acknowledge that the Māori student of today is the latest version of their whakapapa (genealogy) and as such has inherited the talents, gifts and 'greatness' of the generations who have come before them stretching back to our creation stories of Papatuaānuku (the Earth Mother) and Ranginui (the Sky Father) and their tamariki (children).

The term mokopuna – te puna o te moko - reminds us that they are a product of the past, an expression of the present and will shape the future. We use the term mokopuna interchangeably with student and learners.

We looked to the environment - te taiao - and chose the nīkau palm as our reference for thinking about how we would make learning relevant, enjoyable and successful for students at Te Kōpuku High.

introduction to the nīkau framework™

The nīkau palm as a metaphor has many applications in our school. Table 1 provides an overview of how the parts of the nīkau palm² form the framework for prioritising what is important in the teaching and learning programme.

Table 1 How the nīkau references to the teaching and learning programme.

	Description	Application to the student	Application to the teaching and learning programme
Te nīkau	The nīkau palm is endemic (unique) to Aotearoa.	Identity, language and culture are critical to Māori learners experiencing success as Māori and understanding their place in the world.	Students will learn more about themselves, their cultural identity (and identities) and will have access to te reo māori instruction part of their developing bilingualism.
Te kāhiwi	The trunk bears the marks or scars of the growth and development of the nīkau.	Life experiences shape the development and growth of the student.	Students will have access to learning experiences that directly contribute to strengthening their greatness. This includes ensuring they have the requisite skills, experiences and qualifications to create successful futures for themselves.



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<p>Te kōpuku (the inspiration for the name of the school)</p>	<p>The crownshaft or bulge from which the fronds emerge.</p>	<p>We acknowledge that whānau/hapū/marae/iwi are a constant in the life of the student. Te Kōpuku High is but one of the 'layers' that contributes to ensuring that each student achieves their 'greatness'.</p>	<p>The programme will draw on the combined motivation, skills and expertise of 'partners' of learning starting with whānau/hāpu/marae/iwi and expanding to include external individuals, groups and agencies.</p>
<p>Ngā rau</p>	<p>The leaves of the nīkau fronds resemble models of DNA.</p>	<p>Each student is a unique representation of their whakapapa.</p>	<p>Learning will be personalised and differentiated so that each student realises their greatness.</p>
<p>Ngā hua</p>	<p>The appearance of the mauve flowers and red berries are an indication that the nīkau is enjoying optimal conditions for growth</p>	<p>Greatness is best guaranteed for each student when their physical (ā tinana), spiritual (ā wairua) intellectual (ā hinengaro) and social (ā whānau) states are in sync or in balance</p>	<p>We will closely monitor and support students to achieve a healthy balance, providing them with strategies to address and respond to challenges to their 'wellness'</p>



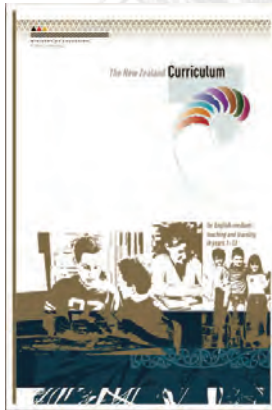
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Ngā rawa	The nīkau was a rich source of materials providing shelter, food, and remedies for ailments.	The student brings and attracts a wealth of resources.	We will look to our immediate environment in the first instance for the human and material resources required to provide rich and rewarding learning experiences for each student.
Te urupuia	The nīkau palm can often be found growing in clusters or groves .	The student can maintain their individuality while working towards collective gains.	Projects completed by students will inquire into and contribute to both individual and collective outcomes.

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national curricula

Te Kōpuku High draws on both the New Zealand Curriculum (NZC) and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa (TMOA).



NZC sets the direction for student learning where English is the primary medium or language of instruction and TMOA, sets the direction for student learning where Māori is the primary medium or language of instruction.

While both documents come from different perspectives, each begins with a vision of mokopuna developing the competencies they need for study, work, and lifelong learning, so they go on to realise their greatness.

Te Nīkau Framework™ developed specifically for Te Kōpuku High, ensures consistency across both curricula.

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Table 2 How Te Nīkau Framework™ references to the New Zealand Curriculum (NZC) and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa (TMoA)

	NZC reference (Competencies)	TMoA reference (Mātāpono Whānui)
Te nīkau	Participating and contributing Using language, symbols and text Thinking	Ko te ākongā te pūtāke o te ao Kia eke te ākongā ki tōna taumata
Te kāhiwi	Relating to others Thinking	Kia pūmau te ākongā ki a ia anō Kia eke te ākongā ki tōna taumata
Te kōpuku	Participating and contributing	Ko te ākongā te pūtāke o te ao Me mahi tahi te kura, te whānau, te hapū te iwi me te hāpori
Ngā rau	Managing self Thinking Using language, symbols and text	Ko te ākongā te pūtāke o te ao Kia eke te ākongā ki tōna taumata
Ngā hua	Managing self	Kia eke te ākongā ki tōna taumata Ko te oranga taiao, he oranga tangata
Ngā rawa	Participating and contributing	Ko te oranga taiao, he oranga tangata
Te urupuia	Participating and contributing	Me mahi tahi te kura, te whānau, te hapū te iwi me te hāpori Kia pūmau te ākongā ki a ia anō

Through Te Nīkau Framework™, we can be confident that we are covering the key competencies identified in NZC and Ngā Mātāpono Whānui (general principles) of TMoA regardless of the theme or kaupapa we are exploring and regardless of the language of instruction we are using to explore those themes or kaupapa.

ngā atuaanga - inherited greatness

A priority for Te Kōpuku High is to understand each student and identify what motivates and excites them. We will develop a rich strengths-based profile about each student, with the student and their whānau using a series of processes, interview tools and resources we have developed for this purpose. This includes 'identifying' the Atua who best represent their current learning strengths, capabilities and dispositions.

This information will be used to provide learning experiences where the current capabilities of each student can be further honed and refined and where under-developed aspects of their Atuatanga can be further strengthened and expanded.

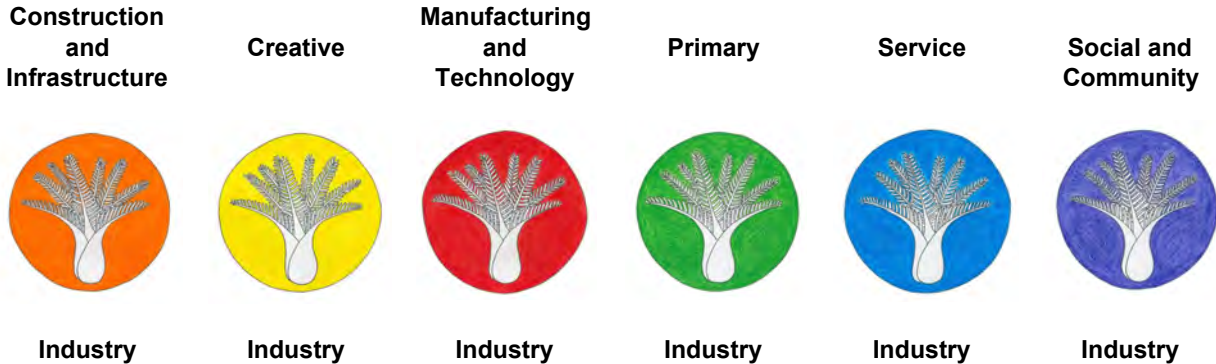
Figure 1 Cross reference of multiple intelligences to 'Atuatanga'³



3 We acknowledge the whānau from Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Otepoti for matching the multiple intelligences to the Atua.

Atuatanga also give important insights into vocational pathways for mokopuna.

Figure 2 Te Kōpuku High symbols for each of the vocational pathways



school performance goals

Our school performance goals reflect a commitment to ensuring mokopuna enjoy success as Māori by:

Science
Tikanga
echnology
Reo
English
ngineering
Arts
Mathematics

1. Developing strong language/literacy skills in English and Māori that enable them to leverage off their developing bilinguality for accelerated academic achievement particularly in **Science, Technology, Reo, Engineering, and (the) Arts and Mathematics (STREAM)** learning because they are linked to high demand career opportunities.
2. Strengthening their sense of cultural identity as members of the school, of a community, of iwi and hapū and as global citizens.
3. Creating an environment where they are self-motivated to strive for personal excellence for individual and collective benefit.

developing strong literacy skills

We recognise that mastery of language/literacy is fundamental to successful learning across all learning areas of the curriculum. At Te Kōpuku High we undertake to:

- Employ bilingual (Māori/English) teachers and ensure they are kept abreast of language acquisition research and literacy/te reo matatini learning
- Employ literacy/te reo matatini specialist teachers
- Plan collaboratively and operate flexible grouping to make the most of teacher and student expertise, experience and interests
- Implement successful teaching and learning approaches
- Provide individual and small group tutoring opportunities to lift the literacy/te reo matatini levels for students requiring additional support or extension
- Use assessment/aromatawai practices to inform teaching and learning
- Apply a Language Codes Framework™ unique to Te Kōpuku High (See Table 3).

This framework recognises that encoding (representing ideas in code) and decoding (interpreting codes) are fundamental language/literacy processes.

Students need to gain mastery over the different code types and ways of expressing them in order to successfully engage in STREAM learning.

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Table 3 Language Codes Framework™

Reo Whakaputa <i>Encoding</i>	Reo Torohū <i>Decoding</i>	Ngā Momo Tā <i>Code types</i>	Ngā Kawenga <i>Ways codes are expressed</i>	Ngā Horopaki <i>Disciplines</i> <i>Learning activity areas</i>
Encoding requires productive skills: <i>Whakaaro/ Thinking</i> <i>Kōrero/ Speaking</i> <i>Tuhi, Tā/ Writing</i> <i>Whakaatu/ Presenting</i>	Decoding requires receptive skills: <i>Whakaaro/ Thinking</i> <i>Whakarongo/ Listening</i> <i>Pānui/ Reading</i> <i>Mātakitaki/ Viewing</i>	ā kupu Words and utterances (paralinguistics)	Written texts Spoken texts Paralinguistics	Science/Pūtaiao Technology/Hangarau Reo/te reo Māori Engineering/Mātai pūhanga The Arts/Toi Mathematics/Pāngarau
		ā ata Images Colour Texture Movement Sound	Body language Moving Static Images	
		ā tohu Signs Symbols	Signing e.g. Braille +@ \$# ? © ♪	
		ā tau Number	4 3,678 2/3	
		ā taiao Environmental	Being able to 'read' the environment and natural phenomena	
		ā rongo Sensory and extrasensory	Intuition Déja vu Gut Feeling	

developing strong numeracy skills

We consider mathematics/pāngarau, like language/literacy/te reo matatini, to be a foundation learning area. At Te Kōpuku High we undertake to:

- Employ bilingual (Māori/English) teachers and ensure they are kept abreast of best practice and the most effective teaching and learning methods in mathematics/pāngarau
- Employ specialist mathematics/pāngarau teachers
- Plan collaboratively and operate flexible grouping to make the most of teacher and student expertise, experience and interests
- Implement successful teaching and learning approaches
- Provide individual and small group tutoring opportunities to lift the mathematics/pāngarau levels for students requiring additional support or extension

striving toward personal excellence for individual and collective benefit

This will be achieved by in the following ways:

- We will work with the student and whānau to develop a rich strengths-based profile of the student as the basis for a personalised learning plan (Ara Ako) that inspires, excites and challenges the student and leads to successful futures.
- Students will participate in activities that contribute to their own well-being and the well-being of others.
- Students will network face-to-face and online with other indigenous students.

links to local iwi goals

At Te Kōpuku High, we recognise and commit to the goals of Waikato/Tainui as expressed through Te Mana Maatauranga⁵:

priority one: fluency of Waikato reo⁶ and tikanga

The identity, history and continuity of Waikato-Tainui are captured within its reo⁶, tikanga and places of special significance. This priority focuses on lifting fluency in the Waikato dialect from 31 percent in 2015 to over 80 percent by 2050.

priority two: meaningful pathways

This priority supports members to develop their interests into purposeful and meaningful pathways. It emphasises developing contexts for learning around a diverse range of options which are grounded in reo, tikanga and Kiingitanga principles. It focuses on increasing the number of members aged 15-years and older and with a qualification from 77 percent in 2013 to 100 percent in 2050.

priority three: marae connectedness

Marae are the lifeblood of Waikato-Tainui and are at the heart of the tribal community. This priority focuses on building marae as centres of learning around identity and belonging. It is aimed at increasing connectedness and engagement from 70 percent in 2015 to 100 percent by 2050.

application to other iwi goals

Kiingitanga is a unifying force that enables our ākongā and pouako to celebrate their connection as well as revel in their diversity and difference. Mokopuna and pouako are the embodiment of their whakapapa.

Where and whenever possible we will align teaching and learning to iwi strategies and goals, enabling mokopuna and pouako alike to contribute in meaningful ways to Waikato/Tainui aspirations as well as to the aspirations and dreams of their respective iwi.

⁵ waikatotainui.com/programmes/education

⁶ Mokopuna will be exposed to the use of double vowels (acknowledging this as an identity marker for Waikato/Tainui) as well as the macrona

major themes

Learning at Te Kōpuku High will focus on four major themes. (See Figure 3). These themes represent optimal conditions required for the growth and development of the nīkau palm (i.e. the mokopuna). Mana Tangata/people and Mana Atua/God, gods, deities⁷ bring the number of themes that guide our teaching and learning programme to six.

Figure 3 Key themes related to the nīkau palm that underpin learning⁸

Mana Whenua/land

*I riro whenua atu,
I hoki whenua mai*

Naa Kiingi Te Rata



Mana Wai/water

*Taku awa koiora,
me oona pikonga
he kura tangihia o te
mataamuri.*

Naa te apakura a
Taawhaio



Mana Kai/food or sustenance

*Ka puare ki te puna
tangata me te puna
kai.*

Te tongi moo te
poukai naa Kiingi
Taawhiao)



Mana Hau/air

*Ko te Raa o Tainui,
he taakiri hau!*

Noo te haerenga
mai o te waka o
Tainui⁸



The STREAM learning areas - Science, Tikanga, Technology, Reo, English and Engineering, (the) Arts, and Mathematics provide meaningful contexts for these themes to be explored.

⁷ We welcome all faiths

⁸ All whakatauāki and tongi were provided by Rāhui Papa for use with these themes.

projects, inquiry based approach to learning

At Te Kōpuku High, science, technology, engineering, (the) arts and mathematics learning will be explored in authentic ways via 'real-time projects'.

Projects types include:

- Structured and semi-structured projects assigned to the individual
- Structured and semi-structured projects assigned to a collective of students
- Projects selected by the individual students
- Projects selected by a collective of students

A project inquiry-based⁹ approach focussed on (but not limited to) water (wai), food/sustenance, (kai), land (whenua) and hau (air), will provide students with opportunities to explore and apply learning in ways that will satisfy goals for cultural, social and economic development and sustainability through STREAM.

core capabilities

A combination of the following skills or competencies will underpin all themes and projects (See Table 4).

Table 4 Definitions of core capabilities

Competency	Te āheinga:	Expectations/Te whakatinana
Self Determination	Tino rangatiratanga	Mokopuna will be supported to become active managers of their own learning in making program choices that contribute to their developing greatness
Self regulation	Mana motuhake	Mokopuna will be supported and encouraged to exercise effortful control over their choices and learning
Empathy	Ngākau aroha	Mokopuna will be encouraged to reflect on their learning experiences and interactions with others to experience and build empathy
Service orientation	Te manaaki, te tiaki	Mokopuna will be encouraged to initiate and participate in activities in and out of school that serve and benefit others
Creativity	Te auahatanga	Mokopuna will be encouraged to turn new and imaginative ideas into reality
Critical thinking	Te arohaeaehe whakaaro	Mokopuna will be supported to reasonably reflect in a way that is focused on deciding what to believe or do
Resilience	Kia manawaroa	Mokopuna will be encouraged to treat challenge and difficulty as an opportunity to learn and grow

modes of delivery

The learning and teaching programme at Te Kōpuku High will comprise a combination of online (digital device) and offline (pen and paper) learning. We recognise that mokopuna are already au fait with and comfortable operating in an online environment – they know no other reality. We as adults however, may feel that we are constantly trying to catch up. This is a learning opportunity of epic proportions for all.

We will determine the English and Māori language capabilities of each student and provide instruction to ensure those capabilities are extended. For te reo Māori for example, we are expecting and preparing for three types of learners:

1. The mokopuna who is just beginning their Māori language learning.
2. The mokopuna who has some reo Māori competency.
3. The mokopuna who has high levels of Māori language competency.

We have specialists on staff who will address the varying language learning needs of all students.

assessing progress and achievement towards local and national goals

According to **Rukuhia Rārangahia**¹⁰, the key features of aromatawai (assessment) are:

- Assessment is an integral part of ako (teaching and learning).
- Learning is not just about learners learning from teachers, but teachers learning from learners too.
- Learning is focused on 'learning.'
- Assessment validates the use of tairongo (all of your senses).
- Assessment illuminates student achievement and how it is described.

¹⁰ This is the Ministry of Education's position paper on Aromatawai (Assessment) <http://tmoa.tki.org.nz/Mataiako/Rukuhia-Rarangahia>.

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Rukuhia Rārangahia also makes important statements about what effective assessment practice should look like when determining next steps in learning and for identifying how well learning has taken place. Such practices should:

- Be based on information that comes from authentic, real learning contexts and key people have contributed to that information.
- Recognise in an authentic way the identity, language and culture of the mokopuna.
- Recognise progress of the mokopuna in the learning process.
- Use information from a wide range of sources.
- Recognise the uniqueness and strengths of the mokopuna.
- Allow mokopuna to show their learning in a range of ways.

We believe that every interaction and observation of a student is an opportunity to learn about them, what they are capable of and identify what we need to do to support them to realise their greatness. The whānau of the mokopuna knows things about that mokopuna that will enrich our understanding of them. We will ensure that we tap into this great source of information.

We will also use professionally published assessment tools and a range of assessment rubrics to gather and report broader achievement information about students. A small selection of these rubrics will be compulsory but students will also be able to select from our stock (or develop their own) to create personalised 'portfolios' of success (ara ako) that reflect their learning goals.

three kura in one

2021 heralds in the completion of our roll growth strategy where we now cater for year 7 to 13 mokopuna.

Our structure includes:

kura teina	years 7 and 8
kura waenga	years 9 and 10
kura tuakana	years 11, 12 and 13

Year levels are a guideline only. What is more important is that mokopuna are working in a programme where they are challenged but also enjoy success. For some mokopuna this means that they may be best placed in a different 'kura' for some or all of their learning. These decisions are made very carefully as social and emotional maturity are also important considerations.

Each kura has an underpinning theme (refer to Table 5) to ensure as mokopuna progress through the teaching and learning programme, they are systematically working towards the school vision:

self belief

as Māori

to design innovative successful successful futures

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Table 5 Themes for each kura

Kura	Theme	Explanation	Development of self
Teina	Explore and discover	Mokopuna will be supported to further explore their learning strengths, interests and passions and discover new ones	Self-realisation (discovering who you truly are)
Waenga	Explore, inquire and refine	Mokopuna will be supported to inquire into their learning strengths, interests and passions more deeply and refine these as they journey towards understanding what their future beyond school might look like	Self-awareness (evaluating and aligning learning with your values and aspirations)
Tuakana	Refine and consolidate	Mokopuna are supported to refine and consolidate their learning pathway focussing on the skills, knowledge, values and qualifications they need to achieve their aspirations	Self-actualisation (taking full advantage of your talents)

programme components

Our timetable is designed to be flexible. The following describes the basic components of the teaching and learning programme but other than karakia, when they happen may vary. This allows us to be highly responsive to the changing needs of mokopuna.

Karakia	This frames everyone up for the day. This includes kura-specific karakia, karakia from other denominations finishing with Pai Marire
Kaapuia Home groups	Each mokopuna is assigned a home group with a male and female staff member who provide pastoral care, advocacy, and additional learning experiences.
Parakuihi Breakfast Paramanawa Snack breaks Kai nui o te rā	Hydration and nutrition are important to keep energy levels up for learning. A light breakfast is available at school – we have the initiative Kickstart Breakfast to thank for the free supply of Weetbix and milk. From 2021, we also hope to be able to provide free nutritious lunches for every mokopuna from our commercial kitchen as we qualified for the Ka Ora Ka Ako Government-funded lunch programme.
Tāwhaki Te Reo Matatini/ Language Arts	We use this term in reference to Te Reo Matatini or Language/Literacy learning. Tāwhaki is a compulsory foundation learning area for years 7 - 10 and is integrated into the learning experiences of kura tuakana (senior school) mokopuna.
Tāwhirimātea Pāngarau/ Mathematics	We use this term in reference to Pāngarau or Mathematics learning. Tāwhirimātea is a compulsory foundation learning area for years 7 - 10. Kura tuakana mokopuna participate in mathematics learning that aligns with their Ara Ako in pursuit of their desired qualification.
Atuatanga Integrated projects	These are projects designed to appeal to mokopuna 'intelligences' and interests and enable cross-subject (integrated) learning to take place. Each project is underpinned by inquiry and/or a design process.
Mahi Pūmanawa Passion Projects	These are additional projects that provide mokopuna with further opportunities to develop their intelligences and interests and/or develop new ones
Tauora Wellbeing	This wellbeing programme is based on Mason Durie's Whare Tapawhā model and provides opportunities for mokopuna and staff alike, to focus on an aspect of their wellness including Tinana (physical), Hinengaro (intellectual), Wairua (spiritual) and Whānau (relationships)
Mana Tane/ Mana Wahine programme Male/female programme	This well-being programme is designed to support the growth of our young male and female mokopuna by exposing them to strong male and female role models and exploring gender related issues from a Māori worldview. Mokopuna leaders are emerging from this programme. Gender diverse mokopuna and staff choose which programme they wish to participate in.

Ngā pou o te whare wharauātea

The kura tuakana (senior school) teaching and learning programme is built upon four pillars called *ngā pou o te whare wharauātea*. The pou are a refinement of the Nīkau Framework™ and help mokopuna understand their learning journey from a distinctly Māori perspective in the latter years of their schooling. The pou also reflect our commitment to the emotional, social, intellectual, spiritual and physical growth and development of mokopuna.

We reflect regularly on our school core capabilities (refer to page 16), as well as those prioritised by Waikato - Tainui, and the World Economic Forum to ensure that what we do is always current and relevant. This body of core capabilities keeps in focus what mokopuna are capable of doing and becoming.



Poutuarongo - Pou Atua

Ko Rangīātea, ko te tirewa, ko tō tātou reo kia ohu, kia pupuri, kia mau, kia ita.

Mokopuna greatness has its source in the divine - hence the reference to Pou Atua. Whakapapa is the means by which that greatness is transmitted. Life experiences shape that greatness.

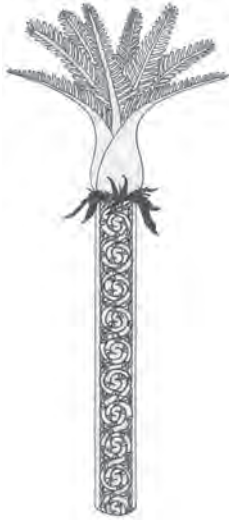
This pou is also associated with language and communication - ā tinana, ā wairua, ā kupu, ā hinengaro.

Core capabilities that we refer to with this pou include:

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Critical Thinking - Te Arohaehae Whakaaro
Fluency of Waikato Reo and Tikanga
Problem Solving, Critical Thinking

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Poutokomanawa - Pou Tangata

He whakaū, he whakatau, he whakaahuru i te koniu ahi o te tangata.

Realising mokopuna greatness means attending to wellbeing, developing strong social skills to form meaningful and healthy relationships and strengthening personal attributes and qualities.

Core Capabilities:

Te Kōpuku High

Service Orientation - Te Manaaki, Te Tiaki

Empathy - Ngākau Aroha

Resilience - Kia Manawaroa

Self Regulation - Mana Motuhake

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People Management

Coordinating with Others

Emotional Intelligence

Poutaahu - Pou Tipua

Mā tēnei pou ka oho te kura huna, te hua atua, o tēnā, o tēnā.

The poutaahu refers to the acquisition and application of knowledge via the national curricula and our localised curriculum. Learning experiences enable mokopuna to reflect on their decisions and choices, explore multiple opportunities, develop goals and solidify aspects of their ara ako (personalised learning plan). This is the pou that supports mokopuna to create and bring to life their dreams, aspirations and goals.

Core Capabilities:

Te Kōpuku High

Creativity - Te Auahatanga

Self determination - Tino Rangatiratanga

Resilience - Kia Manawaroa

Meaningful Pathways

Whakatupuranga 2050

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Judgment and Decision Making



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Poumataaho - Pou Whenua

Ko te taiea ko te rangatiratanga o te noho, o te tū, o te kōrero.

Poumataaho is concerned with ensuring mokopuna know who they are, where and how they belong - that they have a strong sense of cultural identity and are culturally competent. The pou also references the need to develop life skills in preparation for life beyond school.

Core Capabilities:

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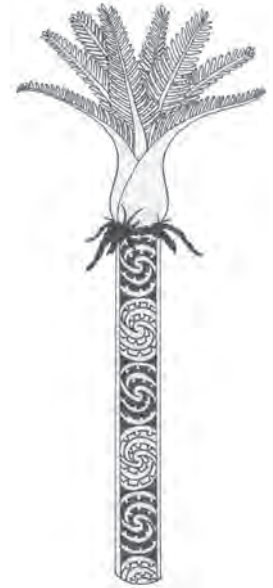
*Self Regulation - Mana Motuhake;
Self Determination - Tino Rangatiratanga*

Whakatupuranga 2050

*Meaningful Pathways;
Marae Connectedness*

World Economic Forum

Complex Problem Solving



Te Kōpuku High approach to learning and NCEA

Te Kōpuku High kura tuakana/senior school prioritises teaching and learning. This is consistent with best practice recommended by NZQA (New Zealand Qualifications Authority responsible for NCEA), the findings of the 2019 Review of NCEA facilitated by the Ministry of Education and the Education Review Office (ERO) which monitors the effectiveness of schools nationwide.

We, like a growing number of other New Zealand schools, are actively maximising the flexibilities NCEA offers. The teaching and learning is personalised for each mokopuna through their Ara Ako (Learning Plan) which means, the path to achieving an NCEA qualification is also personalised. The NCEA journey for some mokopuna might involve working towards one qualification (e.g. Level 2) over a course of two or three years while other mokopuna might need two NCEA qualifications (e.g. levels 2 and 3) to achieve their Ara Ako. This approach affords mokopuna a good amount of time to navigate the learnings required to achieve well within their chosen qualification.

Components of the Kura tuakana teaching and learning programme

The components of our teaching and learning programme include Atuatanga Kete Ako (integrated projects), wānanga, (mentoring, Ara Ako design and advocacy) with Poutaahu (the delegated staff member), Ihotea (tutorials), Mahi Pūmanawa (passion projects), Mana Wahine/ Mana Tāne (gender based¹ learning experiences) and Hau Mataaho (Toolkit for Life).

Kura Tuakana Timetable

We operate a flexible timetable to enable us to be responsive to changing priorities and the needs of mokopuna. Timetables may look different for individual mokopuna based on their learning needs and which may include a hybrid approach comprising a combination of online engagement at home and time spent learning at school. The kura tuakana programme runs from 8.30 am to 3.00 pm daily.

Setting mokopuna up for future success

We recognise the importance of looking at future prospects through industries rather than single career or job choices.

Mokopuna align with ara mataaho which includes:

- Hau Mataaho Work ready
- Aho Mataaho Industry-related
- Kura Mataaho University

This encourages mokopuna to build a skill set to enable them to access one or more industries thus providing multiple options when they leave school. Atuatanga directly link to the relevant industries as follows:



Primary Industries

Employers are looking for people who like being with and looking after living things. Jobs include agricultural engineer, arborist, dairy farmer, food technologist, geologist, veterinarian, fencer.

Tānemahuta



Naturalist

Tānerore



Kinesthetic

Tāwhirimātea



Mathematical
Logical



Service Industries

Employers are looking for people who love working with others. Jobs include accountant, army officer, baker, beauty therapist, event manager, train driver, flight attendant.

Tāwhaki



Verbal - Linguistic

Rongomātāne



Interpersonal

Tānerore



Kinesthetic

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Social and Community Services

Employers are looking for people who can work well under pressure and remain calm in a crisis. Jobs include physiotherapist, pediatrician, community worker, kaiwhakaako Māori, police officer, security officer.

Rongomātāne



Interpersonal

Tāwhaki



Verbal - Linguistic

Tāwhirimātea



Mathematical
Logical



Manufacturing and Technology

Employers are looking for people who are interested in making things work by being inquisitive and creative problem solvers. Jobs include aeronautical engineer, automotive technician, butcher, business analyst, electrician, screen printer.

Tānerore



Kinesthetic

Tāwhirimātea



Mathematical
Logical

Hinerēhia



Visual



Construction and Infrastructure

Employers are looking for people who like putting things together and creating things from scratch. Jobs include architect, civil engineer, crane operator, energy auditor, carpenter, joiner.

Tāwhirimātea



Mathematical
Logical

Tānerore



Kinesthetic

Hinerēhia



Visual



Creative Industries

People who thrive in the creative industry are those who love to plan, produce and distribute creative projects. Jobs include animator, app developer, musician, fashion designer, historian, public relations professional.

Hinerēhia



Visual

Tāwhaki



Verbal - Linguistic

Tānerore



Kinesthetic

Hineraukauri



Musical



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