



Kaipara College

**Board of Trustees
School Charter
2019-2021**

Our Mission

Kaipara College will deliver the New Zealand Curriculum in a responsive, inclusive, equitable and effective way to each student to enable them to **learn with PRIDE.**

All learners will be successful,
responsible, future focused global citizens.

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Our Story

Kaipara College is a coeducational school situated in the town of Helensville in the beautiful South Kaipara district. Kaipara College serves a vibrant and diverse community from Riverhead and Muriwai in the South, to Glorit in the North. We are a community based school, with approximately 790 students accommodated in modern classrooms and specialist spaces. We are situated on Ngati Whatua land that is leased to the school by Nga Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara. Kaipara College celebrates the bicultural partnership of the Treaty of Waitangi and is committed to the integration of te reo and tikanga into the learning experiences of all our students. The College serves five local Ngati Whatua marae: Araparera, Haranui, Kakanui, Puatahi and Reweti.

At Kaipara College, we aim for students to pursue excellence working in partnership with their peers, their teachers, their family and whanau.

To enable this, we aim to deliver a curriculum that is learner centred and enables a passion for learning. We engage our learners through culturally responsive and relational pedagogy that exhibits best practise.

We aim to produce well rounded young adults who have multiple opportunities to experience success. To support this, we provide a high quality programme of cultural, sporting and performance based programmes that develop lifelong passions and friendships. Learners engage with others and are able to effectively reflect on their progress and develop successful improvement strategies.

Kaipara College understands the need to provide quality learning environments that are safe and inclusive. We afford students the very best opportunities to participate, enjoy and achieve within college life.

We seek to continue to develop connections with the wider community to enable collaboration that will help learners in the future.

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Values

By building PRIDE in our students we hope to inspire them to reach for success, working as individuals to provide a greater good for our College community. We hope for our students to take PRIDE in who they are, take PRIDE in where they come from, undertaking their journey into their futures with dignity and integrity.

Partnership - this is reflected through positive relationships between students, the school, whanau and the wider Kaipara community. We build relationships and make connections that are meaningful, constructive and collaborative.

Respect - by having respect for ourselves and others we are able to work as a team to achieve success and grow as individuals and as a community. Respect teaches us to listen, be patient and appreciate the strengths and weaknesses of ourselves and others.

Innovation - we recognise the value of creativity and the need to promote new solutions to existing problems. We aim for our students to take responsible risks with their learning, creating an environment where students learn from their mistakes, developing perseverance and the ability to think flexibly.

Diversity - the diversity of our community enriches the culture of our school, providing us with opportunities to learn from others and view issues from differing perspectives.

Excellence - by aspiring to reach personal excellence in all we do, we set ourselves targets that challenge us, motivate us and set standards for us to strive towards in our learning.

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Statement of Intent

Kaipara College Board of Trustees will provide the students with educational opportunities that inspire them to learn and are respectful of the individual differences that students bring with them. The Board will take an inclusive approach to all aspects of governance in accordance with the eight principles of the New Zealand Curriculum whilst fully recognising the rich Māori heritage of our community and the place of the Treaty of Waitangi in our society.

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Delivering a curriculum for all	Enabling learner agency
<p>Our learners are provided with a connected, balanced and relevant curriculum that enables a passion for learning.</p> <p>Professional practice is strong across all areas of the College for us to inspire and engage our learners through culturally responsive and relational pedagogy, and effective systems.</p>	<p>Our learners have opportunities to experience success in multiple areas of school life. Learners engage with others, reflect on their learning progress and develop strategies for improvement to become academically successful, socially mature, morally strong and culturally intelligent young people.</p>
Providing quality learning environments	Engaging our community
<p>As a Board of Trustees we understand the importance to provide physical and virtual environments that are safe and inclusive and recognise a traditional Maori approach of te whare tapa wha.</p> <p>These environments will enable all stakeholders to engage with the College for the betterment of the wider community in timely and responsive manner.</p>	<p>As a Board of Trustees we acknowledge the importance of our community, and aim to work with them in partnerships to support the College experience that our learners have.</p> <p>We build connections with our community that enable collaboration that benefit us all now and in the future.</p>

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Māori Dimensions and Cultural Diversity

“He Māori ahau, e ako Māori nei, i tēnei kura e whakanui ana i tōku ao Māori ”

“I am a Māori, learning as a Māori, in this school that celebrates my Māori world”.

Our community is located in the Ngati Whatua o Kaipara region, and we seek to embrace the tikanga and Te Reo Māori language that our tūpuna used. Staff are committed to delivering learning experiences that engage our students and build relationships that benefit both students, teachers and whanau.

Students are central to determining the direction of our culturally responsive and relational pedagogy. The student agency group, Te Ropu Rangitira, guides staff on their learning journeys, offering advice, support and encouragement.

Māori cultural activities are promoted through Kapa Haka, Powhiri, Waiata and the Whare Ako class that leads the celebration of Māori culture.

Pasifika

Kaipara College will endeavour to emphasize the importance of Pasifika identities, languages and cultures. Pasifika learners achieving is essential and improving attendance as a foundation for engagement in learning is a priority. Co-constructing with the Pasifika community and ensuring Pasifika students have agency within their learning. Celebrating Pasifika cultural diversity will ensure students and staff feel connected to their learning environment.

Diversity

The cultural diversity of our student population is a key to our learners becoming respectful, tolerant and inquisitive of others individual identities. At Kaipara College, we seek to grow our understanding and appreciation of the culture, ethnicity, gender, sexuality and uniqueness of our community.

International

International Students at Kaipara College are an integral part of the school community and help to provide our domestic students with experiences of different cultures on their back door. These interactions promote inclusiveness and respect for others as well as developing lifelong friendships. Hosting International Students allows our students and community to develop as Global Citizens and forge connections that reach all corners of the globe.

Inā kei te mohio koe ko wai koe, I anga mai koe i hea, kei te mohio koe. Kei te anga atu ki hea.

If you know who you are and where you are from, then you will know where you are going.