



PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL

# PROSPECTUS

2026

Whiria te taangata, whiria te angituu  
*Weave the people, create success*



# PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME



Kia ora koutou

A very warm welcome to Pukekohe High School, te kura tuarua o Pukekohekohe.

Our school serves the community of Pukekohe on the southern edges of Auckland. We are at an exciting stage in our one-hundred-year history, with an expanding student roll and improved facilities and opportunities for our students. We aim to provide a holistic education for our learners with a strong emphasis on academic qualifications, co-curricular experiences, student leadership and pastoral care. We have high expectations for our young people in terms of their effort, behaviour and attendance.

Providing learning experiences that will enable all of our students to develop the skills, attributes and qualifications that they will need in life beyond school, is at the heart of our work. We place an emphasis on choice throughout our curriculum to meet the needs of our diverse student body.

Our Pukekohe High School values of Manaakitanga, Kotahitanga, Puumautanga and Araahitanga are critical in preparing our students for life in 21st century New Zealand and the wider world. Living these values help shape good learners and good people.

Our five houses – named and depicted in our pou at the front of the school – and horizontal form structure (Whaanau Roopuu) means that our learners are known and cared for as individuals. The school's team of Kaitiaki Aakonga (Deans), Counsellors, Nurses and Careers staff work closely together to support all of our young people.

Encouraging resilience and well-rounded young people is vital. Involvement in our extensive extra-curricular programme is a strength of our school and is key to developing a sense of enjoyment as well as physical and mental wellbeing. Opportunities for students to explore and engage in sport, music, performing arts, cultural groups and a wide variety of clubs is becoming increasingly important at our school. A large number of our students successfully participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award and Education Outside of the Classroom (EOTC) opportunities abound.

We invite you to explore our website and official social media pages to learn more about our school. We are proud of what we have to offer and look forward to welcoming you to Pukekohe High School.

Murray Saunders  
Tumuaki | Principal

# PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL VALUES





# PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN







# PHS KEY CONTACTS

| Year Level   |                                      | Pou Tuarongo (Deans)   | Senior Leadership Team  |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Year 9   | He Kaakano<br>The Seed               | Jude Webber<br>Nikki Bhana<br>PT09@pukekohehigh.school.nz                  | David Faitala<br>ftd@pukekohehigh.school.nz                               |
| Year 10  | Kia Tupu<br>To Grow                  | John Cook<br>Rajal Singh<br>PT10@pukekohehigh.school.nz                    | Kirsty Couper<br>cpk@pukekohehigh.school.nz                               |
| Year 11  | Kia Hua<br>To Prosper                | Jody Harnor<br>Sukhjit Kaur<br>PT11@pukekohehigh.school.nz                 | Hester Myburgh<br>mu@pukekohehigh.school.nz                               |
| Year 12  | Kia Puawai<br>To Sustain             | Aisea Taliai<br>Colleen Jacobs<br>PT12@pukekohehigh.school.nz              | Martin Bennett<br>bt@pukekohehigh.school.nz                               |
| Year 13  | Tuu Rangatira<br>To Stand as Leaders | Chantal Krybolder<br>Jacalyn (Jackie) Green<br>PT13@pukekohehigh.school.nz | Sofia Kaur<br>kas@pukekohehigh.school.nz                                  |
| Learning Support<br>Sarah Mwanankopa<br>mws@pukekohehigh.school.nz |                                      | Years 9/10 Assistant<br>Mel Devaney<br>dvm@pukekohehigh.school.nz          | To view our complete staff list, please visit our <a href="#">website</a> |



## Pou Taahu Curriculum Leaders

| Staff Name         | Learning Area                 | Email                      |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Vicky Moore-Allen  | Arts                          | mo@pukekohehigh.school.nz  |
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| Sarah Hainsworth   | Health and Physical Education | hw@pukekohehigh.school.nz  |
| Amy Price-Williams | Mathematics                   | pc@pukekohehigh.school.nz  |
| Pascale McMillan   | Languages                     | mmp@pukekohehigh.school.nz |
| Esther Williams    | Learning Support              | wi@pukekohehigh.school.nz  |
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**Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro, noona te ngaahere. Ko te manu e kai ana i te maatauranga, noona te ao.**

*The bird that partakes of the miro berry reigns in the forest. The bird that partakes in the power of knowledge has access to the world.*

We are proud to be able to offer our students a broad curriculum. Our learning areas review content annually to ensure what we offer remains relevant to students and builds meaningful pathways beyond their school journey.

For information about NCEA, please click [here](#).

## LEARNING SUPPORT

Our Learning Support Department supports students to ensure everyone gets what they need in order to be successful at Pukekohe High School. These supports range from specialist support in literacy and numeracy, Teacher Aide in-class support, Ministry of Education applications, assistive technology support, specialised co-ordination across teaching staff and pastoral teams, and co-ordination with community agencies. The school has three dedicated Learning Support Coordinators who assist students and staff in this area.



# 2026 CURRICULUM

| FACULTY   | YEAR 9   | YEAR 10  | YEAR 11<br>NCEA LEVEL 1                     | YEAR 12<br>NCEA LEVEL 2                      | YEAR 13<br>NCEA LEVEL 3<br>NZQA SCHOLARSHIP |             |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|-------------|
| ART   | Art  | Art  | Art – Painting & Printmaking                | Art- Design                                  | Art- Design                                 | UE          |
|   |  | Creative Enterprise                              |   | Art - Motion Special Effects                 | Art - Motion Special Effects                | UE          |
|   |  | Cinematography Or Motion Graphics & Animation    | Art – Photography & Design                  | Art - Painting                               | Art - Painting                              | UE          |
|   |  |  |   | Art - Photography                            | Art - Photography                           | UE          |
|   |  |  |   | Art- Printmaking                             | Art- Printmaking                            | UE          |
|   | Dance  | Dance  | Dance                                       | Dance  | Dance                                       | UE          |
|   | Drama  | Drama  | Drama                                       | Drama  | Drama                                       | UE          |
| Music Band                                      | Music Band                                       | Performance Music                                | Performance Music                           | Performance Music                            | UE  |             |
| Music Core                                      | Music Core                                       |  |   |  |   |             |
| ENGLISH   | English  | English  | Contemporary Literature<br>World Literature | Contemporary Literature<br>World Literature  | English<br>English Scholarship              | UE<br>UE    |
| ESOL<br>English for Speakers of Other Languages | ESOL   | ESOL   | ESOL  | ESOL   | ESOL  |             |
| HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION                     | Health & Physical Education                      | Health & Physical Education                      | Health                                      | Health                                       | Health                                      | UE          |
|   |  |  | Physical Education                          | Physical Education                           | Physical Education                          | UE          |
|   |  |  |   | Outdoor Education<br>Sports Leadership       | Outdoor Education<br>Sports Leadership      |             |
| MATHEMATICS                                     | Mathematics & Statistics                         | Mathematics & Statistics                         | Mathematics Core                            | Mathematics with Algebra                     | Calculus*                                   | UE          |
|   |  |  |   | General Mathematics                          | General Mathematics                         | UE          |
|   |  |  |   | Mathematics with Statistics                  | Mathematics with Statistics                 | Statistics  |
| SCIENCE   | Science  | Science  | Science General                             | Chemistry                                    | Chemistry*                                  | UE          |
|   |  | STEM   | Science in Context                          | Physics                                      | Physics*                                    | UE          |
|   |  | Electronics                                      |   | Biology                                      | Biology*                                    | UE          |
|   |  |  |   | General Science                              | General Science                             |             |
|   |  |  |   | Earth Science                                |   |             |
|   |  | Production Studies                               | Agriculture & Horticulture                  | Agriculture Science<br>Horticultural Science | Agriculture &<br>Horticultural Science      | UE<br>UE    |
|   | Learning Support                                 | Core Foundation                                  | Core Foundations                            | Foundation Certificate                       | Foundation Certificate                      | Life Skills |
| LANGUAGES                                       | French   | French   | French                                      | French*                                      | French*                                     | UE          |
|   | Japanese   | Japanese   | Japanese                                    | Japanese*                                    | Japanese*                                   | UE          |
| SOCIAL SCIENCES                                 | Social Studies                                   | Social Studies                                   | History                                     | History                                      | History                                     | UE          |
|   |  |  | Geography                                   | Geography                                    | Geography                                   | UE          |
|   |  |  | People & Society                            | People & Society                             | People & Society                            | UE          |
|   |  |  |   | Psychology                                   | Psychology*                                 | UE          |
|   |  |  |   | Classical Studies                            | Classical Studies                           | UE          |
|   |  |  | Tourism                                     | Tourism                                      |   |             |
|   |  |  | Media Studies                               | Media Studies                                | UE  |             |
| BUSINESS HUB<br>(Social Sciences)               |  | Money Matters                                    | Commerce                                    | Accounting                                   | Accounting                                  | UE          |
|   |  |  |   | Business Studies                             | Business Studies                            | UE          |
|   |  |  |   | Economics                                    | Economics                                   | UE          |
|   |  |  |   | Legal Studies                                | Legal Studies                               |             |
|   |  |  |   |  |   |             |
| TECHNOLOGY                                      | Design Thinking<br>Digital Technology            | Design Thinking<br>Digital Technology            | Spatial Design                              | Spatial Design                               | Spatial Design                              | UE          |
|   |  |  | Computer Application                        | Computer Application                         | Computer Application                        |             |
|   |  |  | Digital Technology(P-Tech)                  | Digital Design                               | Digital Technology                          | UE          |
|   | Food Technology<br>Multi Materials<br>Technology | Food Technology<br>Multi Materials<br>Technology | Food & Nutrition                            | Food & Nutrition                             | Food & Nutrition                            | UE          |
|   |  |  | Catering                                    | Catering                                     | Catering                                    |             |
|   |  |  | Engineering                                 | Engineering                                  | Engineering                                 | UE          |
|   |  |  | Building                                    | Building                                     |   |             |
|   | Hard Materials Technology                        | Hard Materials Technology                        |   |  |   |             |
| CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES                     |  |  | Future Pathways                             | Future Pathways                              |   |             |
|   |  |  |   | Hospitality Pathway                          |   |             |
|   |  |  |   | Engineering Pathway                          |   |             |
|   |  |  |   | Building Pathway                             |   |             |
|   |  |  |   | Primary Industries Pathway                   |   |             |
|   |  |  |   | Electrical Pathway                           |   |             |
|   |  |  |   | Automotive Pathway                           |   |             |
| TE WAHANGA WHAKAAKO                             | Te Ao Haka                                       | Te Ao Haka                                       | Te Ao Haka                                  | Te Ao Haka                                   | Te Ao Haka                                  | UE          |
|   | Te Reo Māori                                     | Te Reo Māori                                     | Te Reo Māori                                | Te Reo Māori*                                | Te Reo Māori*                               | UE          |
|   | Te Ao Māori                                      | Mātauranga Māori                                 | Te Mānaki Taangata Ki Te Māori              | Te Mānaki Taangata Ki Te Māori               |   |             |
|   | Ngaio Toi  | Ngaio Toi  | Ngaio Toi                                   | Ngaio Toi                                    |   |             |

\*The course has prerequisites

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A student is seen from behind, wearing a black soccer jersey with a large yellow number '6' and a yellow leaf logo. The jersey also has 'Est. 1921' printed near the collar. The student is on a green field, about to kick a soccer ball. In the background, a white goalpost is visible.

# CO-CURRICULAR

**Naa te rourou, naaku te rourou, ka ora te iwi.**

*Through each of our contributions the people will thrive.*

Pukekohe High School provides a wealth of opportunities for students. We believe that by being involved in activities beyond the classroom, students enhance their learning, strengthen their connections within our community and reach higher levels of personal excellence.

## SPORT

Pukekohe High School has a proud history of participation and achievement in sport at local, regional and national levels. We believe it is an important dimension of the young person's education, particularly at secondary school level. We encourage students to participate in a wide range of activities outside the classroom to further develop physical, mental and social skills. They build students' self-esteem and confidence, and this can be reflected in greater effort and achievement in the classroom.

Our passionate and enthusiastic Sports Department, with support from coaches, teachers and parents, put in hard mahi to ensure students achieve their sporting goals.





# CO-CURRICULAR

## MUSIC

The Pukekohe High School Music Department provides many exciting opportunities for students to perform at a local, regional and national levels.

## DANCE

At Pukekohe High School, we have a strong dance programme for our young men and women, both in and out of the classroom. Techniques in a range of dance styles are taught as subject option. Students are provided with opportunities to create their own dances through music interpretation and develop a range of choreographic skills including leadership.

## DRAMA

Drama at Pukekohe High School is offered as a subject option across all years. Led by a supportive and talented staff, students explore ideas and concepts of topics and works to develop self-awareness and self-esteem to grow into confident, articulate and creative individuals.

## VISUAL ART

Pukekohe High School Visual Arts is led by a talented and passionate team who are successful artists in their own right and keen teachers of everything art. The creation of Visual Art empowers students to consider the visual world we live in.



# ENROLMENT

## Our Zone

All students who live within the Pukekohe High School zone are eligible to enrol. You can check whether you are in zone [here](#).

## Out-of-Zone Enrolments

Pukekohe High School may be able to accept a number of out-of-zone Year 9 enrolments. Should the number of applicants exceed the number of spaces available, a ballot will be held.

Please refer to our [website](#) for important dates.

Out-of-Zone applications for Years 10-13 may be considered by the PHS Board.

## Enrolment Process

Complete the [online application form](#) and upload all necessary documentation.

All applicants are required to attend an enrolment interview before acceptance is confirmed.

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