

Pakuranga College

2011 School Charter

Mission Statement

Pakuranga College will provide an exceptional and innovative learning community that challenges, and supports students excel and develop the skills, attitude and values they need to succeed now and in the future.

Vision

Pakuranga College is acknowledged as a leader in education and is the school of choice in the local community.

Our Values and Guiding Principles

1 We will nurture learners committed to personal excellence in all endeavours

- Students will always be encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning
- Students will be encouraged to aim for their very best performance in whatever they undertake whether it is in academic, cultural or sporting endeavours
- All staff will work collaboratively to develop independent learners who enjoy their learning
- Success in all endeavours will be acknowledged and rewarded

2 We will promote respect

- The college will be a supportive, positive and caring place for students, teachers, support staff and parents
- Students and staff will value an environment free from harassment of any kind
- The physical environment will be safe and pleasant
- Students will enjoy their learning in all its forms
- All Students will have equitable access to learning opportunities and support

3 We will actively encourage innovative, reflective and adventurous educational and school practice

- Change based on solid research and data gathering will be encouraged and embraced; if there is a better way we will find it
- Self-review will underpin all activities and initiatives
- Thoughtful risk taking will be encouraged as people strive for personal excellence
- The professional learning and development of teachers will be a major priority

4 We will develop and maintain positive and effective relationships with all those involved with the education of our students

- Parents will be made aware of the progress and achievement of their children regularly and accurately so that appropriate action can be taken
- The college will incorporate the Treaty of Waitangi and its principles into all aspects of the college
- Teachers are our main learning resource and will be consulted and involved in all significant educational change
- The local community including business, sporting, cultural and other organisations will be included in the development of our policies and priorities
- Links with contributing schools will be valued and enhanced
- The college will take a leadership role in educational matters as they relate to our community
- The college will foster sustainability across the school

5 We will foster an appreciation of diversity in our school's national and global community

- Students will celebrate and enjoy all forms of diversity in our college, nationally, and internationally. This includes cultural, gender, intellectual and physical difference.
- Staff will promote attitudes based around understanding, tolerance and knowledge of differences between people in the curriculum and the wider school environment

Strategic plan

Pakuranga College will work toward realising its vision through pursuing the following key strategic goals.

Goal 1

To achieve the highest academic, cultural, sporting standards of student achievement

This will be achieved by:

- a. Improving academic results at all levels
- b. Improving the academic results for Maori and Pasifika students at all levels
- c. Increasing the number of students engaged in co-curricular activities
- d. Increasing the number of sports teams competing in top level competitions

Goal 2

To provide high quality innovative teaching across all areas

This will be achieved by:

- a. Providing professional learning and development informed by research that is focussed on effective pedagogies
- b. Delivering a curriculum which equips students with the attributes of confident, connected, actively involved, life-long learners
- c. Using assessment and engagement data to inform teaching and learning strategies

Goal 3

To provide a safe, inclusive student learning environment

This will be achieved by:

- a. Providing meaningful student leadership development and opportunities to enhance the culture of the school.
- b. Implementing a restorative justice approach when dealing with students
- c. Ensuring that the school is an inclusive environment for Maori and Pasifika students

Goal 4

To strengthen the home-school and school-community relationships

This will be achieved by:

- a. Ensuring home-school communication is timely and effective
- b. Working in partnership with parent groups, e.g. Pasifika and Māori families
- c. Actively seeking feedback on the schools performance from the community
- d. Developing the school alumni

Goal 5

To provide the resourcing and infrastructure needed to effectively deliver an innovative 21st century education

This will be achieved by:

- a. Reviewing the 5YP to identify areas for development and producing a 10 year property development plan

NB The College will take all reasonable steps to provide instruction in Tikanga Māori and Te Reo Māori for all its students who ask for it.

Student Led Goals

- a. To improve communication between student groups within the College
- b. To enhance the school environment

2011 Achievement Targets

Level 1 NCEA combined M and E pass rate of 45% or better

Year 12 NCEA level 2 pass rate exceeds 85%

The number of Scholarship passes is at least 30 and 30% of students gaining NCEA level 3 receive a merit or excellence endorsement

Co-curricular participation rate exceeds 60%