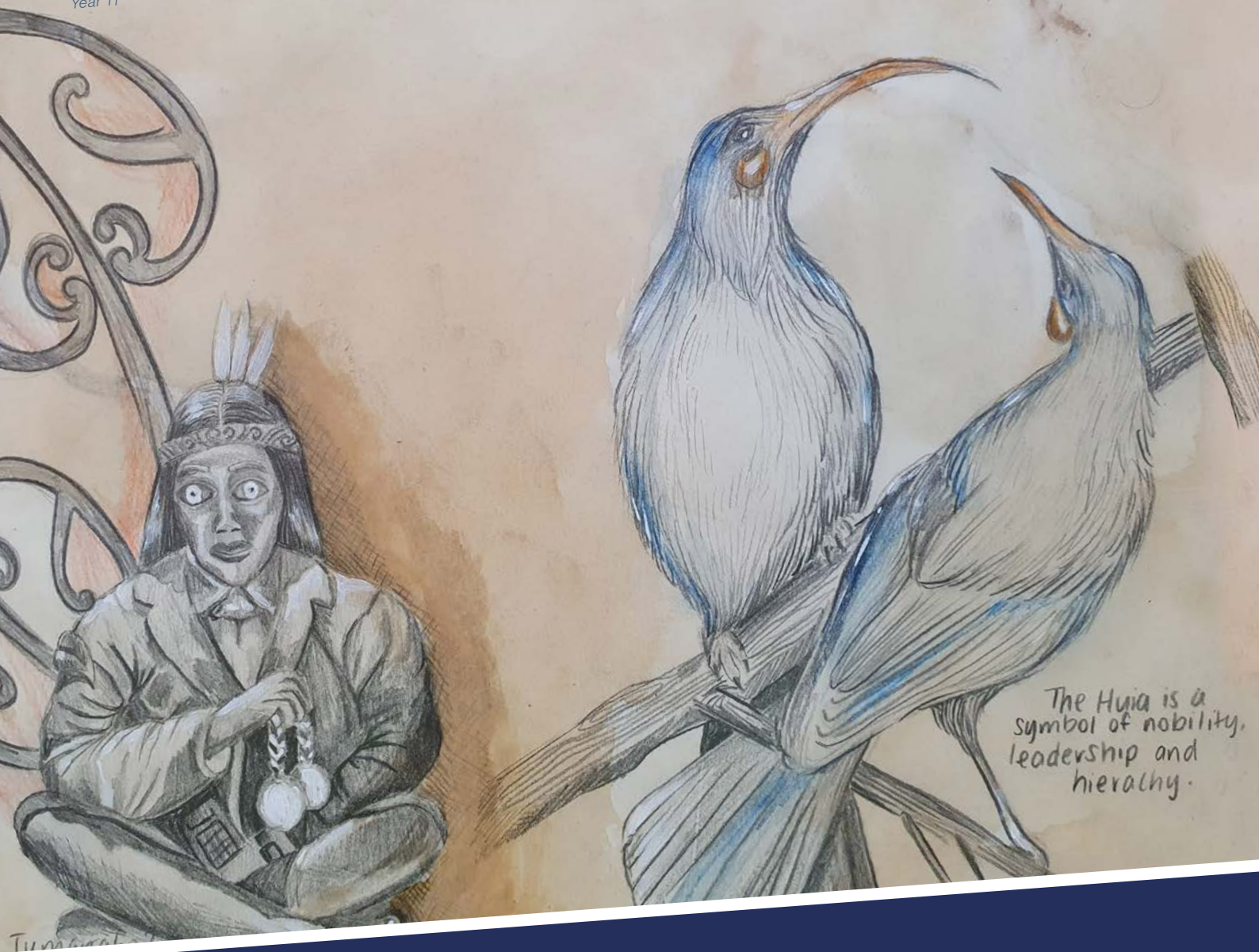




# New Plymouth Girls' High School

## Te Kura Taitamawāhine o Puke Ariki

Skye Simphalivamh  
Year 11



The Huia is a  
symbol of nobility,  
leadership and  
hierarchy.

# PROSPECTUS 2024

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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tēnā koutou katoa

We are excited to be welcoming you to New Plymouth Girls' High School, a school which continues to support, educate and encourage students to become active learners and citizens who will seek out challenges independently.

We passionately believe in the effectiveness of education to empower young people to develop their strengths and talents. We have a strong history of academic excellence and a proven record of outstanding achievement in sport, visual and performing arts, vocational pathways and cultural activities. If you are a student, you will have the opportunity to engage in these activities, and discover your creativity, teamwork, leadership, life balance and sense of self. If you are a parent, caregiver or whānau, welcome to the school and we look forward to working with you as we all help shape future opportunities.

The staff strive to continue learning, to innovate and to bring out the best in our students, academically and as good people. We believe in the value of each student and we want everyone to feel they belong and are respected within the school. Our students are encouraged to be confident, active partners in their learning, taking full advantage of the opportunities the school can offer them.

NPGHS has strong values, with Whakamana/Respect, Haepapa/Responsibility and Whanaungatanga/ Positive Relationships. We work with families and whānau to help students find a sense of purpose, hope and community. Our goal is to see them leave the school as creative, compassionate and capable adults. We aim to recognise each student for their individual talents and character, with the ability to discover their own passions and a contribution to make to the community.

Thank you for recognising what NPGHS has to offer, and we look forward to welcoming you to your new school soon!

Ngā mihi mahana,

Jacqui Brown  
**Principal**





# VISION

To develop educated, confident young women of outstanding character.

# MISSION

Each young woman will have the opportunity to discover and develop the necessary knowledge, skills, values and character to enable her to fulfill her potential.

***“Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini. Success is not the work of one but of many.”***

*Starting your journey at New Plymouth Girls' High School is a big change! At our kura you will make many connections, gain new skills and face new opportunities. Both the students and teachers here are ready to help lead you along your path to success!*

**Lottie Moffat, Manu Tāiko / Head Girl, 2023**



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# OUR VALUES

## RESPECT

Whakamana

## RESPONSIBILITY

Haepapa

## RELATIONSHIPS

Whanaungatanga

# OUR MOTTO

## ET COMITATE

Friendship

Whakahoanga

## ET VIRTUTE

Courage

Maia

## ET SAPIENTIA

Wisdom

Matauranga

# WAKA HUIA

Our Waka Huia are named after famous waka. All the waka have historical connections to Taranaki through iwi interactions and were great ocean going canoes that were used in the migrations that settled Aotearoa/New Zealand.

**AOTEA**

**KURAHAUPO**

**TOKOMARU**

**TAINUI**



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# PASTORAL CARE

## WAKA HUIA DEPUTY PRINCIPALS



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TOKOMARU

## THE PASTORAL NETWORK

The Pastoral Network includes the Principal, Deputy Principals, Waka Kaitiaki & Waka Amo (Deans), Kāwai Huiā Teachers, Guidance Counsellors, Nurse, Careers Counsellor, HoD Awhina Learning Centre and Resource Teacher of Learning & Behaviour. As a team, their role is to support and assist students through any personal, vocational or educational difficulties. Our prime concern is caring for the needs of individual students and supporting their learning.

## WAI ORA WELLNESS CENTRE

Services available at the Wai Ora Wellness Centre include counselling, general health concerns, health education and promotion, and referral to other services. The Guidance Counsellors, together with our Nurse, are available daily for students to make appointments or for parents to make contact with them. The Public Health Nurse and Adolescent Health Clinic are also situated within the Wai Ora Wellness Centre for students to access each week.



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# AWHINA LEARNING CENTRE



The Awhina Learning Centre (ALC) is located in C Block which is beside the school hall and adjacent to Drama Room 1.

Based at the Awhina Learning Centre is a team of seven learning assistants and two teachers who work together to help students make the most of their opportunities at New Plymouth Girls' High School.

Providing a safe, positive environment, the Awhina Learning Centre offers a range of support to students, staff and parents. Varied tests are used to determine students' learning needs and programmes are then tailored to the individual requirements of the students. Programs include computer programs, individualized subject support and small group support for literacy and numeracy.

Students are referred to the Awhina Learning Centre by previous schools, teachers, counsellors, parents and through self-referral.

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The Learning Support team is based at the Awhina Learning Centre. "Awhina" means help and support and our goal for all our GHS students is that no student should be left behind.

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## CONTACT

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HOD Awhina Learning Centre  
SENCO (Special Education  
Needs Co-ordinator)

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# UNIFORM

**New Plymouth Girls' High School students wear a simple and practical uniform throughout the year. Emphasis is placed on wearing the uniform correctly and with pride. The uniform is available to try on and purchase.**

## SHOP HOURS & PRICING

Our current shop hours, uniform price list and payment options are detailed on our website.

## CONTACT

Telephone: 06 920 3260

Email: [newplymouth@nzuniforms.com](mailto:newplymouth@nzuniforms.com)

## REQUIRED UNIFORM - ALL YEAR LEVELS

**Shirt:** NPGHS regulation shirt

**Jersey:** NPGHS regulation navy merino (non-allergy) jersey

**Footwear:** Black sandals with backstraps without socks or pantyhose/tights. Havaiana sandals are allowed (*not surf wear sandals or jandals*).

OR

Black low heeled and plain, polishable shoes with or without plain black pantyhose/tights or black ankle socks. No sports shoes, boots, or canvas shoes.

**Jacket:** NPGHS regulation jacket only. No other jackets to be worn.

**PE:** NPGHS regulation PE shirt. Black shorts/trackpants, sneakers and swimming gear. Protective gear, e.g. mouth guard.

**OPTIONAL:** **Scarf:** Plain black/navy

**Headband:** Plain black/navy

*Any additional clothing worn underneath the uniform (i.e. tee shirt / thermal top) must not be visible.*

## YEARS 9, 10 & 11

**Skirt:** NPGHS regulation style knee-length tartan skirt

**Culottes/Shorts:** NPGHS regulation knee-length tartan culottes or tartan shorts

**Trousers:** NPGHS regulation trousers

## YEARS 12 & 13

**Skirt:** NPGHS regulation knee-length navy skirt

**Short/Trouser:** NPGHS regulation knee-length navy shorts or NPGHS regulation trousers

## OPTIONAL UNIFORM

**Tie:** NPGHS regulation tie

**Blazer:** NPGHS blazer

**Honours Blazer:** NPGHS Honours blazer – awarded only

## FORMAL DRESS

Representing NPGHS at formal occasions. Regulation Blazer and navy skirt/trousers, white shirt and tie.

## JEWELLERY & MAKEUP

See the school website for details.



# CURRICULUM

Students should study the Curriculum Booklet for details on the most appropriate subjects and levels according to their skills, interests, abilities and potential future career direction.

## Year 9 - All students study all Learning Areas

Arts, English, Health & Physical Education, Languages, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Technology and Te Reo Māori

Within some Learning Areas there is a choice among subjects:

Arts (Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts or Digital Visual Arts) *Students can only choose Visual Arts or Digital Visual Arts, not both*, Languages (English Language, French, Literacy, Spanish), Technologies (Nature of Technology, Design Technology, Design & Visual Communication, Digital Technology, Robotics or Textiles Technology)

Students may be placed in one or more of the following subjects to support their learning needs: Literacy or Numeracy

## Year 10 - All students study FIVE Learning Areas:

English, Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Science and Social Science

Students are able to select THREE options from the following:

Animal & Plant Science, Business Studies, Dance, Design Technology, Design & Visual Communication, Digital Technology, Digital Visual Arts, Drama, Food and Nutrition, French, Music, Spanish, Sports Education, Sustainability, Te Reo Māori, Textiles Technology and Visual Arts

Students may be placed in Literacy and/or Numeracy to support their learning needs. (NCEA Level 1 courses with students are an option for students whom this challenge is appropriate).

## Year 11 - Students select SIX subjects.

Compulsory Subjects:

English, Mathematics and a Science

**AND**

Students select THREE options from a list of approximately 27 subjects.

## Year 12 - Students select SIX subjects.

Compulsory Subject:

English

**AND**

Students select FIVE options from a list of approximately 39 subjects

**OR**

Students may choose 'Shape your Future' an integrated project-based course including English.

**AND**

Students select FOUR options from a list of 39 subjects.

## Year 13 - Students select a full course of FIVE subjects and also have a study line.

Students select all of their subjects from a list of approximately 44 subjects

**OR**

Students may choose 'Shape your Future' an integrated project-based course including English.

**AND**

Students select THREE options from a list of approximately 44 subjects.

**NCEA Levels 1, 2 & 3** - Senior students can select courses from any NCEA level appropriate to their ability. Please note the preferred prior learning.

Alternative or more practically based courses are available in some subject areas. This range of specialist alternative courses includes a SPEC learning support programme. Timetabled and supplementary Vocational Training opportunities are available to senior students at NCEA Levels 1, 2, 3 and higher.

All Year 11, 12 and 13 students have 1 spell per week alternating between Mahi Tahī (Life Skills) and Wellbeing Programmes.



# SUBJECT Selection Guide

LEARNING AREA	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
<b>ARTS</b> <i>NGA TOI</i>	Dance Drama Music Visual Arts Digital Visual Arts	Dance Drama Music Visual Arts Digital Visual Arts
<b>ENGLISH</b> <i>TE REO INGARIHI</i>	English	English
<b>HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b> <i>HAUORA ME MAHI TINANA</i>	Food & Nutrition Health Physical Education	Food & Nutrition Health Physical Education Sports Education
<b>INTEGRATED CURRICULUM</b> <i>MARAU PĀHEKOHEKO</i>		
<b>LANGUAGES</b> <i>NGA REO</i>	French <a href="#">Literacy</a> Spanish Te Reo Māori	French <a href="#">Literacy</a> Spanish Te Reo Māori
<b>LEARNING SUPPORT</b> <i>TAUTOKO AKO</i>		<a href="#">SPEC – Yr10 / Pre-Level 1</a>
<b>MATHEMATICS</b> <i>PANGARAU</i>	Mathematics <a href="#">Numeracy</a>	Mathematics <a href="#">Numeracy</a>
<b>SCIENCES</b> <i>PUTAIAO</i>	Science	Animal & Plant Science Science
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES</b> <i>TIKANGA A IWI</i>	Social Science	Business Studies Social Science Sustainability
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b> <i>HANGARAU</i>	Nature of Technology Design Technology Design & Visual Communication Digital Technology Textiles Technology Robotics	Design Technology Design & Visual Communication Digital Technology Textiles Technology
<b>VOCATIONAL TRAINING</b> <i>RAPUARA</i>		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>

Placement is subject to course availability at the time of enrolment.

All courses are subject to numbers and staffing

SPEC –  
(Specific Preparation for Employment & Citizenship)

## ACADEMIC LEVELS:

Intermediate Course
  Alternative Course

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
Dance Digital Visual Arts Drama Māori Performing Arts Music Visual Arts	Art Design Art History Dance Drama Māori Performing Arts Music Photography Visual Arts	Art Design Art History Dance Drama Māori Performing Arts Music Painting Photography Printmaking Sculpture
English	English	English <span style="color: #0056b3;">English Internal</span>
Health Studies ( Food & Nutrition) Health Studies (Health) <span style="color: #0056b3;">Hospitality</span> Sports Science & Physical Education <span style="color: #0056b3;">Recreation &amp; Fitness</span>	Food & Nutrition Health <span style="color: #0056b3;">Hospitality</span> Sports Science & Physical Education <span style="color: #0056b3;">Recreation &amp; Fitness</span>	Food & Nutrition Health Hospitality Sports Science & Physical Education <span style="color: #0056b3;">Recreation &amp; Fitness</span>
	Shape Your Future	Shape Your Future
French Spanish Te Reo Māori	French Spanish Te Reo Māori	French Spanish Te Reo Māori
<span style="color: #0056b3;">SPEC</span>	<span style="color: #0056b3;">SPEC</span>	<span style="color: #0056b3;">SPEC</span>
Mathematics with Algebra & Statistics <span style="color: #0056b3;">Mathematics Numeracy</span>	Mathematics <span style="color: #c00000;">Statistics</span>	Calculus Statistics External <span style="color: #c00000;">Statistics Internal</span>
Animal & Plant Science Science	Animal & Plant Science Biology Chemistry Physics <span style="color: #c00000;">Science Internal</span>	Animal & Plant Science Biology Chemistry Physics <span style="color: #c00000;">Biology Internal</span>
Commerce Geography History Social Studies	Accounting Classical Studies Economics Enterprise Studies Geography History Media Studies Social Studies Tourism	Accounting Classical Studies Economics Enterprise Studies Geography History Media Studies Social Studies Tourism
Design Technology Design & Visual Communication Digital Technology Textiles Technology	Design Technology Design & Visual Communication Digital Technology Textiles Technology	Design Technology Design & Visual Communication Digital Technology Textiles Technology
	Classroom Career Development (STAR) Trades Academy Workplace Training (Gateway)	Classroom Career Development (STAR) Trades Academy Workplace Training (Gateway) 3+2 Career Training (Trades Academy)
<b>38</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>51</b>

# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## SPORT

Adventure Racing  
Athletics  
Badminton  
Basketball  
BMX  
Bowls - Indoor and Lawn  
Canoe Polo  
Climbing  
Cricket  
Croquet (Golf)  
Cross Country  
Crossfit  
Cycling  
Equestrian  
Football  
Futsal  
Golf  
Gymnastics  
Hillary Challenge  
Hockey - Outdoor and Inline  
Ki ō Rahi  
Mountain Biking  
Multi Sports - Duathlon/Triathlon  
Netball  
Orienteering  
Road Relays  
Rogaine  
Rugby League  
Rugby Union 7's and 15's  
Sailing  
Skiing  
Snowboarding  
Squash  
Surfing  
Swimming  
Table Tennis  
Tennis  
Touch  
Volleyball – Beach and Indoor  
Waka Ama

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Hillary Outdoors  
Outward Bound  
Spirit of Adventure  
TOPEC – (*Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits & Education Centre*)  
Year 9 Camps (2 days - mid Term 1)  
Year 9 Activities (3 days - end of year)  
Year 10 Camp/ Activities (3 days - end of year)



## GROUPS/ COMMITTEES/ LEADERSHIP

Amnesty International  
Aspiring Leaders Forum  
Dance Committee  
Drama Committee  
Duke of Edinburgh  
Environment Group  
Global Young Leaders Conference  
Honohono Committee  
Kāwai Huia Co-Leaders  
LGBTQA+  
Library Group  
Model United Nations - (*Taranaki & National Conferences*)  
Monetary Policy Challenge  
Music Committee  
Relay for Life  
Rotary Rypen  
SADD - (*Students Against Dangerous Driving*)  
School Council  
Security Council - (*Central North Island*)  
Sports Council – Senior and Junior  
Tech Angels (IT Support)  
Treasury Schools Challenge  
Visual Arts Committee  
World Vision 40 Hour Challenge  
Writers' Group  
Year 13 Leadership Positions  
Y-Lead  
Young Enterprise Scheme  
Youth Congress - (UNICEF)  
Youth Declaration



## CULTURAL

Barbershop Singing  
Chamber Music  
Concert Band  
Jazz Band  
Jubilate Singers  
Kapa Haka  
Music Instrument Tuition  
Musical Production (Biennial)  
Orchestra  
Oxford X International Forum  
Pacific Project - (UN Youth)  
Pasifika  
Percussion Group  
Rock Quest Bands  
Shakespeare Festival  
String Group  
Ukulele Orchestra



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# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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We welcome students to come and join our family and create kiwi connections in our world-famous Taranaki region.

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We value international students for the variety, richness and diversity they bring to the school and what we offer is a genuine “kiwi” experience. Students must be living with family or in the school hostel. Those in the school hostel enjoy homestay accommodation if they remain in New Zealand during term breaks. Students need to have a sound level of English to get the most from this experience, flourish and thrive.

The school is set in attractive spacious grounds near the beach. It is in the heart of the city and just a 30 minute drive from the beautiful mountain.



## CONTACT

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# SCOTLANDS HOSTEL



Boarding at Te Kura Taitamawāhine O Puke Ariki - Scotlands Hostel provides a warm, welcoming and supportive environment where students are encouraged to do well academically and participate fully in school and hostel life. Sporting, cultural, musical and community life are examples of what boarders can enjoy being part of and encourages a sense of belonging. The independence, maturity and lifelong friendships that boarding supports are excellent foundations for adult life.

Whakamana – Respect; Haepapa – Responsibility; Whanaungatanga – Relationships are values that guide our hostel.

## The Hostel encompasses:

- A linked complex with small group units
- Access to the school grounds and facilities beyond the school day
- Up to 140 boarders - Years 9 to 13
- Excellent staff/student ratio and active 24-hour care
- Supervised prep Monday-Thursday
- Clear kaupapa, expectations and guidelines with a degree of flexibility for meeting individual needs
- Leadership opportunities and training
- Rich and diverse cultures

*"We're sometimes asked the question; 'Do you enjoy living at the hostel with everyone always around you?' The answer is simple. We love having this opportunity to live alongside our mates because we develop a sister bond and learn to accept, adapt and grow as individuals as well as expanding our friendships."*

**2023 Hostel Student Leaders**



## CONTACT

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# WAIMARIE COMPLEX AND HIGH NEEDS CENTRE



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The guiding philosophy is to enable these unique students to reach their full potential by offering age and developmental stage appropriate learning opportunities.

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Waimarie is the Complex and High Needs Centre specifically designed to provide an educational setting for students with physical and/or intellectual disabilities. This is achieved through the provision of a multi-sensory and life-skills based curriculum and may include physical or occupational therapy.

A partnership with New Plymouth Boys' High School provides opportunities for boys with complex and very high needs to also attend Waimarie.

Opportunities for involvement with mainstream peers and classes are utilised when appropriate. The students in Waimarie have much to offer those in the wider school. Community engagement is also a key part of the Waimarie programmes with students regularly participating with local organisations such as WITT, Riding for the Disabled, Sport Taranaki, Moveables, Sailability, TSSSA and Special Olympics events.

## CONTACT

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BFA Dip Tchg  
Manager, Waimarie

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# SCHOOL FACILITIES



At New Plymouth Girls' High School, students have a wide variety of facilities available to them on campus.

- Whare - Tuhonohono
- Large Swimming Pool, Sports Fields, Netball and Tennis Courts
- Gymnasiums (2)
- Drama Studios (2)
- Dance Studio
- Multi-resource Library, Network, Internet Link, Computers
- Careers Information Centre
- Learning Support Centre
- Wireless Campus
- Technology Suite
- Photography Studio
- Music – Practice Rooms, Rehearsal Rooms, Dedicated Rock Band and Singing Rooms
- Café (Tuckshop)
- Wai Ora Health Centre with a Nurse and Counsellors



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## ENROLMENTS

We welcome enrolment applications from students at all levels. Enrolment interviews will be conducted at the main contributing schools in the New Plymouth district during Term 4 2023.

The Open Evening for 2024 enrolments is Tuesday 25 July 2023 from 3.30 – 6.30pm

Enquiries are welcome at any time during school hours to the school office.

## ONLINE ENROLMENTS

To enrol online, visit [www.npghs.school.nz](http://www.npghs.school.nz) enrolment section.

## HOSTEL

Enrolment enquiries to  
[enrolments@npghs.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@npghs.school.nz)  
or

visit our website: [www.npghs.school.nz](http://www.npghs.school.nz)  
boarding section

Ph: +64 6 7573848

The Hostel Open Day for 2024 enrolments is Tuesday 25 July 2023 from 1.00 – 3.00pm.

To enrol at the Hostel please tick Full as the Boarder Status when filling in the NPGHS Online Enrolment form.



*"When I started at New Plymouth Girls High School I was a bit nervous about being in such a big school but everyone is so kind and helpful! I am enjoying all the different clubs you can join, and love learning Spanish as I haven't had a proper opportunity to do this before."* **Kiana – Year 9**





Trelise Riddell, Year 9



Renee Donovan, Year 11