



Dear Parent/Caregiver

Greetings, Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Namaste.

We invite you to consider Papakura High School as the school for your child's secondary education and would feel privileged to be entrusted with him/her for this important period of education.

Papakura High School has undergone a transformative change in the last five years. Our roll is now well over 900 and we are now able to provide many more opportunities for our students. Our NCEA results are well above averages for similar schools and in 2020 our Level 3 students achieved well above the national average. Our students are displaying our motto 'Kia Rangatira' or 'Becoming leaders' in their learning and extra-curricular activities.

We aim to make the transition from Primary to Secondary as easy as possible and welcome you into our school family. We have a strong focus on pathways at our school, preparing students, either for tertiary study or for employment. We work with businesses and other partners to give our students the best opportunities.

We offer a wide range of activities outside the classroom and we are proud of our success with cultural activities and sports. We have had many representatives in local and national sports teams. I am especially proud of our many ex-students who graduate successfully from University or become successful in their chosen careers.

All students who enrol at Papakura High School are placed into one of our three whanau groups which are the most important part of our school culture. Your child will develop a sense of belonging and loyalty to their whanau, make friends and fully participate in whanau activities and be offered opportunities to become involved in leadership roles in our school as a representative of their whanau.

We aim to prepare your child for tertiary education and employment. Papakura High School is a school within the Kootuitui Trust. This means that your child will be engaged with all their learning at school using a digital device. This will be a Chromebook if he/she is a student in 2022. Children are the centre of teaching and learning and we aim to share with you the journey into making your child a connected, confident, responsible and life-long learner.

Please read through the attached materials and if you have any questions please contact the school on (09) 296 4400.

We hope you give us the opportunity to develop a strong partnership between you, your child and ourselves so that your son or daughter can become proud to be a member of the Papakura High School Community.

Yours faithfully

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