

Te Kura Hourua ki Whangaruru

Sponsor:	Ngā Parirau Mātauranga Trust
Location:	Whangaruru
Type of school:	Co-educational secondary school for years 9 to 14
Size of school:	An opening roll of 71, rising to 128 by 2015, extending to years 9 to 14
Target group:	Young people who are disengaged from the schooling system with a focus on Māori and Pasifika
Teachers:	The core curriculum will be taught by registered teachers or holders of Limited Authority to Teach (80%). Non registered teachers will deliver supplementary subjects such as equine husbandry, automotive, engineering, construction, tourism and hospitality.

Background

Ngā Parirau Mātauranga is a charitable trust. All Trust members have significant interest in the health and wellbeing of the Whangaruru community. They have made a collective commitment to developing educational pathways that acknowledge the rich culture of Whangaruru iwi and provide high quality secondary schooling outcomes for their tamariki.

Proposal

Te Kura Hourua ki Whangaruru will be a secondary school option located on farmland in Whangaruru. It will provide an authentic cultural experience in a land and water environment that engages, excites and expects great things of every learner.

The school's educational vision draws on ancestral Ngāti Wai narratives of one of the iwi kaitiaki, Manu Tūkaiaia. Their taitamariki are enveloped within the wings of Tūkaiaia, which represents the wrap-around educational experience provided by the Kura, and encompasses the best for the youth of Whangaruru in all facets of secondary education.

The Kura will use both the New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa – the Māori-medium curriculum. Students will learn in both English and Māori, giving them a better opportunity to understand tikanga and Te Reo, coupled with core skills such as literacy and numeracy.

Vision

To develop youth into courageous motivated learners who are supported to reach their potential in whichever positive pathway they choose.

Aims

Develop youth to be:

- successful academically through personal, educated choices that are based on their personalised learning journey;
- well rounded, academic, practically minded, confident students with a strong work ethic;
- confident through ability;
- fully educated, guided and supported in their infinite career options; and
- confident and connected in te reo me ngā tikanga o Ngātiwai and their personal histories.

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