



MACKENZIE COLLEGE

ARA O TE TIKA - THE PATHWAY TO WISDOM

Providing A Rich Learning Environment For Our Students

Built On A Foundation Of Excellence And Care

The College Of Choice



What we offer

High academic achievement:

Our NCEA results are consistently well above the national and regional averages.

Celebration of success:

We take every opportunity to recognise and celebrate the success of all our students, encouraging them to respect their learning opportunities and drive them towards their personal standards of excellence.

A personalised learning approach:

Our small size and committed staff enable us to know each student well and tailor the learning to suit their individual needs.

A safe supportive learning environment:

Family-like and friendly, with supportive relationships between teachers and students promoting positive relationships between students.

An innovative curriculum:

We take advantage of our local environment and provide a wide range of unique educational experiences including three-day learning events.

Strong partnership with whanau (family):

We know the value of our supportive community and promote a close relationship and open communication with our school whanau.

A wide range of co-curricular opportunities:

Our students have access to diverse sporting and cultural opportunities; many of them learn to play a musical instrument and we have a number of students who achieve well at a national level in a wide range of sports.

An emphasis on strong values & character:

At Mackenzie College the key values of respect, commitment and excellence permeate through everything we do.



Our Vision

'Mackenzie College provides a unique and rich learning environment for our students, built on a foundation of excellence and care: the college of choice'

Our Values

Respect

Commitment

Excellence

Kia ora koutou katoa, Welcome to Mackenzie College

I am proud to be part of a college that has developed and maintained an enviable reputation as a school that provides a high quality and well-rounded education for our young people.

At Mackenzie College we are committed to ensuring our students have every opportunity to reach their academic, social and physical potential and that they are well equipped to meet the challenges they face as members of the increasingly changing world in which we live.

We are an extremely well equipped school with modern learning environments that are the envy of larger schools. At the same time, we take every opportunity to make the most of our setting within an area of outstanding natural beauty.

We are proud of our students and the service we offer our community. As a small, rural, family-centred school we help develop exceptional young men and women who achieve outstanding success not only at school but also in the world beyond Mackenzie College.

I invite you to contact me to find out more about our wonderful school.

Jason Reid

Principal



Pastoral Care at Mackenzie College

We pride ourselves on the caring environment that exists here at Mackenzie College. Students achieve best within a safe supportive environment from which they can be challenged to reach their potential.



At Mackenzie College we have:

- A vertical form system that allows senior students to mentor and encourage juniors;
- A form teacher who monitors the academic and pastoral progress of the students;
- A well established house system.

Houses participate in a range of friendly competitions and help foster leadership and belonging in our students. A dean for each house is responsible for the overall care of each individual student.

The school rules are simple: Learning happens in our classroom because we show respect for people, school and personal property.

Leadership at Mackenzie College

One of the skills for life that we focus on developing within our students is leadership. We have a range of leadership experiences available to all students from the moment they enter the college. Students vote for Leadership Captains (Sport, Service, Magazine, Environment, Art & Culture), Head Students, House Leaders, BOT Reps and School Council members. These students are given specific responsibilities to lead the school community. Other leadership opportunities include young leaders days and senior leadership camps, in which all senior students participate. Within all that we do at Mackenzie College we look for opportunities to enhance our students' leadership capabilities.



Learning at Mackenzie College

We believe every student is capable of learning and achieving success. Learning at Mackenzie College is not confined to the classroom but is enhanced by engaging with our local and global community. We offer a wide and diverse range of learning opportunities aimed at not only developing content knowledge but more importantly teaching students how to learn so that they can meet the challenges that they will face on leaving school and entering an ever-changing world.

Curriculum for Years 7 & 8

All students learn in composite classes that contain both year 7 and 8 students. The curriculum is diverse and exciting with a strong literacy and numeracy foundation enabling students to fully engage with learning as they move through the school. Students are taught by subject specialists in subject specific rooms, which contributes to impressive achievement. Students at year 8 work towards achieving our Te Ara Award. This is awarded to students who achieve criteria across the four categories of effort, goal setting, self management and participation in school events.

Curriculum for Years 9 & 10

Students are taught within their respective year groups although there is the opportunity to accelerate students if it is in their best interest. All subjects remain compulsory, allowing a greater breadth of learning before subject specialisation, which occurs from year 11 onwards.

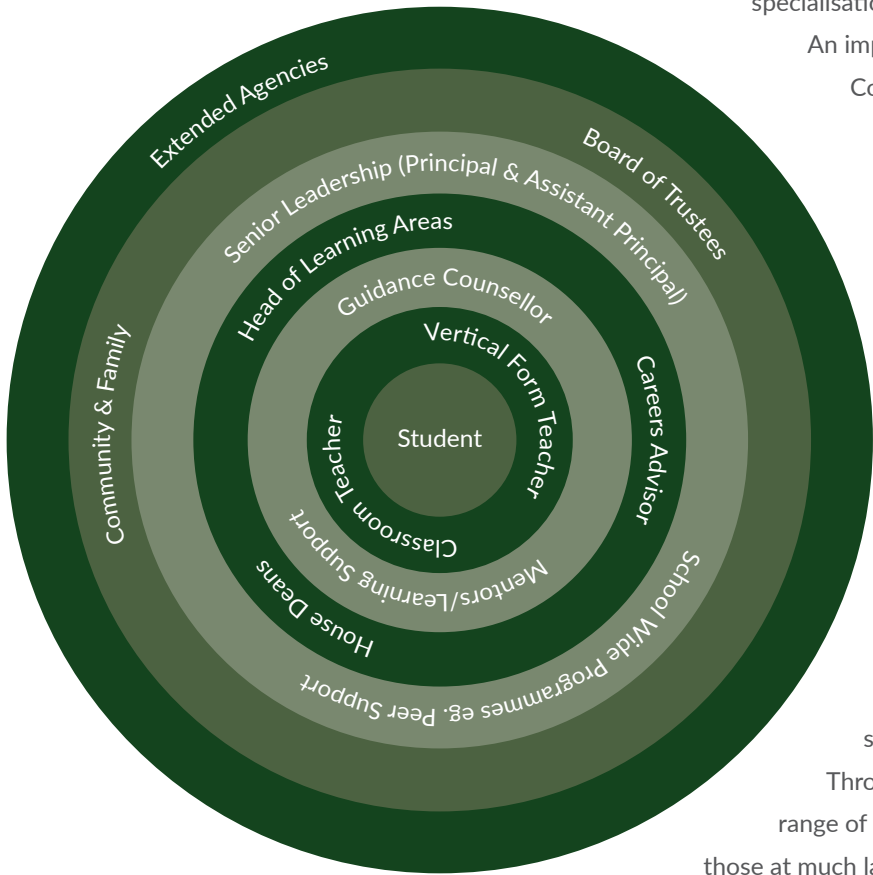
An important focus at this level is our Mackenzie College Diploma. To achieve this students must meet set criteria across academic, sporting, cultural and service strands.

Curriculum for Years 11 - 13

Mackenzie College has a history of outstanding success in National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) assessments. Students can choose from a range of subjects which incorporate a mixture of internal and external assessments.

There is a wide range of pathways available from academic university focused study to more 'hands on' practical courses.

Through distance learning and digital learning the range of options open to students is comparable to those at much larger schools.



Celebrating Success

At Mackenzie College we take every opportunity to acknowledge the achievement of our students. Effort and Excellence Awards are a regular part of school life and whether it is for outstanding effort, excellent academic achievement, or sporting and cultural success, student performance is celebrated as a whole school.



Learning Support & Enhancement

At Mackenzie College we recognise that all students are at different levels of achievement and learn at different rates. With this in mind we cater for these differences not only within the classroom but also through having a highly effective Learning Support and Gifted and Talented Programme. This ensures students are all able to learn at their point of challenge thus maximising their engagement and learning.





Education Outside the Classroom

A wide range of learning opportunities outside the classroom enhances the learning experience for our students at all levels. These include camps for all students in years 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13. Some of these camps take advantage of our fantastic local environment while others allow students to experience activities set in areas further afield. The learning from these camps links strongly to in-class learning.

Three-day learning events provide students with practical learning experiences that help them foster self-management, leadership and problem-solving skills within a team environment.

Activities range from computer coding and film making to snow sports and mountain bike trails.

Extra & Co-Curricular Activities

Our participation rates in sport are among the highest in the Aoraki region. We cater for a wide range of sporting interests and our students perform exceptionally well at regional and national level in a number of sports. We have a strong performing arts programme with approximately 30% of our students involved in music tuition. As confidence and ability improve, our students are given opportunities to perform to the wider school and community and at regional events such as our Young Performers Concert, Lipsync Competition and Bi-Annual Production.



College Links with Parents

At Mackenzie College we see communication with families as a key factor in the success of our students. We provide reports three times each year and also have three parent evenings for year 11-13 students and two evenings for year 7-10 students. There are a number of other opportunities to meet with staff and these are outlined in the fortnightly newsletter which is sent home with students and also available through the school website. Our student portal allows students & parents access to a wide range of information including daily notices, upcoming events and student effort information. Contact with form teachers, deans or senior management including the principal is welcomed.

For latest news and details about school procedures please contact the school office or refer to our website.





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