

## Camps

Every student, from Y1 – Y13 is given opportunities to go on overnight camps. These range from bush to beach to Auckland City. Camps are for 1 to 5 nights' duration. Students have a wonderful time learning new skills, experiencing new environments and getting to know each other better.

## Country Day

Each spring brings the celebration of the school's annual Country Day, with many students from all year levels, participating in a range of activities. While the focus is on livestock competitions, students also have the opportunity to enter baking, craft and floral events.

## Vocational Primary Industries Course

**Vocational Primary Industries: Farming Course**  
In conjunction with Taratahi Farms, Year 12 students may choose a practical pathway to achieving Level 2 NCEA through the study of a wide range of rural based skills and necessary literacy requirements. This course has proved very successful and provides students with many future career opportunities. Please contact the school for further information.

Tauraroa Area School is located 20km southwest of Whangarei, near Maungakarama, on the corner of Tauraroa and Omana Roads. Bus transport is available, including service from Whangarei city.



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## Cornerstone Values

Tauraroa Area School is accredited as a Cornerstone Values school – the first school in Northland and the first Area School in NZ to gain this honour. Through this approach to learning, one value per term is highlighted and promoted throughout the school. The Cornerstone Values are – kindness, consideration for others, honesty, respect, compassion, duty, obedience and responsibility.

By clearly articulating and promoting these values, the school believes its students will be better equipped to deal with the complexity of life beyond the school gates and be contributing citizens in their communities.



## Open Day Thursday, 24th August

*The school warmly invites prospective students and their parents to attend the upcoming Open Day.*

Activities designed to give students a taste of what the school has to offer will run from 9:45am to 2:15pm. The day has been designed for students entering Year 7 or Year 9 in 2018. Please contact the school to register your student for the day. Prospective parents and students (of all year levels) are invited to the school's information evening at 5:30pm in the school library on the same day. This will be a chance to meet staff, discuss learning programmes and visit school facilities. Finger food will be served.

*2017 is proving to be another successful and enjoyable year for the staff and students of Tauraroa Area School*



Grant Burns  
Principal

The continued growth and success of Tauraroa Area School stems from the support every student is given to live up to the school's vision 'To be the best we can be.' With a roll of 540 Year 1-13 students, the school offers a wide range of high quality learning opportunities while, at the same time, retaining its strong rural character. Located 22km south-west of Whangarei, the school is within commuting distance for students from the city as well as Maungatapere, Ruakaka and the Mid-Western areas. A large bus fleet

provides comprehensive transport options.

Area Schools give students and their families many advantages over the traditional primary-intermediate-secondary school model. Parents appreciate the convenience of having all of their children at one school. Families have very long associations

with the school as their children progress from 5 year old New Entrants to 18 year old graduates. Students are spared the disruption of changing schools at Years 7 and 9. Teachers get to know students and their families well, developing strong learning-focused relationships and a genuine sense of community.

Consistent success in senior students' NCEA and Scholarship results at Tauraroa is a result of solid foundations laid in the junior years of the school, the commitment of staff and the benefit of smaller classes.

In addition to academic success, the school is well known for its friendly, inclusive culture, varied learning opportunities and high quality sporting and performing arts. A strong emphasis on positive values saw the school awarded a 'NZ School of Character' award in 2013.

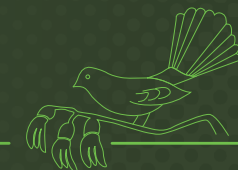
In recent years, a \$5m upgrade of buildings and facilities has seen the school campus become a 'state of the art' learning facility for students at all levels. Prospective students and their parents are strongly encouraged to take the chance to see for themselves what this beautiful, rural school has to offer.

Students at all year levels have opportunities to attend school camps. Many secondary age students are enjoying the challenge of the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award Scheme, with more than 40 working towards the various levels of the award. The programme fits perfectly with the school's emphasis on Cornerstone Values, involving students in expeditions, community service and developing skills.

School principal, Grant Burns, hopes that parents will take the time to see what TAS has to offer before enrolling their children at school for 2018. "Our school structure, rural identity, great campus, high performance and caring environment make this the right choice for many families," says Mr Burns.







## Alexander Grbavac

Year Group: 13  
Time at TAS: 2011 - 2017  
Fav Subject: **Drama**  
Achievements at TAS: **Head Boy, Winner of Tai Tokerau Shakespeare Competition, NCEA Level 2 Merit endorsed, Top Drama Student Award and Citizenship Award**  
Outside School Interests: **Theatre - cast member in MAMMA MIA and Addams Family, enjoys volunteering in community**

*"With smaller class sizes, you develop really strong relationships with your teachers and they are able to adjust courses to fit your personal interests. This helps with learning as well as increasing enjoyment in class."*



## LJ Yearbury - Murphy

Year Group: 12  
Time at TAS: 2014 - 2017  
Fav Subject: **Drama, English**  
Achievements at TAS: **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, Winner of Tai Tokerau Shakespeare Competition, NCEA Level 1 Merit endorsed, NZ Area Schools Rep. for golf**  
Outside school interests: **Theatre - cast member in MAMMA MIA, and Addams Family**

*"You have real opportunity to make a big impact on what happens daily at school. As a student your voice is heard."*



## Kohine Taylor

Year Group: 13  
Time at TAS: 2013 - 2017  
Fav Subject: **Physical Education**  
Achievements at TAS: **Head Girl, NZ Area Schools Rep. for volleyball and netball.**  
Outside school interests: **singing, friends and family, playing sports**

*"TAS is where you want to be. The teachers are very supportive and make school enjoyable. They help you to achieve to your highest ability. Everyone is friendly."*



## Chiquela Blomfield

Year Group: 11  
Time at TAS: 2015 - 2017  
Fav Subject: **Science**  
Achievements at TAS: **Year 10 Academic Excellence and Middle School DUX, member of Kapa Haka and Student Council**  
Outside school interests: **drawing, writing stories, listening to music, learning about the human body**

*"Being an Area School, there is a range of ages from 5 years old to 18. This makes it a special place to be, especially during school sporting and cultural events."*



## Ashley Mansell

Year Group: 7  
Time at TAS: 2012 - 2017  
Fav Subject: **Music**  
Achievements at TAS: **Outstanding Junior Female Maori Student Award, Top Junior Female in Music Award, Supreme Soloist Award at National Concert Band Festival 2017, member of Kapa Haka, school jazz and concert bands.**  
Outside school interests: **hockey**

*"Each student is given opportunities to let their personality shine through and develop their talents. Opportunities like Kapa Haka, music, sports and leadership roles really allow us to discover our strengths."*



## Chad Pienaar

Year Group: 9  
Time at TAS: 2009 - 2017  
Fav Subject: **Maths, DVC and Physical Education**  
Achievements at TAS: **Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award 2016, 40 hour famine organiser, clarinet player in concert band, student council member, performance/event lighting manager**  
Outside school interests: **gaming, guitar**

*"It is a fantastic learning environment which is why I have stayed so long. The teachers get to know us really well and we are always given opportunities to get involved in school life."*



## Mr. Chris Jenkins

Teaching: **Science, Social Studies, Health**  
Outside interests: **Mountain biking, Duke of Edinburgh Club, surfing, surf life saving**

*"There's a real connection between the staff and students - there's no us and them situation. The quality of the staff is high class; the collegiality and professionalism shown by all staff is second to none."*

## What is an Area School?

An Area School is a state funded, rural, Year 1 to 13 school. This structure provides a number of advantages:

- The disruption of transitioning to intermediate and secondary is avoided
- Teachers get to know students and their families well over a long period of time
- Unique leadership and learning opportunities are available to students
- Siblings of a family can stay in the one school, even over a wide range of year levels

## Why choose Tauraroa Area School?

- Consistently excellent academic results
- Caring teachers
- Small classes
- Cornerstone values
- Opportunities in sport, music, drama, Duke of Edinburgh Award and more
- Outstanding facilities within a beautiful rural campus
- 'Seamless' Year 1 to 13 education

## Gateway

TAS students are enjoying work experience through the school's Gateway programme. Working in a range of industries as diverse as IT, farming, law, engineering, pest control and more, students are able to get a taste of what opportunities are available to them beyond school and gain NCEA credits. Feedback from employers is overwhelmingly positive about the work ethic and abilities displayed by Tauraroa students.

