



MOTUEKA HIGH SCHOOL

Prospectus



Welcome



Welcome to Motueka High School
A guide for intending parents and
students.

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa **Greetings and welcome to Motueka High School**

With approximately 640 students from a diverse range of nationalities and backgrounds, Motueka High School is a true community school that offers quality educational opportunities to local families and those of the surrounding districts. The students of Motueka High School enjoy continuing academic success through a varied and balanced curriculum, and excel across a broad range of regional and national arts and sporting events.

What makes Motueka High School special:

At Motueka High School there is a strong sense of community and school pride and our well-presented, attractive and litter-free surrounds is one of the first things that visitors to our school notice. In addition, the genuine concern and empathy shown for others is a reflection of the community's rural roots and ensures a safe, supportive learning environment for our students. The 'Breakfast Club' that offers free breakfast every school day and that operates using community and student volunteers and donations is a fantastic example of the caring nature of our school and community.

Motueka High School boasts a high number of notable academic successes in any one year, and these are celebrated regularly within the school through various awards and ceremonies. The community actively supports these successes, with weekly academic, sporting, cultural, musical and general citizenship achievements being made public through the local newspaper, and local businesses and individuals sponsoring generous contributions for end of year prize-giving. Not everyone will have published successes, so the general emphasis is for all students at Motueka High School to become well-rounded citizens who will contribute positively to our society.

There are many opportunities for leadership throughout Motueka High School, one of the most notable being the 'Whanau Class'. While all form classes at Motueka High School have a vertical form structure, the special nature of the Whanau Class provides an effective, supportive environment for all students who choose this option.

Our original and polished school productions and our nationally and internationally recognised outdoor education programmes are excellent example of the high standard of teaching and learning in the classroom that extends to a multitude of extra-curricular activities.

We look forward to welcoming you into our school.
Kia Kaha, Kia Uu.

Scott Haines
Principal, Motueka High School

Our Students



Michael Whinray - Student Council

"It was great coming to Motueka High because the small size makes this school friendly and the teachers really go out of their way to help you."

- Open and friendly students
- Active and involved
- Proud of their school and community
- Valuing leadership
- Diverse
- Supportive vertical form classes
- Close student/staff relationships



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Our Students

Our students are a diverse group: many are from rural backgrounds and there are strong German and Maori communities in the area. The warm climate and beautiful scenery attracts people who love the outdoors to our town. Our students pride themselves on their friendliness and are open and welcoming. Their ideas and contributions are valued and sought after. Leadership is fostered and there are wide ranging opportunities for all students to contribute and lead - from mentoring juniors in vertical form time to helping others through the Student Contact scheme.



Our Staff



Daniel Tideman

“The staff are very approachable and willing to help. I like how open minded and enthusiastic they are.”

The highest number of National Excellence in Teaching awards of any state secondary school in the country

Specialist teaching staff and committed support staff

A school that cares

Close student/staff relationships



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Our Staff

Our staff pride themselves in the knowledge that they know all of the students in our school, care about them as individuals and work hard to help and support them in achieving their goals.

Our staff provide a secure, co-operative and supportive environment for students that is underpinned by our human rights charter of Rights, Respect and Responsibilities.

Our staff are proud of the school, our students and their achievements. We expect our young men and women to work hard to achieve and make the most of the diverse range of opportunities offered by our school's academic, cultural and sporting programmes.



Achievements



Max Gessler - Dux for 2009

“Achieving is hard work but I enjoyed every moment of Year 13. To make life worth living, you must enjoy what you do.”

A broad curriculum based on student needs

We strive for excellence

Over \$80,000 worth of scholarships in the senior school

More awards for “Excellence in Teaching” than any other school in the country

A school culture that values rights, respect and responsibility

Leadership development programmes that nurture good citizenship

NCEA results better than comparable schools



Achievements

Our NCEA results are significantly above the national averages. We have some of the top students in the region in their given subjects. We offer a wide range of courses to cater for the needs of as many students as possible. Our former students are achieving at universities, polytechnics and in the work place. It is important to us that each student achieves and acquires the skills to be able to do what they want with their lives and to become good citizens.



Expectations



Scott Haines - Principal

“The Motueka High School environment is one in which rights, respect and responsibility is the common currency. All students are both encouraged and expected to achieve to their potential.”

Everyone has the right to learn and the responsibility to contribute to the learning of others

To bring credit to themselves, their families and Motueka High School

To become well-rounded citizens making a positive contribution to the community

To represent our school with pride

To be the best you can be



Expectations

Motueka High School is a student-centred place of learning. Our school community is respectful and supportive of each other and are expected to always act in a way that brings credit to themselves, their families and their High School. Our school has a unique and special set of beliefs and expectations - every staff member and every student has signed their commitment to the Human Rights Charter and the rights, respect and responsibilities that this involves. Motueka High School is a school where Restorative Practices are flourishing and there is an expectation of success and achievement for every student.



Learning



Olivia Cramond

“At Motueka High, students successes are celebrated and it is the confidence and knowledge learnt here that enables each student to be successful in whatever they choose to do.”

A dedicated team of teachers

Challenging programmes

Extension classes and multi level study

Gifted and talented programmes

“Rich learning” opportunities

Learner support

Special Needs “Base”

Literacy extension

Junior Graduation programme



Learning

The needs of our students are paramount when making decisions about curriculum and learning opportunities. We are a responsive and student centred school, able to implement programmes like our Rich Learning innovation. We endeavour to meet the identified needs of all students, whether they require a programme for gifted and talented students or literacy and numeracy extension and support. Our skilled teachers engage our students with stimulating and innovative programmes.



Arts & Culture



Alice Perks-Hoult

“The Arts are a great way to express ourselves. At Motueka High School we get many opportunities to extend our knowledge of the Arts.”

Wide variety of opportunities for participation offered in art, drama and music

High quality tuition offered in music

Originality is fostered and valued

Leadership opportunities in performances and productions

Community involvement in arts and cultural events

Extracurricular festival, exhibition and performance opportunities offered



Arts & Culture

In the Arts we foster independent learning and support student's individual aspirations for excellence in their chosen field. We tailor courses to student needs and encourage participation at all levels whether it be in kapahaka, visual arts, music or drama. Our annual school production caters for up to 100 students in various roles and has recently been original scripts written by staff in collaboration with students. Former students have succeeded in a wide range of Arts careers.



Sports



Kalida Hamilton

“I am looking forward to winning, representing the school, making new friends and being involved in team work.”

- High performance Programme
- Wide variety of sports offered
- High quality coaching
- Leadership opportunities
- Strong community involvement
- Sports Blues Awards
- Sport and recreation for all
- Fairplay School



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Sports

The calibre of coaching at Motueka High School means that our students are achieving regionally and nationally. In particular, our netball, touch and rugby teams have competed at national level and individual students have represented New Zealand internationally in athletics.

Our parents are committed supporters of sport and our Sports Blues Dinner demonstrates the depth of talent in our school.



Community



Anna Kate Goodall

“The fundraisers and the Music recitals give us an opportunity to give something back to our parents and community.”

- Service is valued
- Rights, respect and responsibility underpins the code of conduct
- Environmental awareness is a strength
- Parent focus groups contribute
- Strong inter-agency relationships exist
- Community Service Captains lead
- Peer mentoring / Student Contact schemes - our initiatives
- Te Whare Pora is our Student Support Centre



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Community

Our students have a great sense of connection with their community, through what they receive individually and as a group. Their willingness to give back is evident in the range of community activities, from music performances for senior citizens to fundraising for community events. Our Community Service Captains are busy encouraging everyone to get involved in more than 15 service groups active in the school.



*Photo by Alastair Paulin
Courtesy of Motueka-Golden Bay News*

Leadership



Dan Satherley

“What inspired me to become Head Boy was seeing other great role models and thinking, I want to do that. With the right attitude and hard work, you can achieve anything.”

Nurturing of leadership in junior school

Leadership development programmes in senior school

Strong Student Council

Peer tutoring

Student Contact scheme initiated at our school

Active Environment Group

Student representation and involvement

Opportunities for leadership in learning, arts, sport and community service



Leadership

There is a wide range of opportunities for students to make a difference and to demonstrate leadership. Leadership development is a major strength of this school and we actively nurture the potential in individuals. There are 20 designated Captains or Head Student roles in Year 13, and many more opportunities to lead and participate in other groups and forums that are open to all.



Student well being



Jon Anderson

“Motueka High School is a great and friendly place and I believe our smaller size to be a strength as it encourages a sense of community and friendliness.”

Our vertical forms provide a sense of family and strong support

Our “One-Stop-Shop” of support services is located at Te Whare Pora

Guidance and pastoral systems are strong and easily accessible

Skilled and committed professional counsellor, learning support teacher, social worker and truancy officer

Strong relationships with outside agencies and services

Students trained to help, mediate and mentor other students

Weekly clinics run by health professionals



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Student well being

It is important to us that all students and staff feel safe, valued, cared for and respected as individuals. Our smaller size means that we all know each other. We offer group guidance programmes on specific issues such as bullying prevention and anger management. We work extremely hard to ensure that there is a smooth transition from year 8 into year 9.

We encourage students to seek help for themselves and for others. Our vertical form teachers and Deans form close ties with students for the duration of their schooling. Enhancing resilience through connections with friends and adults and participation in healthy activities is important to us.



Facilities



Tegan Lamont

“Students at Motueka High School really care for the school and take pride in its environment.”

All the facilities of a bigger school, including:
Climbing wall, weights room, breakfast bar, solar-heated pool, senior common room

Large, attractive park-like grounds

Clean cared-for surroundings throughout

Attractive, well-maintained classrooms



Facilities

Our students are encouraged to enjoy their school environment and to display their talents in the form of murals, sculptures and paintings. They are regularly consulted about changes and upgrades, giving them a sense of ownership which is reflected in the high standard of care of the grounds and buildings.

The warm climate and beautiful scenery attracts people who love the outdoors to our town. Visitors to our school often comment on the lack of litter and the high standard of maintenance of buildings and grounds.



International



Valentina Ocker, Germany

“Every time someone asks how I am enjoying being at Motueka High School, all that I can tell them is - I’m in heaven!”

Outdoor Education -
National Parks close to
school

A large variety of subjects
to choose from

All classes are integrated
with New Zealand students

Strong support from the
International Dean and
Homestay Manager

Experience Maori culture
through the School’s Whanau
Class



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International

"You should choose Outdoor Ed - the local National Parks are so beautiful."

"I like that we can choose our subjects and there are so many to choose from."

"The whanau class is challenging but so worth it. Manu Korero, Noho Marae and Kapa Haka can only be experienced in New Zealand."

"I like very much the support of the International Dean and Homestay Manager plus the extra activities they organise."

"All the classes are integrated with kiwi students."



What makes Motueka High special



Keilamarita Pouri-Lane

"I love our attractive surroundings and all the opportunities and choices at Motueka High."

- Our strong sense of community and school pride
- We celebrate our academic successes as well as the well-rounded individual
- Our dedicated and skilled teachers
- Our original and polished school productions
- Our well presented, attractive and litter free surroundings
- Our rural community and fabulous, local environment



What makes Motueka High special

Our smaller size and our strong links with our community are among our strengths. We are located in a beautiful part of New Zealand which enhances our strong Outdoor Education programmes. Our students develop resilience and confidence through their connections with adults and older students who take a genuine and sustained interest in them. Our peer mentors/ Tuakana carry out their roles proudly and every year 13 student has a leadership role. Despite being smaller than urban schools, our opportunities are not limited and our staff and students achieve at high levels.



Opportunities



CORE SUBJECTS

English - Mathematics - Science
Social Sciences - Physical Education - Health

SUBJECT OPTIONS

Outdoor Education - Drama - Music - Visual Arts -
Te Reo Maori - French - German - Media Studies -
Tourism - History - Geography - Calculus - Statistics -
Physics - Chemistry - Biology - Horticulture - Adventure
Skills - Sports Performance - Engineering - Furniture
Making and Carpentry - Automotive - Graphics - Materials
Technology Fabric - Digital Technology - Food Technology
- Careers - Gateway - SPEC - Future Problem Solving -
Accounting - Young Enterprise Programme

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Rugby - Netball - Football - Kayaking - Golf - Mountain Biking -
Climbing - Fencing - Hockey - Basketball - Badminton - Athletics -
Bowls - Cricket - Equestrian Team - Sailing Team - Squash - Touch -
Waka Ama - Volleyball

School Production - Kapa Haka - Book Club - Chess - Jazz Band -
Talent Quest - Choir - Robotics - Theatre Sports

EnviroClub - Amnesty International - Student Contacts - World Vision
Group - Leadership Development - Ball Committee - Student Council -
Human Rights Group - SADD

Our Mission Statement

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