

Student Excellence



Academic

- NCEA Scholarships and Excellence Endorsements
- NCEA results above national averages
- Top in NZ ICAS Writing and Maths
- Top in NZ Scholarship History
- University academic scholarships
- Liggins Institute Junior Scientist Award
- NZ Debating team representatives



Sports

- National sports representatives: netball, cricket, underwater hockey, touch, sevens, ice hockey, athletics, triathlon, lawn bowls
- World, national and regional champions
- International tours for rugby and netball



Cultural

- Auckland Showdown award winner
- Regional Sheilah Winn Shakespeare award wins
- KBB music distinctions
- Kapa Haka and Siva Afi groups
- Toi Whakaari and Unitec performing arts scholarships



Community

- Youth MP representative
- Duke of Edinburgh Youth Leadership awards
- World Vision Leadership scholarships
- Environment leadership and participation
- Howick RSA ANZAC commemorative address
- Bi-annual Singapore cultural experience trip
- Cultural sister school partnerships

Alumni (former students)

TVNZ Europe correspondent, Black Cap, Silver Fern, award winning children's author, NZ Young Person of the Year, international choreographer, professional cyclist, University scholarship awardees, PHD and Masters graduates, and many, many more successful achievers.



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HOWICK COLLEGE

INSPIRING A COMMUNITY OF PASSIONATE LEARNERS

WHAKAMANAWAHIA TĒTEHI HAPORI
O NGĀ ĀKONGA HIHIRI

Community Update 2015

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Exciting.
Engaging.
Supportive.
Welcoming.



Dear members
of our community,

It gives me much pleasure to provide a snap shot of our continued progress as a school community. The college is in good shape and we continue to provide a learning environment that supports student happiness and success. Our staff are proud to work at Howick College and receive enormous professional satisfaction in watching young people develop into very able confident, and connected young men and women.



Mr I L Ropati, Principal

A growing school roll is evidence that we are fast becoming the school of first choice for our community. Currently we have 1895 students an increase of 6% since 2011. International student enrolments have also increased from an average of 45 to 75+ students over the last five years. We continue to diversify our curriculum to ensure we engage all of our learners in their desired career pathway and one of these pathways has been highlighted in this update. Our new school vision statement of **'Inspiring a community of passionate learners'** hopes to capture the essence of our purpose as educators where we recognise the influential nature of our roles as teachers and learners. This progress and passion is something we look forward to sharing with ERO later this year.

Thank you for your on-going support. Our recent open evening provided many families the opportunity to view the school and see for themselves the difference we are making for the young people of Howick. We look forward to welcoming you at our upcoming enrolment evenings.

Regards,

IVA ROPATI, PRINCIPAL



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NCEA Sustained Improvement

We challenge our students to aim high and support them to achieve their goals with mentoring sessions, close monitoring of results and by encouraging them to take responsibility for their learning. A high percentage of our Year 13 leavers go on to university and are well prepared for this level of study.

Howick College remains committed to raising student achievement with initiatives and support for Maori and Pasifika, Gifted and Talented, and special needs students.

- **Level 1:** Over the last five years, our L1 NCEA results have remained above the national average for all schools in NZ.
- **Level 2:** Over the last five years, our L2 NCEA results have shown sustained improvement each year to rates that are now well above similar decile 8-10 schools.
- **Level 3:** Over the last five years, our L3 NCEA participation results have remained similar to national averages for all schools in NZ.
- **University Entrance:** Over the last five years, our UE results have remained above national average for all schools in NZ.
- Literacy and Numeracy results are consistently above 95%.

Sport in Education

In 2013 Howick College was one of eight schools in New Zealand to participate in the Sport in Education Project, facilitated by Sport NZ and supported by the Ministry of Education.

The aim of the project is to provide a relevant and engaging pathway for students who are driven by their passion for sport. These students are supported not only in their sporting ambitions but also academically with their core classes (English, Maths, Science) using sport as a context for their learning. For example, students in the SIEP Sports Pathway group may investigate such things as sports nutrition in Science, speed and distance measurements in Maths and biographies of sporting heroes in English.

Students who have proven sporting ability are supported through the SIEP with extra PE classes aimed at improving performance.

The SIEP aims to:

- Raise academic achievement through engaging students in learning that is relevant
- Develop leadership by providing students with opportunities to coach, mentor and work with younger students
- Enhance our school values of commitment, courtesy and citizenship through sporting concepts of teamwork, fairplay and training
- Support those students who are on a pathway to a sporting career; either as a top sportsperson or within the sporting industry

Top Teachers

Our staff are extremely able professionals who want to be at Howick College and thrive on the professional learning and development they receive as teachers. They have an important role to play in fulfilling our mission of inspiring a community of passionate learners, and they rise to this challenge on a daily basis.

Several teachers have received awards for innovative teaching. Mr Steve Martin (Science), Ms Julia Breen (PE), Ms Ruby Huang (Science) and Mr Nathan Kerr (Social Studies) have all been acknowledged internationally as Microsoft Education Experts. These teachers, and others, share their ideas and passion with their peers. This collaboration encourages all our teachers to seek new and exciting methods for sharing knowledge, developing critical thinking and inspiring a passion for learning for all our students.

Equally impressive are the results achieved yearly by our Head of History: Mrs Sharyn Meffin. Scholarship level gains and subject excellence endorsements are a regular feature in the NCEA results achieved by Howick College History students. They also have a proven track record in topping History essay and speech competitions; the Howick ANZAC Day Commemorative speech has been delivered by a Howick College student for the last four years in a row.

Whether it is inside the classroom, on the sports field or on the stage, our teachers continue to give their best to support and inspire our students to achieve their potential.

Digital Learning

Howick College was the first school in New Zealand to have Ultra-fast Broadband wireless and fibre-optic cable installed throughout the campus. We are committed to providing our students with the most up-to-date technologies, resources and teaching methods to create for our students the best digital learning environment possible.

We are committed to adapting, in a measured way, to the changing environment where students have full access at all times to the digital world through a variety of devices. This year twenty five per cent of our Year 9 students bring their own computers to dedicated, digital core classes. Their teachers are trained in the new skills associated with effective use of computers as learning tools. These teachers are led by colleagues who are experts in digital learning, some of whom have been recognised as world leaders in this field. In 2016 most Year 9 students will use their own computers in digital learning classes and will progress through the school in a fully digital environment. Even now, students who are not in digital learning classes may still bring their own devices to use at their teachers' discretion.

The College is also committed to making use of new software tools as they become available. Through the current implementation of Schoology - cloud-based learning management software - we are providing a sophisticated, user-friendly platform to support both student learning and parental involvement.