

Annual Implementation Plan - 2025

Our Whakapapa provides our foundation:

Tamatea High School is named after the great explorer Tamatea Pōkai Whenua. He was a man with enormous curiosity and energy. He was known as Tamatea-pōkai-whenua-pōkai-moana (Tamatea who travelled over land, over sea) because he circumnavigated New Zealand. He also journeyed the full length of both of Aotearoa's main islands. Tamatea Pōkai Whenua was the father of Kahungunu, who is the ancestor of all who belong to the Ngāti Kahungunu iwi. Tamatea High School is located centrally in the Kahungunu rohe, in the suburb of Tamatea. The waiata 'Te Karoro' was written by Tamatea and it speaks of his fondness for Te Whanganui-a-Orotū, our inland harbour, and its bounteous food stores.

No Tamatea to matou moemoea.

Our Vision draws on Tamatea's legacy: E tipu e rea, ka tipu koe hei tangata Growing Good People for a Changing World. Ka whakatinanahia tātou i te Tiriti o Waitangi We strive to give practical effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Ko tō mātou whakatakanga

Our Mission, like Tamatea Pōkai Whenua, is the journey. In our kura:

- We actively build relationships with whānau and the wider hapori (community) to support our ākonga.
- We use cultural responsiveness, collaboration and creativity to maximise student learning.
- We develop the confidence, capabilities and citizenship of our ākonga to live a successful life in Te Ao Hurihuri (the ever-changing world).

Ka tū maia, tū whakahihi hoki i a tātou e haere ana.

We undertake our journey with enormous PRIDE.

Ngā Uara o te kura. Our Values:

Kia whakauru Participation - Having a go and doing our best.

Kia whai aroha Respect – Speaking nicely, caring for each other and the environment. Kia ngākau pono Integrity – Being honest and taking responsibility for what we say and do (even when no one is watching).

He kura kanorau Diversity – Include and accept everyone so we all feel safe.

Kia tū angitu Excellence – Setting challenging goals for ourselves and striving to achieve them.

He haerenga tühuratanga.

Just like Tamatea, we journey from our hapori into the world. We discover who we are meant to be along the way.

Ko te pae tawhiti. We set ourselves big challenges to conquer.

Te pae tata, whakamaua! We take on those challenges one step at a time!

Te Hapori o Tamatea We actively build relationships with families and the ākonga to support our ākonga.	Te Kura o Tamatea We use cultural responsiveness, collaboration and creativity to maximise student learning	Ki te Ao Hurihuri Develop the confidence, capabilities and citizenship of our ākonga to live a successful life.
Strengthen the connection between whānau, ākonga and kaimahi.	Create a shared pedagogical framework to support learning at Tamatea.	Improve student attendance
Strengthen positive school culture	Align our Junior Curriculum (focusing on Year 10) to ensure coherence with NCEA pathways and foundational skills developed in Year 9	Improve our ākonga's literacy and numeracy skills to attain Numeracy and Literacy co-requisite requirements "as soon as possible".
	Enhance the use of Assessment for Learning practices to inform teaching strategies and improve ākonga achievement outcomes across all learning areas.	



Action Key

Not Started

Actioned

Actioned and Ongoing

Action is Completed

Te Hapori o Tamatea We actively build relationships with families and the ākonga to support	our ākonga.								
Strengthen the connection between whānau, ākonga and kaimahi.									
Actions	Success Criteria	Lead	Act						
Establish a student focus group to gather timely feedback on their sense of belonging and wellbeing.	Focus group formed and initial baseline data gained	Pastoral Team	T1	T2	Т3	T4			
Increased whānau involvement in school activities	Improved attendance at whānau based events and positive feedback	All Staff	T1	T2	Т3	T4			
Increased connection between home and whānau group tutors.	Introducing oneself to whānau when new ākonga arrive	Whānau Group	T1	T2	ТЗ	T4			
	Timely contact regarding absences	Tutors	T1	T2	ТЗ	T4			
	Increased positive contact home in line with our PRIDE values		T1	T2	ТЗ	T4			
Strengthen positive school culture	Strengthen positive school culture								
Increased sense of belonging in Kura, House and Whānau group room.	Increase in student-led initiatives	Deans	T1	T2	ТЗ	T4			
	Improved feedback from student focus group		T1	T2	ТЗ	T4			
	Improved participation in school events e.g., House Sports.		T1	T2	ТЗ	T4			



Te Kura o Tamatea

We use cultural responsiveness, collaboration and creativity to maximise student learning

Annual Achievement Targets

At the end of Year 9

- 70% of our ākonga will be at or above the expected curriculum level for Reading, Writing and Mathematics. 4B-4A
 - Accelerate progress in Writing for 23% of our ākonga who are 3A or below 3 or more sublevels in Year 9.
 - Accelerate progress in Mathematics for 42% of our ākonga who are 3A or below 3 or more sublevels in Year 9.

NCEA

- 50% of our Yr 11 ākonga attain Level 1. (Target reflects a 20% improvement based on 2024 data)
- 65% of our Yr 12 ākonga attain level 2. (Target reflects a 10% improvement based on 2024 data)
- 65% of our Yr 13 ākonga attain level 3. (Maintain current achievement levels)

Create a shared	pedagogical framewo	ork to support learning	g at Tamatea

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Actions	Success Criteria	Lead	Acti	on Sta	Status		
The Senior Leadership team collaboratively develop a pedagogical framework about learning at Tamatea as a starting point for staff-wide collaboration.	Create a document outlining the Senior Leadership Team's shared beliefs about learning at Tamatea.	Senior Leadership Team	T1	T2	Т3	T4	
Staff Wānanga to collaboratively develop a pedagogical framework about learning at Tamatea	Teacher Only Day - Focused on developing shared beliefs about learning at Tamatea.	All Staff	T1	T2	Т3	T4	
Align our Junior Curriculum (focusing on Year 10) to en	sure coherence with NCEA pathways and foundational skills developed in Year 9						
Year 10 - Curriculum Stocktake	Conduct a review and evaluation of Year 10 Curriculum.		T1	T2	Т3	T4	
Create a Year 10 school-wide curriculum framework that is cohesive, building upon skills developed at Year 9 and back mapped from NCEA Level 1 (Year 11) so our ākonga are well-prepared for achievement from NCEA Level 1 onwards.	The Year 10 school-wide curriculum will be planned at least one term in advance, with full implementation by the end of Term 1, 2026.	Heads of Department	T1	T2	Т3	T4	
Enhance the use of Assessment for Learning practices	to inform teaching strategies and improve student achievement outcomes across all learning areas.						
Assessment Schedule - Overview	E-asTTle and other assessment tools are systematically scheduled across Years 9 and 10 to ensure rigorous and accurate tracking of value-added progress (Reading, Writing and Maths) both within each year and across the two years of the Junior School.	Ngā Hautūtanga	T1	T2	Т3	T4	
	NCEA assessment calendar designed to track and monitor senior student progress (at least term by term), supporting achievement growth and enabling early intervention when necessary.	Heads of Department	T1	T2	Т3	T4	
Data-driven conversations, reflections, and action plans for	Each subject area will have at least one NCEA standard completed and moderated by Week 2 of Term 2 in 2025.	Heads of Department	T1	T2	Т3	T4	
improved teaching practice and student achievement in NCEA	Learning Areas are expected to actively monitor the NCEA progress of all ākonga in alignment with both school-wide targets and departmental goals. At the end of each term, every teacher will complete a review of standards achieved, including deliberate reflection on areas for improvement and the development of action plans. These plans should address strategies for future delivery of the standard or identify key learnings to be applied in the next term. This review process will be conducted consistently on a term-by-term basis to support ongoing improvement and student success.	Heads of Department	T1	T2	Т3	T4	
	Ngā Hautūtanga will provide mentoring through HOD meetings and one-on-one meetings with HODs, focusing on tracking cohort progress against NCEA targets. A more consistent, school-wide approach to tracking and intervention will be implemented to address areas of concern promptly.	Ngā Hautūtanga Heads of Department	T1				



Ki te Ao Hurihuri

Develop the confidence, capabilities and citizenship of our ākonga to live a successful life.

Annual Attendance Targets

Attendance

- Increase regular attendance each term compared to the previous year. For example, by comparing Term 1 in 2025 with Term 1 in 2024..
 Reduce unjustified absence codes each term compared to the previous year.

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Improve student attendance									
Actions	Success Criteria	Lead	Act	Action Status					
Whānau group tutor following up with whānau in regards to absences in a timely manner	Annual attendance targets are met or exceeded.	Whānau Group Tutors	T1	T2	Т3	T4			
Implement STAR Attendance Response		All Staff	T1						
Improve our ākonga's literacy and numeracy skills to attain Numeracy	and Literacy co-requisite requirements "as soon as possible".								
Implement explicit teaching of Numeracy and Literacy across our curriculum.	With guidance from the Mathematics and English departments, all Year 10 teachers will create, teach and evaluate one numeracy or literacy activity each term to further enhance the development of these skills in our Year 10 ākonga.	All staff teaching Year 10 classes.	T1	T2	Т3	T4			
Develop and implement an Individual Education Plan (IEP) for all Year 12 ākonga who did not achieve the Common Assessment Activities (CAAs) in Year 11, with a review and adjustment of each IEP at the end of every term based on student progress.	Achieve our Year 12 NCEA target of 65% of ākonga gaining NCEA Level 2.	Ngā Hautūtanga	T1	T2	Т3	T4			
Develop and implement an Individual Education Plan (IEP) for all Year 11 ākonga who do not achieve the first Alternative Pathways standard in Term 1, with a review and adjustment of each IEP at the end of every term based on student progress.	Achieve our Year 11 NCEA target of 50% of ākonga gaining NCEA Level 1.	Ngā Hautūtanga	T1	T2	Т3	T4			
Data-driven conversations, reflections, and action plans focused on Year 9 Homeroom Kaiako and ākonga.	We will use e-asTTle and other assessment data to identify and address the specific needs of our ākonga in both mathematics and writing. For mathematics, we aim to support ~50% achieving at levels 3P and 3A; for writing, ~46% at levels 3B, 3P, and 3A. Targeted plans and adjusted teaching practices will accelerate progress.	Ngā Hautūtanga	T1	T2	Т3	T4			