

Eke Te Pae Kahukura

Ascend the heights of excellence



Our learning spaces

We have a responsive learning environment, responding to the need of the ākonga-students at that moment. Our classroom design has both rooms of standard, time-honoured size and more open spaces for integration. We also have smaller rooms for students who learn best in reduced, very quiet environments, and bigger spaces for larger student gatherings.

We have this range because we know that there are times when learning can and should be opened up into larger spaces but equally, there are times for many students when this is a learning disaster. Our building design has flexibility for staff and students to respond to the many factors that contribute to learning success.

Of course buildings alone do not necessarily improve education. The relationship with the teacher - he tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata - and the personalisation of learning are the key for this. However, there is also no doubt that new, purpose-built buildings and spaces that arise from community values and priorities can contribute hugely to the student-teacher relationship and the personalisation of learning, and this is Te Aratai College.

Our cultural narrative

The name "Te Aratai" was gifted by Ngāi Tūāhuriri in June 2020. "Te Aratai" in English means Pathway to the Sea and links the school to Te Ihutai, the Avon-Heathcote Estuary. Te Ihutai was renowned for its abundance and variety of fish and shellfish which several nearby kāinga nohoanga (settlements) took advantage of. The estuary was the gateway to the vast comprehensive network of wetlands that once extended throughout the Canterbury region, with the Ōtākaro (Avon) and Ōpāwaho (Heathcote River) being the primary access routes. The "Te Aratai" name links our school to these routes and this significant mahinga kai (food gathering) area, which empower Ngāi Tahu tūrangawa. In this way our site, our physical spaces and our curriculum empower the hearts and minds of our students as they move through our kura. Te Aratai College: Pathway to the sea.



Tuapaepae
Reception

Ngā uara: Values

Our school uara are our way of being. They are our deeply held beliefs about what is important in the education of our ākonga. We aspire to encourage and practise our uara in everything we do, from our school philosophy through to our curriculum, classrooms and relationships. This can be expressed through the way our ākonga think, act and relate to each other.

Manaakitanga

Respecting our diversity of cultures and values

Compassion and empathy for others

Students' sharing and expression of culture is encouraged and valued

Whanaungatanga

Keeping interactions with others respectful and appropriate

Making everyone feel welcome and included

Positive relationships with all

Rangatiratanga

Believing in self

Upholding your mana and the mana of Te Aratai College

Turangawaewae

Be proud to be Te Aratai College

Treating Te Aratai College with respect in all ways

Connected to Te Aratai College - the environment and the people



Kia ora e te whānau. Nau mai haere mai ki Te Aratai College – Welcome to Te Aratai College.

Te Aratai College is a place where every learner is known and valued as an individual and where whānau-school relationships matter. From Linwood High School 1954 to Te Aratai College 2022, our school continues its proud history and we welcome whānau who wish to know more about our community's completely rebuilt and stunning school.

Te Aratai College is inspiring from the 650-seat theatre-standard auditorium to the sunny student centre and the student-friendly courtyards. Our design is for personalised student success and reflects the new name gifted to us by Ngāi Tūāhuriri, Te Aratai College, Pathway to the Sea.

Individuals learn best when who they are – language, culture, identity – is affirmed. Enhancing the mana and dignity of the individual is at the heart of Linwood College. Ekea te pae kahukura – Ascend to the heights of excellence. A pathwayed curriculum. This is Te Aratai College.

Richard Edmundson

Aukaha: our inclusive support programme

Aukaha is our inclusive support programme specifically for ākonga with ORS provision. We have provision for 16 ākonga with ORS provision and a dedicated area within the Te Whare Ako Learning Hub that is designed to support ākonga with a range of impairments. However, our focus as a school is on inclusion. Our ākonga with ORS provision are mainstreamed in the first instance with Aukaha providing a safe and supported environment for the classes and parts of the day that these ākonga find challenging. Each ākonga has an individual learning pathway or Learning Plan that is created collaboratively between ākonga, whānau, specialist providers, and staff.

2023 Te Aratai College enrolment applications are now being accepted.

Out of Zone Enrolments

Te Aratai College accepts out of zone students only if:

- they are applying for Aukaha, our inclusive support programme for students with ORS funding
- they are siblings of existing students

29 July - Applications for out of zone places close.

Te Aratai College Key Dates

Monday 3rd October - To help with our enrolment processes we would appreciate enrolments being completed and returned to kura either by post, hand delivered or email before this date.

Monday 7th November - All new 2023 enrolment interviews with whānau will begin.

Friday 28th October - Top Team event for all 2023 enrolled ākonga.

Thursday 17th November - Year 7 testing for 2023 enrolled ākonga.

Friday 18th November - Year 9 testing for 2023 enrolled ākonga.

