



William Colenso College - Te Kāreti o Wiremu Koroneho

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Quality Co-Education for Years 7-13 (Intermediate/Middle School and Senior School)

William Colenso College offers a wide range of learning opportunities tailored to meet the developmental needs of all individuals, both boys and girls. We pride ourselves on creating a learning environment in which student achievement comes first, supported by high quality teachers and modern resources. Where students are valued for who they are, and care is taken to build strong relationships, self-confidence and success.

Daniel Murfitt - Principal

Quality co-ed education on your doorstep

Preparing students in the twenty-first century demands an educational environment that is reflective of today's society. A spirit of co-operation and competition thrives in the co-educational system. A healthy learning atmosphere is created by boys and girls growing up together and learning together. Collaboration between boys and girls in the classroom helps develop confidence in students so that they feel comfortable sharing their ideas and opinions in any situation, and enables them to excel at university and beyond as leaders.

We are proud of our diverse student body that reflects both genders.

- Preparation for real-world experiences and situations
- Exposure to male and female role models
- Exposure to and preparation for different leadership styles
- Exposure to diverse values and lifestyles
- Encouragement of wide-ranging opinions and ideas
- Creation of a good learning and social environment in the classroom providing a rich academic experience
- Nurturing confidence in boys and girls
- A focus on each student's individual needs rather than specifically on gender.

Year 7-9 (Middle School)

- Based on homeroom situation, with a single significant teacher, the Middle School curriculum is developed around student need and student interest.
- The Technology course enables students to work with a variety of materials in a real learning environment (wood, food, plastics, jewellery, fabric, metal, concrete, electronics)
- Students experience Visual Art, Music, Media Studies, Dance, Maori Performing Arts, Drama and Languages
- We have a comprehensive Outdoor Education programme, supported by quality teachers, a Climbing wall, Abseiling platform and Kayaks.

Enhanced Learning Opportunities-Year 7 and 8 Digital Classrooms

William Colenso College embraces innovative learning with the digital learning classrooms at year 7 and 8, along with

Ultra Fast Broadband, the use of high quality i-Macs for Photography and Design, and wireless capability enabling students to utilise school laptops and their own devices to assist them in learning.

The digital classroom is a highly successful means to advance student learning at Year 7 and 8. Every student in the digital classroom has a netbook allocated for their personal use. Students are showing evidence of accelerated learning in Reading, Writing, Maths and other areas of the curriculum. The netbooks are used in a variety of ways to both engage students and advance their thinking through faster and broader access to information. Year 7 students apply to be part of the Year 7 Digital Classroom (with school provided netbooks).

Year 9 and 10 Enhanced Inquiry Class

In Year 9 and 10 we provide an "Extension Inquiry Learning" class. These classes are set up to extend students in an environment that focuses on the skills needed to become independent learners; they become 'problem posers and problem solvers'. With their involvement in deciding and planning what it is they need to find out, their questioning, investigation and extension of knowledge becomes real and relevant to them.

Our Outdoor Education and Arts (Drama, Dance, Music, Design, Photography, Art, Film) provide students with a large number of skills and attributes such as physical development, creativity, self-confidence, team work and time management. These are all important competencies which will help our young people face the challenges of the 21st century.

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Year 9 Scholarships

Up to fourteen \$1,000 scholarships are awarded each year to Year 9 students. Half of the scholarship (\$500) is awarded on entry into Year 9, and the final payment on completion of Year 13. There are eight academic, three arts and three sport scholarships. Application forms are available from the School Office or on our website.

Year 10

While studies remain student focused, the exposure to a larger number of teachers and classrooms increases at Year 10 in preparation for Senior School studies.

- Students continue with learning in core areas of English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Physical Education and Health
- Students are also offered opportunities to further experience Visual Art, Music, Dance, Drama, Maori Performing Arts, Te Reo Maori and Horticulture
- A wide range of Technology courses where students can work with a variety of materials
- Computer access is available for all students and use is encouraged
- Year 10 Outdoor Education programmes involve experiences in tramping, rock climbing, tubing, high ropes and adventure based learning activities.

Senior School Years 11, 12 and 13

The focus in the Senior School is to develop our students' talents and expand their horizons. This is achieved by providing opportunities to gain qualifications and experiences in a wide range of academic, cultural, sporting and leadership fields.

Students study NCEA courses at Level One, Two, Three and Scholarship. Courses are offered in traditional academic subjects and a wide range of career pathway fields. We also offer a comprehensive work experience programme, which opens up new pathways from school to the workforce.

In Year 13 we provide opportunities for our students to develop a greater degree of self responsibility and leadership. This is an important transition year, as students prepare for tertiary studies and the workforce. Year 13 students are permitted to wear tidy mufti.

International Student Programme

We have the largest international student programme in Hawkes Bay, with up to 40 international students from a wide range of countries in Europe and Asia. These students choose William Colenso College as their preferred choice of education in New Zealand. They also provide our own students with the experience of a diverse cultural environment on their doorstep.





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