

TŪ RANGATIRA 2026



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Kia tū Maia ki te ako
Kia tū Pakari te tamaiti
Kia tū ai te Rangatira





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Kia Tū Maia, Kia Tū Pakari, Kia Tū Rangatira

We are pleased to share with you Kaiti School's curriculum design for the Year 7-8 Bi-lingual Language pathway for 2026. The Year 7-8 programme continues the learning pathway that encompasses Kaiti School's Year 1-6 programmes and all that they offer, while preparing tamariki to develop as successful rangatahi moving forward to secondary level.

Tū Rangatira continues to have excellent attendance rates in the school. Our rangatahi want to be at kura, engagement in this programme is very high. Student relationships are positive and the classroom setting is balanced. The students have lots on involving special activities and education outside the classroom. Another really positive trend we are seeing is our students achieving at high levels when they move on to secondary schooling.

If you are looking for a consistent, safe, supportive learning environment for your growing adolescent where the teachers really do care about your child's growth and development, Tū Rangatira is the pathway for you.

Tū Rangatira.

Billie-Jean Potaka-Ayton

Tū Rangatira

Our Year 7-8s will stand as leaders, ready for the next step on their learning pathway. The Year 7-8 curriculum is about preparing the students for higher levels of learning and the transition from primary to secondary schooling. This curriculum focusses on building resilience in our rangatahi for this next step in their education.

Tū Whakapapa

Belonging - knowing our Turangawaewae, confident in our cultural identity. We invest time in extending our knowledge of whakapapa, where we come from, where we belong, our iwi, our hapu and our marae. Extending our knowledge of whakapapa through localised stories.

Tū Tangata, Tū Whenua

We all have a responsibility and role to ourselves, others and our communities. In the spirit of Te Tiriti o Waitangi we will foster the principles of partnership, participation and protection. Learning about and developing positive sustainable relationships with friends, kaiako, whānau and new people we may meet in our learning. Being connected to this community through social participation and community initiatives. Understanding the important connection to the whenua and Te Taiao and showing aroha for this. Indigenising our learning spaces and places.

Tū Mātauranga

Meet the Reading, Writing and Maths demands of The NZ Curriculum at Year 7-8 confidently and being within the expected learning range when we move forward to secondary school. Some key academic focus areas over the next two years will be: Valuing the place of talk in our daily lives, being a confident communicator in a variety of modes and in more than one language, working efficiently by ourselves and having confidence in our learning decisions, valuing collaboration with others, planning for success - ready to do the mahi to get there and bouncing back in our learning when facing life's challenges.

Tū Matihiko

This is our world today. Valuing and using digital technologies as part of our every day. Understanding how Digital Literacy is an important life skill and increasingly valuable to the economy and wider world. Using digital technologies safely online. Learning how to use Google Docs to collaborate safely. Being present - knowing when to be on technology and when to be in the real world. Students will have digital access across the curriculum however it is important to note that we do spend a lot of time off the devices as well throughout the day, teachers ensure a good balance, if we need to come off the chrome books we do. A lot of the programme is completed in workbooks too.





Mauri Tū Mauri Ora

Specialist programmes will feature often in the Tū Rangatira programme. Students will continue to be involved in daily physical activity and swimming lessons in summer. Traditional tech subjects such as Cooking and Visual Arts will also feature. We are very fortunate to have artist Jody Tupara on staff supporting the visual arts programme. Tōnui visits for Tū Rangatira to ensure our Rangatahi learn to be creators of content and not just passive users of digital technologies.

Te Reo Māori

E ngākau titikaha ana mātou ki Te Kura o Kaiti ki te whakapakari i ngā pukenga reo Māori. Ka ngana mātou te whāngai, te morimori i Te Reo Māori ki a mātou hotaka ako mā ngā pakiwaitara, ngā kōrero tuku iho o ngā mātua tīpuna, ōtirā, mā te whēako ki ngā kaupapa huhua pēnei i ngā pōhiri, ngā haerenga ā-marae me ngā paearu paetae kei roto i tō mātou marau ā-kura. Ko te whaingā nui kia pakari te tūāpapa o Te Reo Māori i mua i tō rātou wehenga ki te kura tuarua.

At Kaiti School, we are dedicated to enhancing our proficiency in Te reo Māori. We aim to offer our tamariki rich and genuine experiences through our localised curriculum and Tīpuna Māori. Our goal is to ensure they develop a strong foundation in Te reo Māori me ōna tikanga before advancing to secondary education.

Setting the standard

Year 7-8 students wear a uniform unique to these year levels. They are expected to be presented tidily and be positive role models for the rest of the students in the kura. The uniform consists of a Kaiti polo shirt and Kaiti labelled shorts and tarau. The tarau are black Canterbury pants. Year 7-8 have their own crew sweater and can also wear the AIMS jackets as part of their uniform. A school sports shirt is required for physical activity. All items will be available for purchase in the office the week before school starts. A price list will be available from the school office to give you an indication of uniform prices.

You're still part of the rest of us

We expect the same top standards of positive behaviour as we expect of the Year 1-6 students. Year 7-8 will continue to join in on all school-wide and class activities, and plan to spend some of their week working with the younger pupils in the school. There will be some aspects of learning that will be different to the rest of the school to ensure the Year 7-8s are developing those skills essential for progression to Year 9 and beyond.

Whānau make the difference!

Whānau are number 1 for us. We know how much it matters to our Kaiti kids for whānau to be involved in the learning. Whānau partnerships are a significant factor of success for Māori and Pacifica students. Being Year 7 doesn't mean that parents suddenly don't want to continue to be part of the picture. We promise to keep you updated and invited to all of our special events for the Year 7-8 students. The class will be keeping you informed as well through their class Facebook page.

What about sports?

Your child is not disadvantaged by attending a smaller Year 7-8 programme. In Summer, all students participate in swimming lessons with Comet. We offer a range of winter and summer sports teams for our rangatahi where students are involved in regular training and practices. If students demonstrate talent in a particular code, we will make sure that this talent is nurtured and that these students participate at a competitive level in their chosen codes. In 2024, students participated in the AIMS games in Tauranga for Hockey, Ripper Rugby, Netball and Basketball.

Travelling to other places

Tū Rangatira travel out on camp to Rotorua in term 4 spending a week experiencing and exploring the thermal city. There is also the AIMS event in Tauranga in September. In qualifying years, a large group of Tū Rangatira students will attend the Te Mana Kuratahi Kapahaka nationals to represent our kura.

Support students with learning

Students who require a little extra learning support do well in the Tū Rangatira environment. Knowing the kaiako, being comfortable in our surroundings, having a predictable learning routine and having that 1:1 support with our learning programme ensures positive progress for these students.

Transitioning to Secondary Schooling

Any transition can be an anxious time for both families and the students. We will be with you and your child every step of the way. We will set up visits to the secondary providers and inform you of transition hui for each of the secondary schools. Enrolments to secondary providers commence in term 3-4 the year before.





Kaiako who show manaakitanga

We have three amazing Kaiako in Tū Rangatira who have the passion, drive and love for this age group. Kōkā Sandy, Matua Puna and Kōkā Jody run a tight ship, there is no time to waste, we are here to learn and have fun.

20 is the magic number

Tū Rangatira is a special character Year 7-8 programme. We have high expectations of the 20 students, their whānau and ourselves. To ensure we can personalise the learning for every student who joins Tū Rangatira, we are accepting just 20 Year 7s for 2026. We know that a smaller group of students allows more opportunities to reach their potential, providing optimum conditions for developing successful rangatahi.

Register your child now

Please see the office staff to register your child.

Student Leaders, Pearl Rikirangi and Ngatake Poka...

Pearl and Ngatake have both attended Kaiti School for their entire schooling. When it comes to favourite subjects, Pearl enjoys tuhituhi (writing) because it allows her to express herself, while Ngatake prefers maths. Both have been active in a range of sports and activities: Pearl has participated in waka ama, netball, rugby 7s, cross country, and the Weetbix triathlon, while Ngatake has enjoyed basketball and kiorahi. They both take part in daily physical activities like gym sessions, running, and swimming, and have been involved in cultural events such as the Turanganui Kapa Haka Festival every year. Pearl also attended Te Mana Kuratahi in Nelson in 2023 and looks forward to nationals in 2025. Both have enjoyed experiences at Tonui and in STEMM activities.

When asked about their favourite teachers, Pearl finds it hard to choose, appreciating all her teachers, while Ngatake names Matua Puna for his humour and support. They both value the positive male role models at their kura.



Pearl Rikirangi

Ko te mihi tuatahi kia io matua kore, te timatanga me te whakamutunga o nga mea katoa, kia Ranginui e tu iho nei, heke iho kia Papatuanuku e takoto nei, tena korua. ki nga mate huhua kua wheturangitia haere haere moe mai ra, ki nga kanohi ora e hui hui mai, tena koutou, katoa.

Ka tu au ki runga I toku Maunga a Mauao titiro whakararo ki toku awa a Tauranga I reira ka u mai ki toku waka a Maatua tau atu ra ki te whare e tu mai ko Huria I reira ko nga uri o Ngai tamarawaho ko Ngati Ranginui toku iwi.

Entering Tū Rangatira was an exciting milestone for both, with Pearl feeling proud to follow her brother's footsteps and Ngatake feeling more mature. Now, Pearl feels lucky to be part of Tu Rangatira, enjoying the company of friends and familiar teachers, while Ngatake feels comfortable and supported by strong friendships.

Looking ahead to high school, both feel a mix of nerves and readiness. Pearl is unsure but determined to try her best, while Ngatake feels a bit nervous but confident in his ability to adapt.

Their advice to new students entering Tu Rangatira in 2026 is to be themselves, have fun, and make memories. Positive memories from Kaiti School include Pearl's year 6 prize giving and Ngatake's participation in the AIMS Games and basketball.

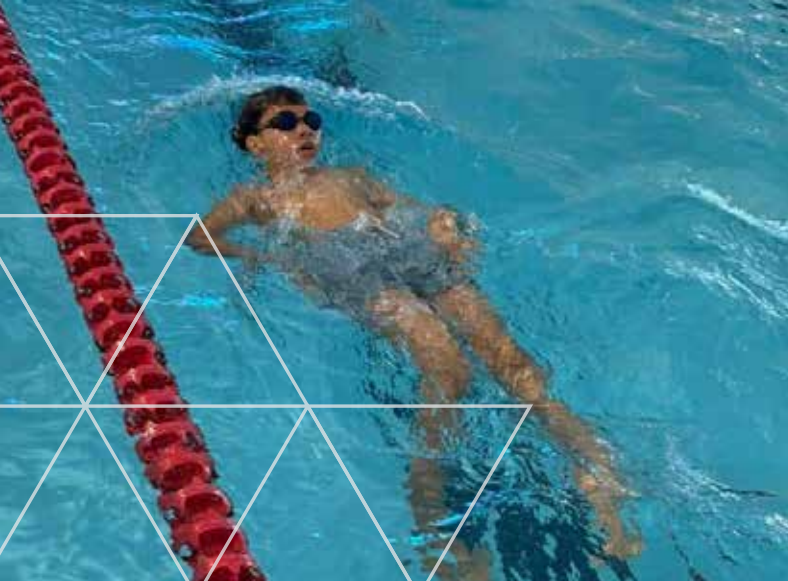
As leaders, they strive to embody the Kaiti School values: being brave, strong, and leaders, always aiming to set a good example for younger students. They also appreciate the new uniforms, which help them stand out and feel proud.



Ngatake Poka

Ko Mauao toku maunga, ko Tauranga toku moana, Ko Mataatua toku waka, Ko Kutaroa toku marae, ko ngai te rangi toku iwi









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