



KARAMU HIGH SCHOOL

Prospectus 2017



Knowledge is Strength
He Mana tō te Mātauranga

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL



Karamu High School is an excellent school. We offer the highest quality co-educational experience for our students. Teaching and learning is our core business with our academic results reflecting achievement success across the board.

In a dynamic and rapidly changing environment we are well positioned to be at the forefront of education. We believe that Karamu High School develops confident, positive and productive young men and women who are equipped with the skills required to succeed in tertiary education and employment.

Our classroom programmes are rich and engaging, these run alongside a large range of cultural, sporting and performance opportunities that allow every student access to an environment where they can participate and excel. We challenge and channel students to set high expectations for themselves and support them to achieve at the highest level.

Our teachers are committed professionals with a depth of knowledge and talent to educate young men and women in a well-resourced co-educational environment with first-class facilities. The teaching staff aim to challenge and nurture each student so that they have the opportunity to achieve their personal best in all fields of endeavour.

As a school we have a clear vision of where we are going and what we want to achieve. We would love you to join us in sharing this vision.

Michael Leitch
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Principal

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A WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES

We offer an excellent range of facilities and opportunities. All departments have clearly defined specialist areas to support the teaching and learning of their subject.

Purpose-built teaching spaces and outside areas provide an environment that is deliberately designed to draw individuals into learning.



FOCUSED ON ACHIEVEMENT



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of learning enable
students of all abilities to
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We have high expectations of our students' work and behaviour. We set clear targets for academic achievement, rewarding progress and diligence.

MODERN AND PROGRESSIVE

Our school is committed to teaching and learning in the 21st century. This will enable our students to be well prepared for life long learning.



*We encourage
our pupils to develop
good social and co-operative
skills and take pride in their
appearance. We stress the
importance of high
standards of behaviour
and attendance.*



Our students participate and compete in a wide range of co-curricular activities which develop their talents and skills

STIMULATING AND CREATIVE



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Area Leaders



Community Leaders



House Leaders





KEY DATES FOR ENROLMENT

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- Wednesday 30 March** Scholarship Applications open
- Wednesday 18 May** Karamu High School Open Evening 6.30pm
- Friday 20 May** Academic and Performing Arts Scholarship Applications close
- Saturday 21 May** Academic Scholarship Examination
- Friday 27 May** Enrolments close
- Saturday 28 May** Performing Art Scholarship Auditions
- Wednesday 1 June** Sports Scholarship Applications close
- Friday 3 June** Confirmation of enrolment by letter
- Friday 3 June** 2017 Scholarships announced



AIMS OF KARAMU HIGH SCHOOL

Karamu High School aims to create a welcoming and stimulating learning environment where we

- Celebrate success, promote a “can do” attitude and inspire pupils to achieve their best
- Support personal development, social responsibility and a sense of self worth
- Provide a challenging learning environment through innovative teaching and learning
- Provide a safe and supportive learning environment where students and staff are valued

We achieve this by

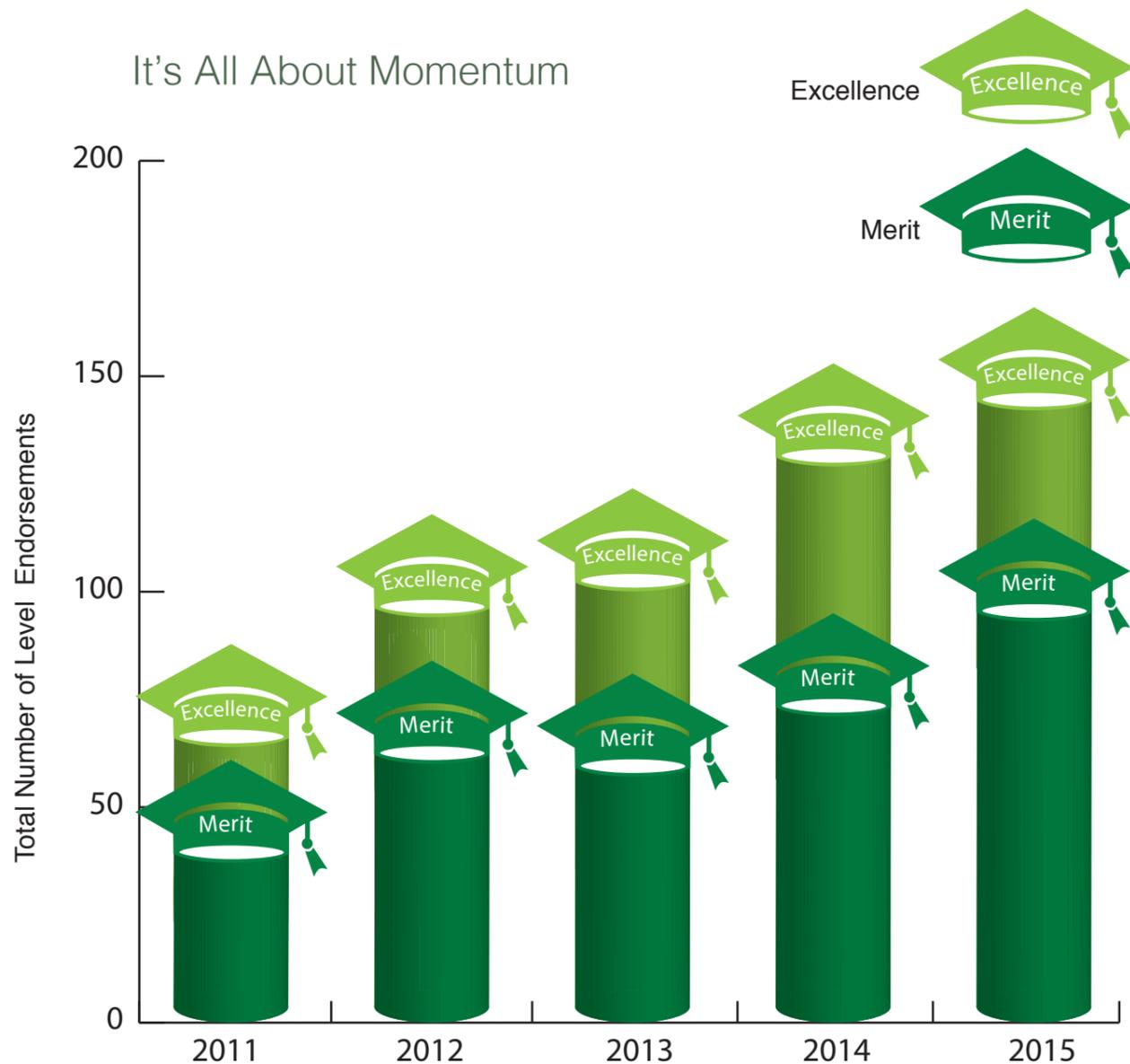
- Having a clear focus on teaching, learning and personal development
- Having high expectations and setting challenging and realistic goals
- Offering an accelerate programme from Year 9
- Offering a variety of learning pathways for our students
- Responding to the learning needs of individual students
- Providing a supportive pastoral care system
- Offering a curriculum with wide subject choice that caters for the needs and interests of the students
- Offering a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities in sport and cultural activities
- Providing feedback to students and parents on progress, attitudes and future options
- Responding to issues and concerns and working in partnership with parents
- Expecting our students to wear their uniform correctly and with pride



EVIDENCE OF OUR SUCCESS

- The increasing number of students gaining NCEA Merit or Excellence Level Endorsements over the last five years
- An upward trend in student achievement as measured by our NCEA results
- The high quality teaching and support staff who make an active contribution to the school
- The number of students involved in extra-curricular activities at school, Regional and National levels
- The number of students gaining academic, sporting and cultural achievements
- The new state of the art teaching facilities which are purpose built and fully equipped with modern technology for learning in the 21st Century
- The increasing use of a variety of technologies in our classrooms, being used by students, as part of their learning. This includes students own devices
- The increasing numbers of our students going to tertiary education
- Over the last three years Karamu High School has had two students each year, gain the prestigious Auckland University All Round Excellence Scholarship worth \$50,000 each

It's All About Momentum



SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

All students are encouraged to participate in sport at Karamu High School. We offer a wide range of sporting opportunities that cater to all levels.

Activities we offer include:

- Canoe Polo
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Clay Target Shooting
- Climbing Wall
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Cycling
- Equestrian
- Football
- Golf
- Hockey
- Ki o Rahi
- Netball
- Orienteering
- Rugby
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Touch
- Triathlon
- Volleyball
- Waka Ama
- Weight Training

There is a high level of student participation in extra-curricular activities.

Karamu has teams at varying skill levels entered in a wide range of inter-school competitions. Keen sportsmen and sportswomen from Karamu High School are achieving both Regional and National honours in a wide variety of sports.

Our Athletics Sports, Swimming Sports, Triathlons and house events are fun activities which emphasises participation but also provides championship events for the competitive athlete.





CURRICULUM AT YEAR 9

Year 9 Core Curriculum

Year 9 students will have a course that includes:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Physical Education & Health
- Oral Communication

Year 9 Option Subjects

Students study eight Option subjects of which at least two must come from the Arts subjects and at least two from the Technology subjects.

Languages

- Japanese
- Te Reo Maori

Arts Subjects

- Drama
- Dance
- Music or Music Extension
- Visual Art
- Media Studies

Business

- Business Studies

Technology Subjects

- Soft Materials
- Hard Materials
- Design and Visual Communication
- Food Technology
- Digital Technologies

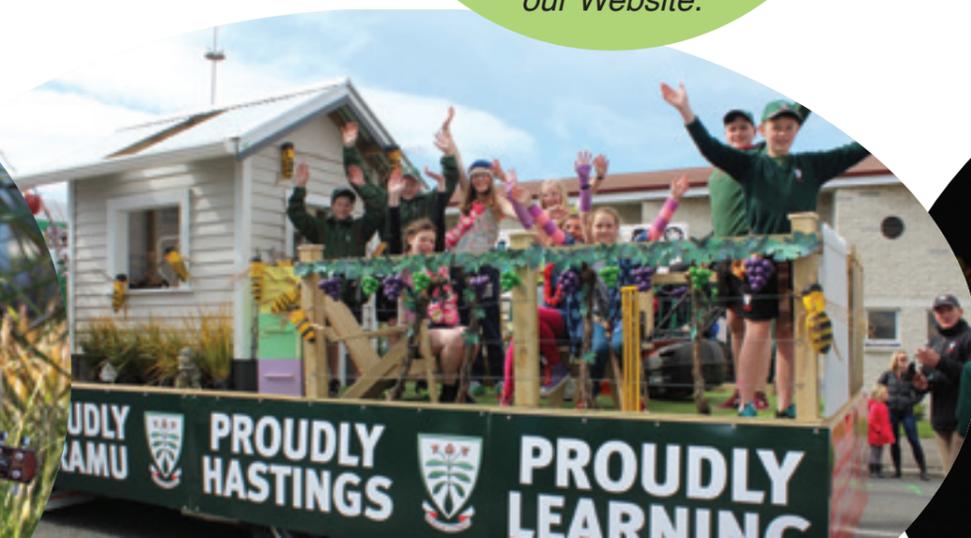
Students are encouraged to study either Japanese or Te Reo Maori.

You will be sent further information about subjects after enrolments are confirmed.

Our Year 9 subject booklet will be on our Website.

CURRICULUM

- Karamu High School offers extension programmes and national competitions to challenge the more able students
- Our Year 10 accelerate classes enters NCEA Level One in Science, Mathematics, English and Social Studies
- Year 9 and 10 students remain within the same class for their core subjects
- Karamu High School offers students a wide variety of subject choice in response to their needs and interests
- Senior students have the choice of multiple pathways of learning. The most appropriate pathway is provided for each student
- Classes are kept as small as possible in order to provide a high quality learning environment
- Karamu High School has teachers that are nationally recognised in their curriculum areas
- Up-to-date resources and technology are used in our teaching and learning areas
- Karamu High School has on-going professional development to enhance the use of e-learning
- Enhanced Learning classes are given extra learning assistance particularly in Literacy and Numeracy
- The effective interaction of assessment with teaching and learning helps raise students achievement
- The number of students achieving national qualifications is well above both the National mean and the mean of schools of comparable Decile rating at all levels of NCEA
- We expect our students to strive for Merit and Excellence Level and Course Endorsements in NCEA



CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Music

- **Choirs**
Compete annually in the "Big Sing". Trophy winner in 2015
- **Orchestra**
Caters for Junior and Senior musicians
- **Stage Band**
Performs at many school functions and in the local community
- **Rock Bands**
Regularly compete in the Rockquest Competition
- **Performing Arts Tour**
This occurs every second year around the North Island
- **Chamber Groups**
Compete every year in Hawke's Bay competitions

Music tuition is available in a full range of instruments including voice.

Stage Challenge

Karamu High School regularly competes in Stage Challenge. We have enjoyed considerable success in recent years. In 2013 we were placed second and in 2015 were crowned winners of the Hawke's Bay Stage Challenge Competition

Kapa Haka

The Kapa Haka group are involved in many important occasions on the school calendar and compete every year in the Regional Kapa Haka festival.



Drama

Students have a number of opportunities to be involved in Drama beyond the classroom.

These opportunities include school productions and festivals. The 2016 Major Production "Guys and Dolls" involved over 70 Year 9 to 13 students.

Dance

There are extra-curricular Dance groups available for both boys and girls. Karamu High School competes very successfully in Regional Competitions.

Debating

Inter-school debating is thriving at Karamu with a number of very strong Junior and Senior teams.

Illustrating this strength was the 2016 Hawkes Bay Regional Russell McVeagh Debating Competition. Karamu High School teams finished First and Second with a number of individual and team awards. Several of these students were named in the HB Regional Russell McVeagh Debating team.



PARENT VOICE

ERO REVIEW

My daughter loves school and is excited to be part of the Karamu team. She shows independence and drive and has not voiced any issues concerning school. She enjoys every day.

Thank you for supporting my son in his pathway in education. Special thanks to Mr Read, Mr Jamieson and Mr Wooster for taking the time to listen to our story and ensuring his start

My son enjoys attending school. Comes home happy so that makes me feel the school is doing a good job.

We have been very impressed with the school's presentation and the way staff interact with both students and parents. A big thank you from us.

I am really impressed so far with the school curriculum and the extras that are offered, ie music, guitar and sport.

At the Open Evening we were impressed with the options available and Karamu's use of technology and the open, easy to negotiate layout and so far our daughter is absolutely loving it.

I like the way the school embraces the 'whanau atmosphere' and actively encourage 'whanau participation and involvement' in the students' learning.

Thank you, my son has finally started to enjoy school and feels good about himself.

Multiple pathways of learning enable students of all abilities to experience success. There is an expectation that every student will be successful.

Students participate successfully in a range of cultural and sporting activities, both within school and as part of the community

A positive, student-centred tone contributed to the strong sense of belonging and pride that reflects the Proudly Karamu Vision.

Processes are in place to continue to build understanding and promote Maori succeeding as Maori.

Identifying and promoting student potential is prioritised.

Relational trust and effective participation at every level of the school community continues to be built.

Regular tracking and monitoring of students' progress in gaining credits for NCEA and in relation to their own goals during the year is a priority and is well developed.

Effective use of achievement information enables the school to make positive changes to learners' engagement, progress and achievement.

Inquiry and review for sustained improvement is maintained.

Student voice is valued and influences teaching approaches.

The school provides a range of opportunities for students to mentor and support others. Peers regularly work with each other to assist classroom learning.

Students are supported to accept responsibility, support their peers and actively participate in learning.

Student Leadership is promoted and supported.

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