



# KARAMŪ HIGH SCHOOL

## Prospectus



Knowledge is Strength  
He Mana tō te Mātauranga



# WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL



Karamū High School is an excellent school and we are proud of the reputation our students have in our community. That reputation is an authentic reflection of what goes on at Karamū.

Karamū High School's co-educational environment develops confident and well-adjusted adolescents who become successful members of society. Our students go on to succeed at a variety of tertiary institutions, as well as in trades and employment.

Students are inspired and encouraged to achieve personal success across the arts, sports and academia, which are promoted and celebrated. Our vision is to support students to be proudly Karamū, proudly Hastings and proudly Learning. This is based on the values of whanaungatanga, excellence, leadership, creativity, overcoming adversity, manaakitanga and embracing diversity.

I welcome you to join this vision and embrace our values by attending Karamū High School.

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*Tumuaki/Principal*



Proudly Karamū | Proudly Hastings | Proudly Learning

# MISSION STATEMENT

To provide opportunities that inspire learners to grow as positive members of our community

## VISION

Our school's vision comprises three components:-

**Proudly Karamū** Who we are and what we stand for

**Proudly Hastings** Active members of the community

**Proudly Learning** Aiming to "better our best"

## VALUES

Our vision, **Proudly Karamū, Proudly Hastings, Proudly Learning** provides a clear and concise set of outcomes for both our staff and students to aspire to.

Our vision, however is underpinned by a set of values which we as a community have identified as the key to fulfilling our vision.

The following are core values on which Karamū bases its day-to-day operations:-

### **Whanaungatanga**

– Positive Relationships, Collaboration, Respect, and School Pride

### **Excellence**

– Fulfilling Potential, Acceleration of Learning

### **Leadership**

– Initiative, Self-Management, Honesty, Integrity, Reliability

### **Creativity**

– Thinking Skills; Innovation, Imagination, Problem Solving, Academic Risk Taking

### **Overcoming Adversity**

– Perseverance, Resilience

### **Manaakitanga**

– Hospitality, Welcoming, Engaging

### **Embracing Diversity**

– Accepting Differences, Inclusive







# AIMS OF KARAMŪ HIGH SCHOOL

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

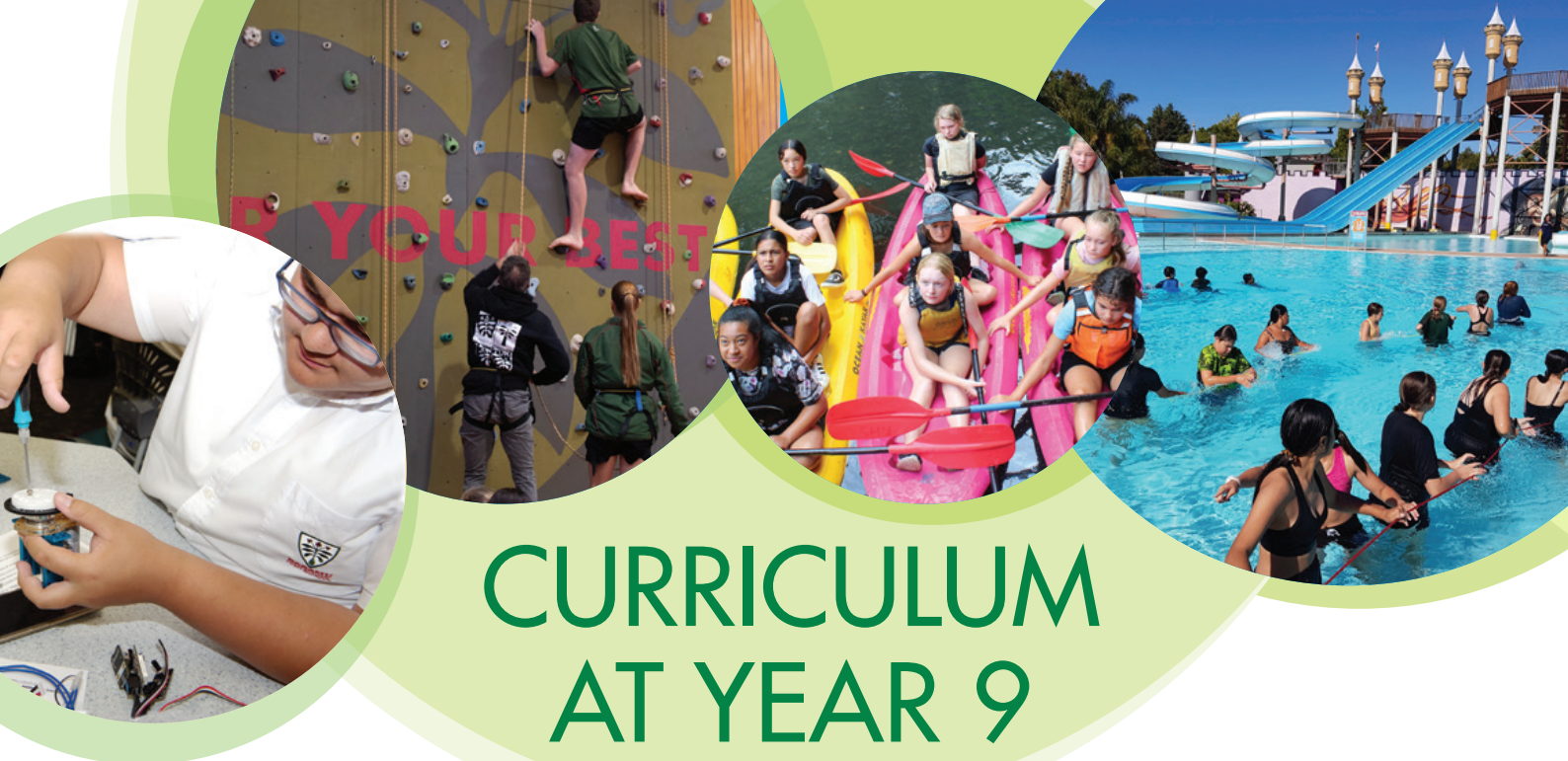
- Celebrate success, promote a “can do” attitude and inspire pupils to achieve their best
- Support personal development, social responsibility and a sense of self worth
- Provide a challenging learning environment through innovative teaching and learning
- Provide a safe and supportive learning environment 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 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 families
- Expecting our students to wear their uniform correctly and with pride







# CURRICULUM AT YEAR 9

## Year 9 Core Courses

Year 9 students will have a course that includes:

- English
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Physical Education & Health
- Digital Technology

## Year 9 Option Courses

Students study seven option courses

### Languages

- Japanese
- Te reo Māori
- Spanish

### Arts Subjects

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

### Business

- Business Studies

### Technology Subjects

- Fashion and Textile Design
- Product Design
- Design and Visual Communication
- Food Technology

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

*Our Year 9 course booklet will be on our Website.*







# CURRICULUM

- Karamū High School offers courses that are localised in context
- Year 9 and 10 students remain within the same class for their core subjects
- Karamū 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
- All students are expected to bring a laptop or Chromebook to engage in a blended learning digital model
- Up-to-date resources and technology are used in our teaching and learning areas
- Karamū High School has on-going professional development to enhance teaching capability
- 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 equity band 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”.
- **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**  
An opportunity to experience live performance
- **Chamber Groups**  
Compete every year in Hawke’s Bay competitions

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

## Kapa Haka

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

## Pasifika

Groups of Samoan, Cook Island & Tongan students perform at a variety of occasions.







## Drama

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

These opportunities include school productions and festivals. These major productions involve Year 9 to 13 students.

## Dance

There are extra-curricular dance groups available for all students. Karamū High School competes very successfully in regional competitions.



## Debating

Inter-school debating is thriving at Karamū with a number of very strong junior and senior teams.

Karamū High School competes annually in the Regional Debating Championships with a number of individual and team awards. From this competition Karamū has had a strong representation of students selected in the Hawke's Bay regional team to compete nationally.

## Other Activities

- Robotics
- Games club
- Dungeons and Dragons
- Chess





# SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

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

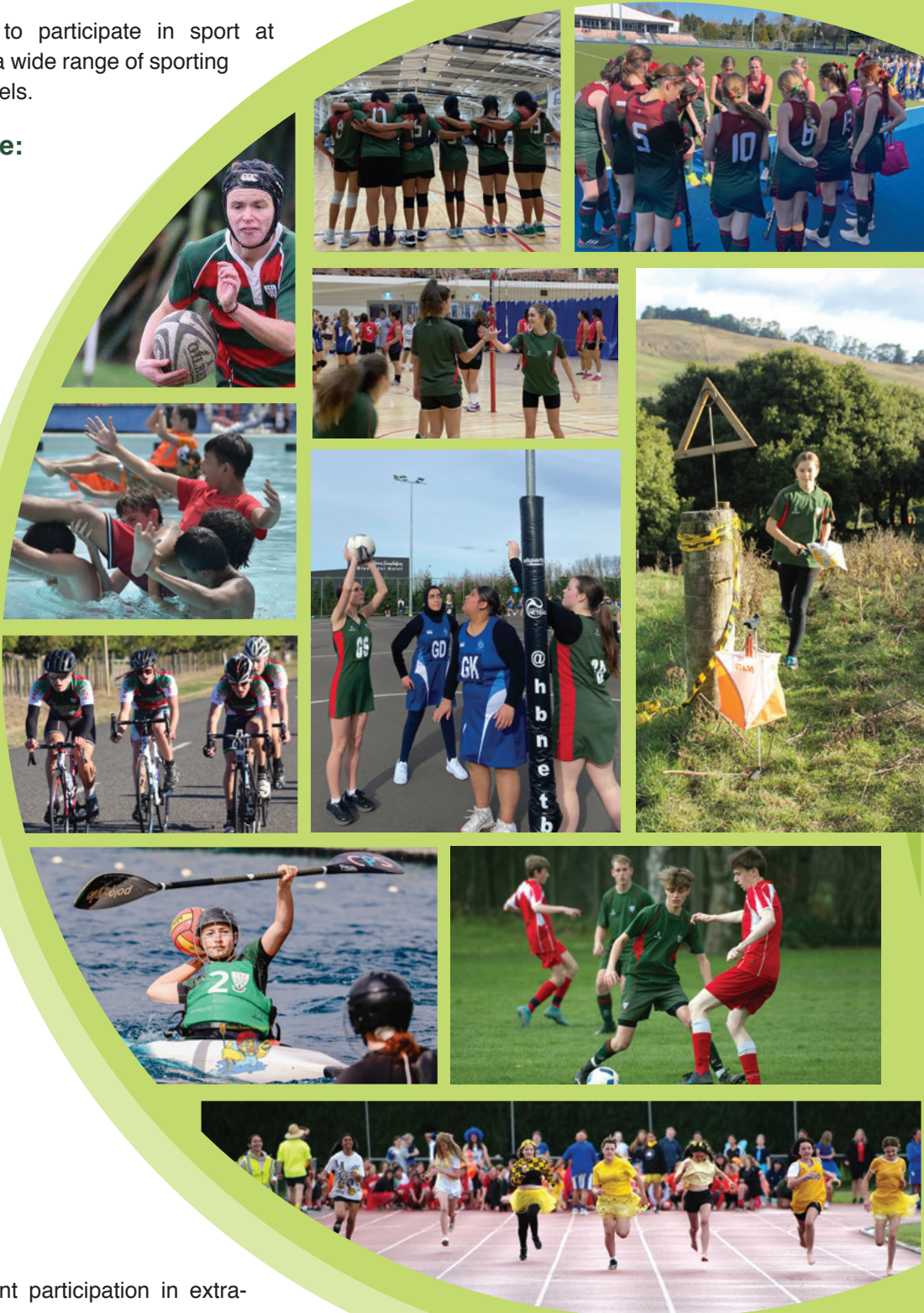
## Activities we offer include:

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Canoe Polo
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Cycling
- Equestrian
- Football
- Golf
- Hockey
- Ki o Rahi
- Mau Rakau
- Netball
- Orienteering
- Rugby
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Touch
- Triathlon
- Volleyball
- Waka Ama
- Water Polo
- Weight Training

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

Karamū has teams at varying skill levels entered in a wide range of inter-school competitions. Keen sports people from Karamū High School are achieving both regional and national honours in a wide variety of sports.

Our athletics sports, swimming sports, cross country and house events are fun activities which emphasise participation but also provide championship events for the competitive athlete.





# 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.*



# A WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES

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

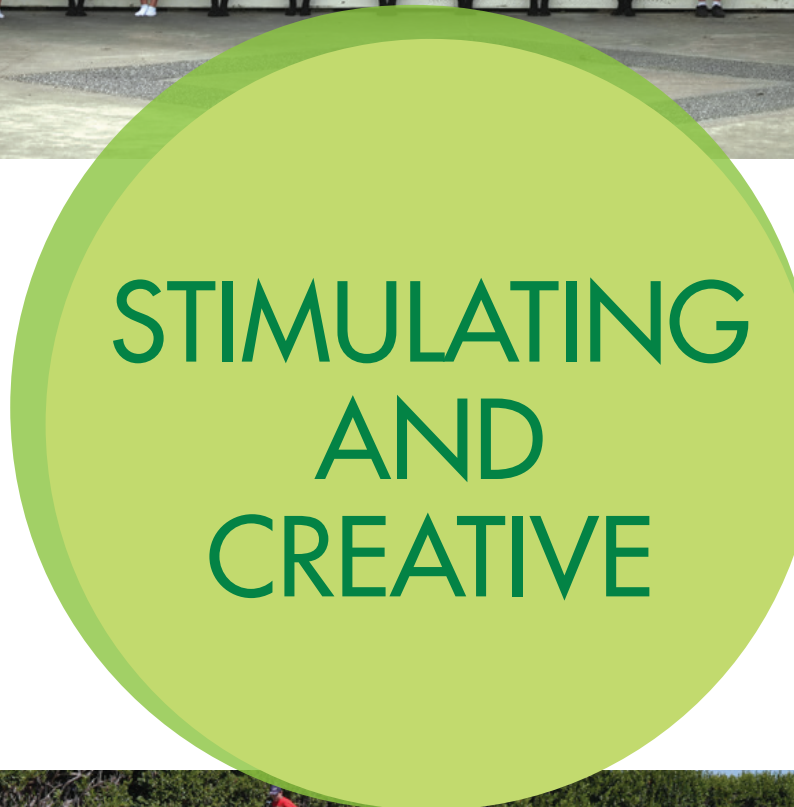
*Purpose-built teaching spaces and outside areas provide an environment that is deliberately designed to draw individuals into learning.*







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





# YEAR 9 PARENT VOICE

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

*Excellent support, excellent communication - very happy with our choice of school.*

*We are grateful for the life and support evident from the staff, particularly the Year 9 deans. We know our child is in good hands. Thank you for all the efforts you have made to make this transition as smooth as possible.*

*Our child loves school and always comes home having enjoyed her day, so there are certainly no complaints here. Very happy parents. Thank you.*

*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.*

*They have adapted into Karamū very well. He is loving his peers, is embracing his schooling and is looking forward to joining rugby and kapa haka.*

*Really happy with the level of support.*

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



*Great school wide connection. Teachers often make contact which is very much appreciated.*

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

*It has been wonderful seeing our child so excited to go to school each day.*

*Keep doing what you are doing - I've found Karamū to be supportive of both my children and our family - thank you.*

*We feel our son has settled in well within Karamū and finds he has a good rapport with his teacher and school mates.*

*I am very pleased with everything.  
Ngā mihi te kura o Karamū.*

*I absolutely applaud Karamū and the procedures that help my child feel included and that they fit in.  
Thank you.*

*Very happy with the first term so far. Really liked meeting the mentor and year 9 teachers for my child. It was really lovely.*

*Amazing school, so impressed. Communication is second to none. Environment is supportive and inclusive. Great work team.*

*Thank you for making her feel at home.*



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