

Principal's Message

Kia Ora, Talofa Lava, Malo e Lelei, Kia Orana, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Assalamu Alaikum, Namaste, Bula Vinaka, Ni Hao, and Greetings.



Welcome to Aorere College

Aorere College has been serving its local community for more than 50 years. Students are the heart of our school and they continue to enjoy success across the wide range of opportunities on offer, displaying pride and commitment.

A clear academic priority ensures that students are achieving to their potential in their learning programmes. Every student is expected to gain the qualifications that will allow them to progress into further learning after schooling – whether at university or with other tertiary providers.

To complement this academic focus, the school offers comprehensive programmes in the performing arts as well as sporting and cultural activities. Many students enjoy the opportunity to represent their school outside the classroom with a number going on to gain national recognition in their chosen area.

We provide a safe and caring environment to which our students want to belong. Our motto 'virtus caelum recludit' (Character opens the way to the heavens), reflects the overall goal of the college in building young men and women of character, aspiring to the greatest heights in their own achievement, yet still prepared to serve the wider community. The AO Way provides the base for student success.

Thank you for considering Aorere College as a school for your son or daughter. We look forward to working with your family as we grow the young men and women of Aorere into the future leaders of our community.

Gregory Pierce

BA Dip Tchg MEd Leadership (Hons)
Principal





Curriculum

Aorere College provides a broad curriculum at both junior and senior level, including an emphasis on the development of the essential skills of literacy and numeracy. Students have the opportunity to develop skills across the full range of learning areas including Technology, the Arts (Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts), Physical Education and Health, Languages, English, Mathematics, Science and Social Science.

Junior classes are generally mixed ability but there is opportunity for able students to work at an accelerated level. Supported learning classes are also provided for students working well below expected curriculum levels.

The senior curriculum provides a wider range of subjects which can be studied up to Level 3 NCEA and NZ Scholarship level in preparation for tertiary pathways. Students are encouraged to consider potential career pathways and there is the opportunity for students to specialise in particular pathways such as Performing Arts and Health Science in order to prepare fully for tertiary programmes.

Aorere College offers a range of innovative programmes in association with tertiary providers which provide for career pathways such as Construction, Mechanical Engineering, Plumbing, Hospitality and Catering and Early Childhood Education. These programmes allow students to study at tertiary level for one or two days a week while still at school completing Levels 2 and 3 NCEA.

Up to Date Facilities

Aorere College - a modern learning educational institution.

We have a fully wireless environment thanks to school-wide Wi-Fi and Internet access. Teachers are highly skilled practitioners in digital and modern learning classrooms. We are well-equipped to develop students' digital capabilities and competencies alongside the essential New Zealand Curriculum needs. In 2018 all students are required to use Chromebooks and/or laptops for learning purposes.





Outstanding Alumni

Gary TROUP

Ex Manukau Mayor, NZ Cricket Representative – Officer of the NZ Order of Merit

Keven MEALAMU

All Black from 2002 - 2015

Fiao'o FA'AMAUSILI

Member of the Black Ferns 2002 - present

Peni and Amitai PATI

Members of the Sol3 Mio, World Famous Opera Singing Group

Alan WATSON QSM

Professional Entertainer and Magician – Queens Service Medal

Dr Donna Rose ADDIS PhD

Associate Professor & Rutherford Discovery Fellow, School of Psychology & Centre for Brain Research, University of Auckland

Andrew PULLMAN (1963–2012) PhD Auck FRSNZ

Professor of Biomedical Engineering Auckland University

Hawaiian/Japanese International Cultural Exchanges

There will be an opportunity for students in Years 10-12 to apply for a cultural exchange scholarship. This reciprocal cultural exchange programme with Nanakuli High School in Hawaii successfully commenced in 2016 and in 2018 a similar programme will occur with Kasumigaura High School from Japan.

Year 9 Scholarships

Up to 7 scholarships are offered to incoming Year 9 students who excel in one of the following:

Academic, Sports, Culture, Leadership. These scholarships include a contribution towards curricular / co-curricular school uniform and an Acer Chromebook.





Co-curricular

Aorere College takes a holistic view of education, believing that in addition to striving for academic success, students should be given opportunities to develop their full potential outside formal classroom situations.

Co-curricular activities play an important role in the school. Students are encouraged to participate in the many sporting, cultural and performing arts activities on offer.

Sports

The school offers opportunities to participate and compete at the highest level in every major sport including: Athletics, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Kilikiti, Netball, Rugby, Rugby League, Softball, Soccer, Touch Rugby, Tennis, Volleyball and Waka Ama. Currently Rugby, Rugby League, and Netball compete in the Premier Auckland Secondary Schools senior competitions.

Cultural

We have a proud tradition of involvement in the ASB Maori and Pacific Island Cultural Festival. In recent years the school has been well represented in every major culture including Maori, Samoan, Tongan, Cook Island, Niuean and Indian.

Aorere College consistently enjoys success at both regional and national level across a range of co-curricular activities.

Performing Arts

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities offered:

- **Individual music tuition in:** voice, guitar, drums, woodwind, brass, piano and strings
- **Musical performance groups:** rock bands, concert band, barbershop quartets and choir
- **Dance and drama groups**
- **Film Academy**
- **School Productions**
- **Poetry Club**

