



HUKARERE GIRLS' COLLEGE

HANDBOOK



TE TUMUAKI

EVELYN LEEF - PRINCIPAL



As Tumuaiki of Hukarere Girls' College, I stand firmly for equity, high expectations, and the removal of barriers so that every kōhine has access to quality learning, meaningful opportunities, and the support she needs to succeed.

I believe that every young person deserves to be seen, known, valued, and supported. For our kōhine Māori, this means ensuring that their identity, whakapapa, culture, language, faith, and lived experiences are recognised as strengths.

Our role as a kura is to create the conditions where our kōhine can thrive academically, culturally, spiritually, socially, and personally.

At Hukarere, we are committed to empowering kōhine Māori to know who they are, where they come from, and what they are capable of. We want our kōhine to walk confidently in their identity, to stand proudly as Māori, to understand the legacy they are part of, and to believe deeply in their own potential.

Our kura has a powerful history, and our responsibility is to honour that legacy while preparing our kōhine for the future.

Our motto, Kia ū ki te Pai, reminds us to hold fast to what is good. It calls us to remain grounded in purpose, faith, service, and excellence. This motto is lived through our kura values of Manaakitanga, Kotahitanga, Whakapono, Tautoko, Aroha, and Whanaungatanga. These values shape how we care for one another, how we work together, how we lead, and how we support our kōhine to grow into confident, capable, and compassionate young wāhine.

I stand for high expectations because I believe in our kōhine. High expectations are not about pressure without support, they are about believing that our kōhine are capable of excellence and ensuring that we walk alongside them to help them get there. We want our kōhine to be challenged, to grow, to persevere, to learn from both success and failure, and to develop the confidence to keep striving.

At Hukarere, success is collective. We work together, support each other, and uplift one another. Our kaiako, whānau, Hostel, Board, Hāhi, and wider community all have an important part to play in the success of our kōhine. When we are united in purpose, grounded in our values, and focused on what matters most, our kōhine are better positioned to succeed.

It is a privilege to serve as Tumuaiki of Hukarere Girls' College. I am committed to continuing the mahi of strengthening our kura, removing barriers, opening doors, and ensuring our kōhine are empowered to thrive as confident, capable, faith-filled young wāhine Māori.

SPECIAL CHARACTER

HĀHI MIHINARE

Hukarere Girls' College is one of only two Mihinare, Māori Anglican, schools in the world. Our school exists within the life of Te Hāhi Mihinare, the Māori Anglican Church, and within the authority and mission of Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa. Our College operates as a state-integrated school, with its Special Character protected through an Integration Agreement between the Crown and the Proprietor.

Hukarere was founded in 1875 as a school for Māori girls and was incorporated within the authority of the Te Aute Trust by Act of Parliament in 1892. From our beginning on Mataruahou (Hospital Hill) in Napier, to our Esk Valley home which was destroyed in Cyclone Gabrielle, through to our location today in modern and prominent buildings in Havelock North. Hukarere has been a place where faith, identity, and learning are woven together. The school motto, Kia Ū Ki Te Pai, "Cleave to that which is good" comes from Romans 12:9 and has guided the kura across generations.

At all times our College operates so as to maintain and preserve our Special Character. Our tīpuna encountered the Gospel, recognised its truth, and drew it deeply into the life of their communities. At Hukarere, that inheritance shapes everything. Māori language, customs and traditions are central to the life of the school. Spiritual formation is fostered through Māori spiritual values and tikanga, and through a commitment to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Kōhine participate in the worshipping life of Te Hāhi Mihinare through daily karakia, regular chapel, and the Eucharist.

The Proprietor of the College is the Te Aute Trust Board, whose members are appointed by the General Synod of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. The Special Character of Hukarere is determined by the Trustees of Te Aute Trust Board jointly in Special Session with the Bishop of Aotearoa and the Bishop of Tai Rawhiti of Te Hāhi Mihinare.

Te Oranga Ake o te Iwi, o te Ao, the flourishing of life for the people and the world.





UNIFORM

EXPECTATIONS AND ACCOUNT DETAILS

At Hukarere Girls' College, we believe that how our kōhine present themselves speaks to the high standards, values, and deep sense of pride we nurture as a kura. Wearing the uniform with care and dignity is more than just school attire – it is a symbol of belonging, self-respect, and honour for the generations of Hukarere kōhine who have come before.

A polished appearance reflects our commitment to excellence and the shared responsibility we all have to uphold the mana of our kura. When kōhine wear their uniform with pride, they show respect for themselves, each other, and the legacy they are part of. This attention to presentation is one of the many ways we encourage our kōhine to step forward with confidence, strength, and grace in all aspects of their lives.

To make payments online to the school account:

Bank account details are ASB:

Hukarere Girls' College

12-3144-0294718-00

Please ensure you use your daughter's name as a reference.

Please read our uniform list. Uniform can only be purchased through the school office.

Please contact the office to order any uniform on info@hukarere.school.nz or (06) 8358511.

Prices are subject to change.

Number 1 Uniform

Blazer

Kilt

Long Sleeve Shirt

Short Sleeve Blouse

Red Vest

School Tie

Kilt Pins (To be purchased using the link here)

Number 2 Uniform

Grey Cardigan

Maroon Skirt

Beanie

Scarf

Winter Jacket

Sports Uniform

PE Shorts

PE T-Shirt

House T-Shirt

Tracksuit Jacket

Tracksuit Pants

SPORTS

HĀKINAKINA

At Hukarere Girls' College, sport is more than competition, it is an opportunity for our kōhine to develop confidence, determination, leadership, and lifelong skills while strengthening their hauora.

Sport is an important part of life at Hukarere and provides opportunities for all kōhine to participate, challenge themselves, build friendships, and represent our kura with pride. Whether participating socially, competitively, or at a high-performance level, every kōhine is encouraged to strive for excellence while supporting one another.

Code of Fair Play

At Hukarere Girls' College, how we play is just as important as the result. We expect all kōhine to:

- Play fairly and within the rules.
- Show respect to officials, coaches, teammates, and opponents.
- Display humility in victory and dignity in defeat.
- Encourage and support others.
- Take responsibility for their actions and behaviour.
- Represent Hukarere Girls' College positively at all times.

Our aim is to develop young Māori kōhine of character who uphold the values of our kura wherever they complete.

Kōhine Expectations

Representing Hukarere Girls' College is a privilege. Kōhine participating in sport are expected to:

- Attend school regularly and maintain high attendance.
- Commit fully to trainings, games, and team responsibilities
- Communicate promptly with coaches and staff regarding absences.
- Wear the correct sports uniform with pride.
- Uphold school expectations and standards of behaviour.
- Demonstrate respect, commitment, responsibility, and teamwork.
- Support their teammates and contribute positively to team culture.

These expectations help ensure a positive sporting experience for all kōhine and contribute to the success of our teams.

Sporting Opportunities

Kōhine may have the opportunity to participate in:

Summer: Touch Rugby, Athletics, Volleyball, Tennis, Cricket, Swimming, Waka Ama, Triathlon and Multi-sport Events, Regional and National Tournament opportunities.

Winter: Netball, Rugby, Basketball, Ki-o-Rahi, Regional and National Tournament opportunities.



DIGITAL LEARNING

INTERACTIVE LEARNING

At Hukarere Girls' College, every kōhine has access to a school device to support their learning.

Once kōhine have agreed to the school's Digital Citizenship and IT Use Policy, they are assigned a device for use during school hours.

These devices provide opportunities for kōhine to access learning resources, collaborate with others, develop digital skills, and engage with a wide range of learning experiences. Kōhine are expected to use technology responsibly and in a manner that reflects our school values.

PASTORAL CARE

SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

Kōhine wellbeing is at the heart of our kura. We use a tiered pastoral care system, underpinned by a restorative approach, to ensure every kōhine feels supported, valued, and connected.

Most day-to-day concerns are managed by kaiako, who work closely with kōhine to resolve issues and maintain positive learning environments. Where additional support is needed, kōhine may be referred to their Hāpai Ō kaiako, who provides ongoing guidance and pastoral support. More significant concerns are supported by our Pastoral Deputy Principal and/or Principal, ensuring kōhine and whānau receive the appropriate level of care.

We have a counsellor available two days a week for kōhine and/or kaiako to book appointments with, providing kōhine with the opportunity to confidentially discuss any personal, social, or emotional concerns.



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ENROLMENT PROCESS

At Hukarere Girls' College, we are constantly striving to create processes that are warm, welcoming and make communication with us as easy as possible for parents, kōhine, and whānau.

To make joining our kura simple and transparent, we have a three-step enrolment process that ensures you received a full picture of the education and care your kōhine will experience here.

STAGE 1 - PRE-ENROLMENT

- Complete the Pre-Enrolment Forms online on our school website www.hukarere.ac.nz
- Provide Supporting Documents
 - Birth Certificate.
 - The latest School Report.
 - Signed Enrolment Criteria Form.
 - A letter of reference regarding the kōhine affiliation with Hāhi Mihinare and their suitability to a Mihinare Māori College and/or boarding environment.
 - A letter from the kōhine stating why they wish to come to Hukarere Girls' College, what their expectations are and what they bring with them from their previous school and whānau life.
- Once these are received, you may be invited for an interview at the school.

STAGE 2 - INTERVIEW FORMAT

- Meet with the Principal, Senior Leader, and Hostel Manager.
- Guided tour of the school with current kōhine.
- Explanation of fees and payment options by our Finance Administrator and/or Principal.
- Uniform fitting available on the day.

STAGE 3 - ENROLMENT CONFIRMATION

If your kōhine is offered a place at Hukarere Girls' College, you will receive a formal letter of offer.

CONTACT US

For further information about Hukarere Girls' College please don't hesitate to contact us.

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A photograph of a tree trunk with a blurred background of foliage and a building. The tree trunk is in the foreground, showing detailed bark texture. The background is out of focus, showing green leaves and a white building with a window.

KIA Ū KI TE PAI

"Hold fast to what is good".