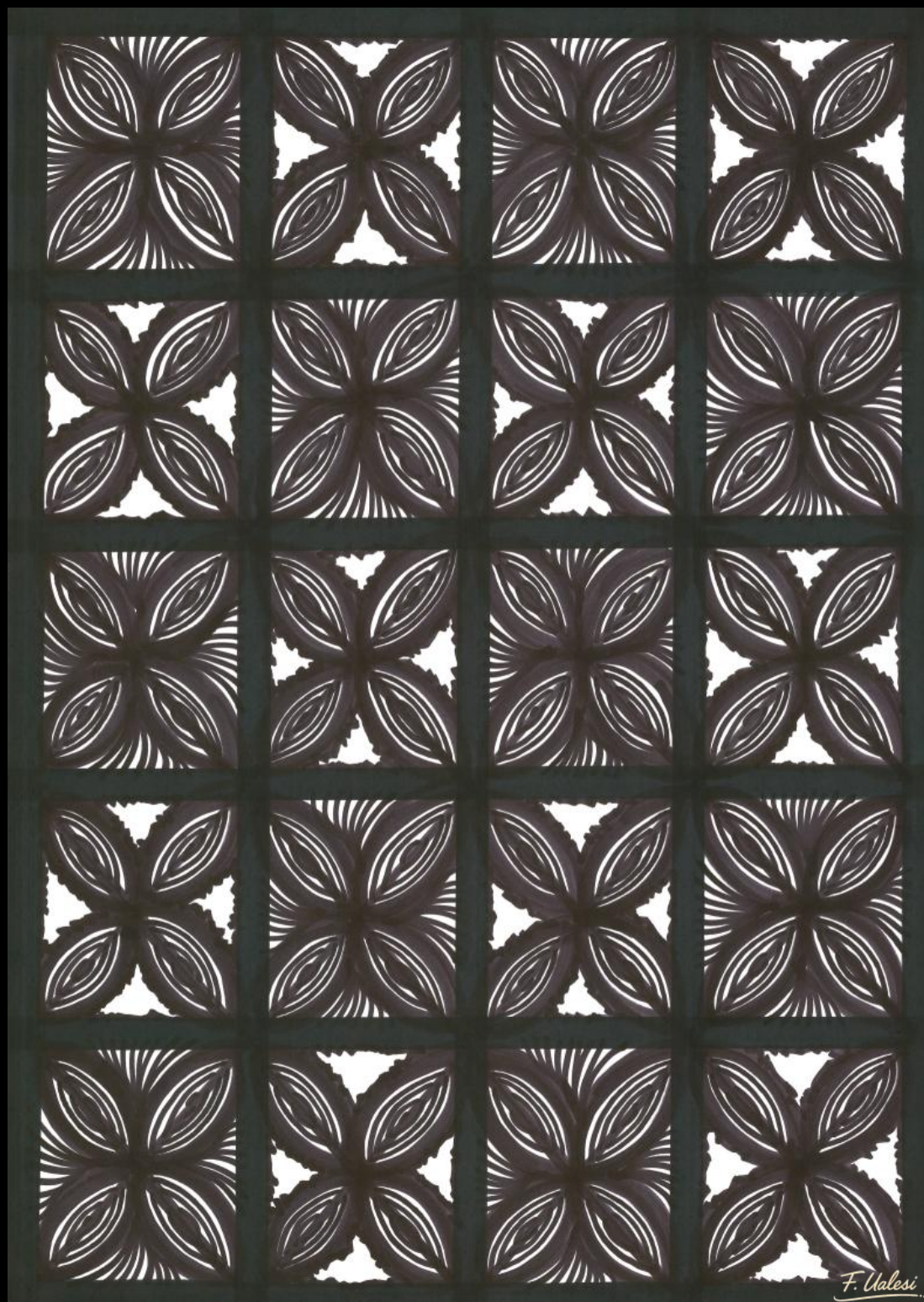
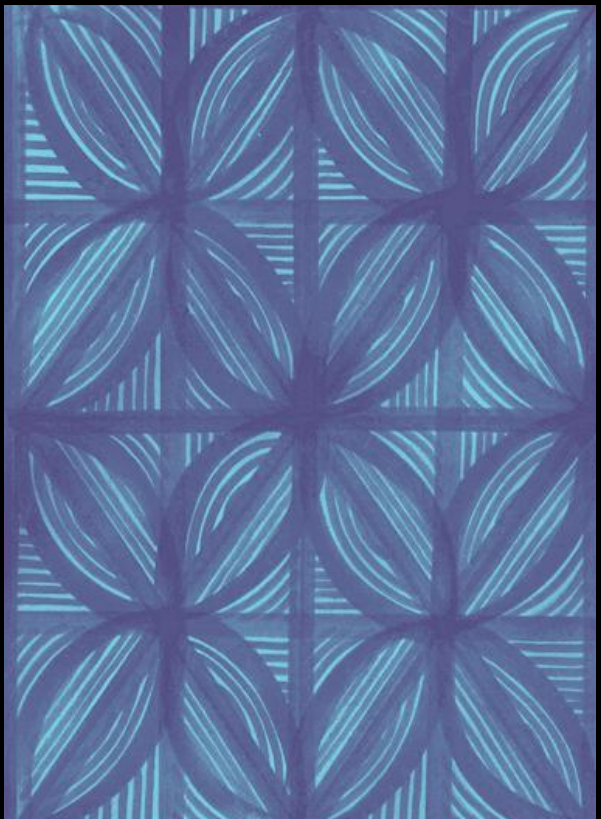
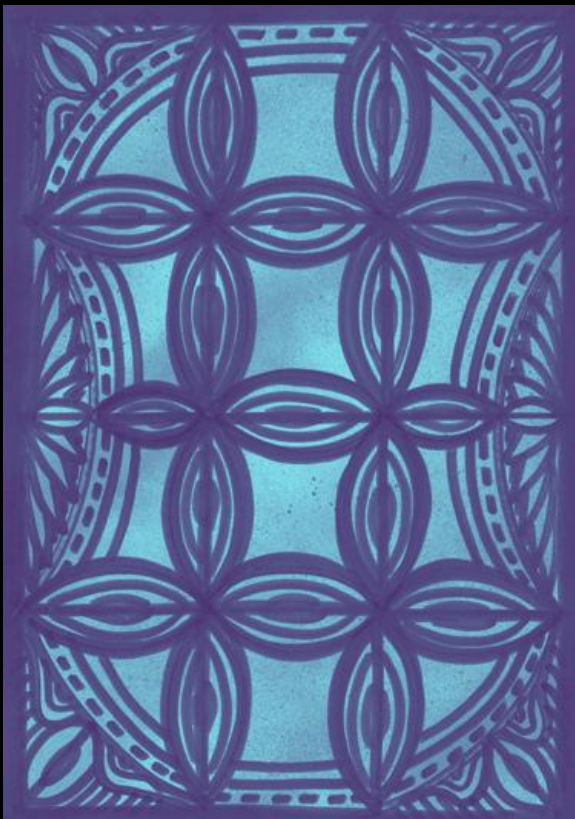
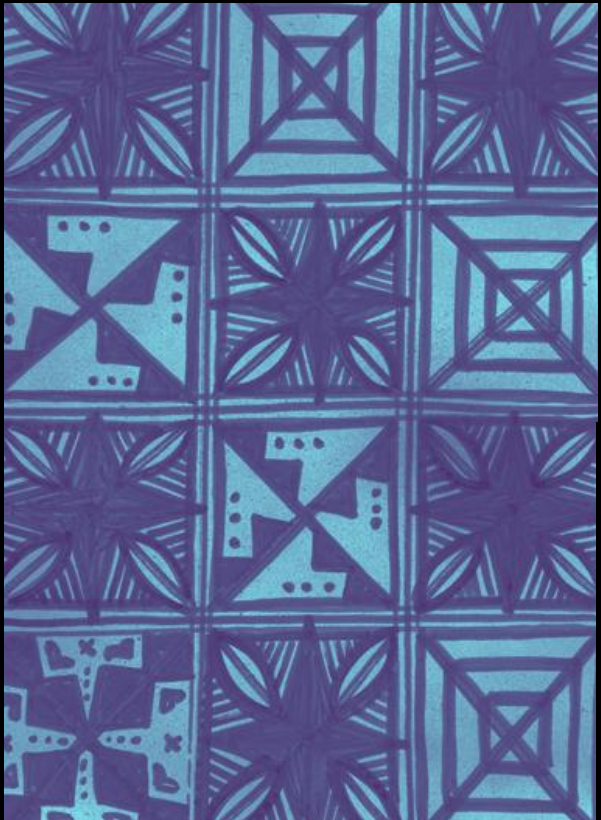
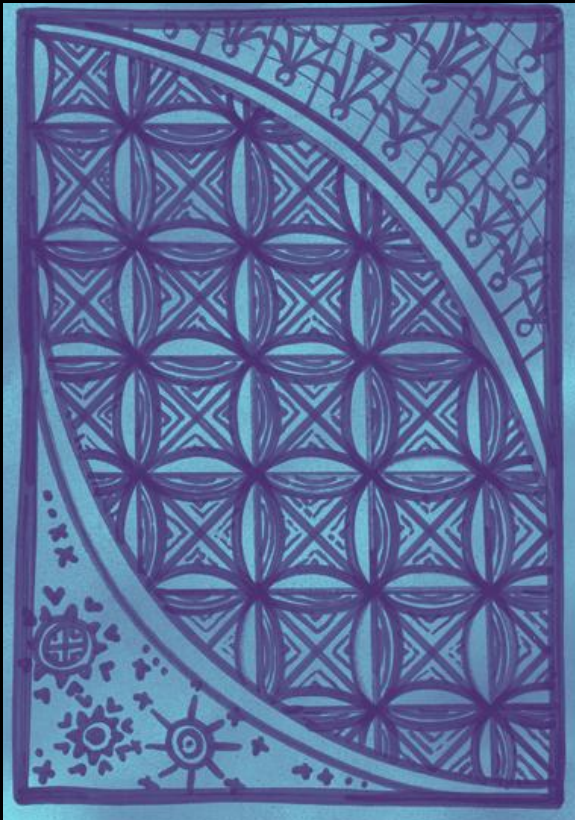


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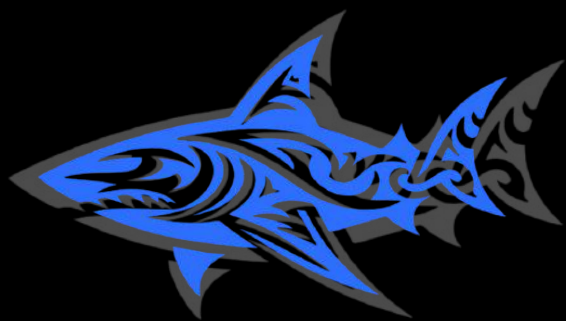


HE TOA TAKITINI



Artwork by Faleata Ualesi

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TUMUAKI'S PANUI

**Waiho I Te Toka Tu Moana
Steadfast like a rock in the ocean**

Kia ora koutou katoa, Kia orana, Bula vinaka, Malo e lei, Talofa lava, Fakaalofi lahi atu, Namaste, Kumusta, As-salam alaikum, Ni hao, Annyeonghaseyo, Xin chao, Yaki dah, and a warm Tangaroa College greeting to you all.

Tangaroa College is made up of a diverse and rich combination of cultures that come out of our vibrant community. I am reminded daily of this when our students and staff enter our school grounds. We are a school that reflects all that is good about Otāra.

The year has been challenging and in December we were left devastated with the sudden passing of Mr Faleata Ualesi. His presence and big smile filled our hearts with warmth. Mr Ualesi was a son of Samoa, a son of Ōtara, and a mentor to many in the classroom and in our community. Mr Ualesi gave 18 years of dedicated service to Tangaroa College and was appointed a Deputy principal. Mr Ualesi will be missed by us all.

To the students of Tangaroa College the reason you come to school is to place yourself in a position where you can dare to dream, to experience opportunities that challenge you and test your resilience, believe in yourself and to be confident in your identity. Attendance and achievement were our key focus for 2025, and many achieved these goals. Within our school and community, we shared a statement of 'Attend today, Achieve Tomorrow'.

The college perfects displayed wonderful leadership around the school and were positive examples to the rest of our student body. Our Head Boy, Tony Tautuua and Head Girl, Mele Kala representing all that is good about Tangaroa College. The college was blessed by their courageous leadership.

Outside the classroom our students were provided with many wonderful opportunities to challenge themselves and to excel. We started with the colour and sound of the ASB Polynesian Festival, which saw six cultural teams perform on stage. One of the many crowning highlights was the Tongan group winning the Tau faka ni wa.

Our college choir Toka Tu Moana toured Northland and performed at three schools and in Paihia township, they also won the Stand Up, Stand Out Auckland finals. We offered a variety of sports throughout the year which saw students compete as individuals or in a team setting. We had students selected for provincial and

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TUMUAKI'S PANUI

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national honors in their chosen sport. Katherine Viliamu represented the Samoan Girls U19 Cricket Team who qualified for the T20 Girls U19, 2026 World Cup Finals Series. Monty Tinai and Edward Neale were selected for the New Zealand U18 American Football Team which played Australia U18s for the first time. In rugby the U14 boys team won the Auckland title, the U15 boys sevens team made it through to the Bowl Semi-Finals at the New Zealand 7s Condor's tournament, the 1xv made the semifinals of the Auckland 1B Championship and our Senior rugby league team was placed 7th in the National Championship. In addition, we were able to field a junior cricket team for the first time in 20 years.

The whole competition has been exciting and competitive, the passion amongst the four whares has been electric. Tuna was crowned champions for the third year running.

The John Boscawen scholarship saw Mr Shea Kokua (Music and Drama department) become the first recipient of this award, and he travelled to New York to attend the Broadway teacher's workshop.

Throughout the year we said farewell to staff who have given wonderful service to the college over their time with us. Two significant recognitions to note: Mrs Anne-Marie Tauilili-Lia was appointed tumuaki/principal for St Josephs College in Samoa and Ms Christine Pili after 18 years of dedicated service to Tangaroa College was appointed tumuaki/principal for Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate Senior School for 2026. As we close off 2025, we remember the people who have supported us during our time at Tangaroa College.

'Kahore taku toa I te toa takitahi, he toa'

'We cannot succeed without the support of those around us.'

Chris Bean
Principal/Tumuaki.



Tangaroa College

Senior Leadership
2025



Back Row: Grant Langdon, Martin Wright, Imeleta Faumuina
Front Row: Katrina Hunter, Chris Bean, Christine Pili

OUR BOARD, OUR COMMUNITY

The Board of Trustees plays a vital role in the governance and direction of Tangaroa College. Working alongside school leadership, the Board helps guide strategic decisions that support student learning, wellbeing, and the long-term future of our kura. We acknowledge and thank our current Board members for their time, service, and commitment to our school community. We also extend our sincere appreciation to past Board members who have previously served Tangaroa College. Their contributions have helped shape the strong foundations our school continues to build upon today. Being part of the Board of Trustees is an important way for parents and whānau to have a voice, give back, and help guide the future of Tangaroa College. We encourage members of our community who are passionate about education, leadership, and serving our young people to consider stepping into this space in the future. Together, we continue to strengthen our school for the generations to come.



We acknowledge our past Board members and thank them for the time, leadership, and service they gave to TC.

*Nā te rourou, nā taku
rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.*

With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive.

2025 PREFECTS

Our 2025 Prefects have played a vital role in guiding and supporting our student body throughout the year. They have led with integrity, responsibility, and care, setting a positive example for younger students and representing Tangaroa College with pride in every space they entered.



The 2025 Prefect Team is presented in a grid format. At the top center is the Tangaroa College crest, featuring a yellow star above a shield with the word 'TANGAROA' and a yellow figure holding a staff. Below the crest is the motto 'WAHO - I - TE - TOKA - TU - MOANA'. Surrounding the crest are the portraits of the main prefects: Deputy Head Boy King John Luis Jamila, Head Boy Tonny Tautua, Head Girl Mele Kala, and Deputy Head Girl Tamara William-Masters. Below these are Deputy Head Boy Edward Neale and Deputy Head Girl Irene Grace Misilei. The main team consists of 20 prefects, each with a circular portrait and a caption identifying their role and name.

2025 PREFECT TEAM

Deputy Head Boy King John Luis Jamila	Head Boy Tonny Tautua	Head Girl Mele Kala	Deputy Head Girl Tamara William-Masters
Deputy Head Boy Edward Neale			Deputy Head Girl Irene Grace Misilei
Sports Council Leader Tahalele Sa'olein Magala Tavani	Academic Council Co-Leader Rylee Faleisi	Academic Council Co-Leader Precious Tupou	Cultural Council Co-Leader Shylyn Tasia
Cultural Council Co-Leader Tupou Vaitoti	Arts Council Leader Destin Tuakana Tuakana-Viti	Social Council Co-Leader Norty Tinai	Social Council Co-Leader Maris Puaia
Wellbeing Council Leader Rovelator Toqutu	Environmental Council Leader Ange Henry		
Mako House Co-Leader Papa Sofina	Mako House Co-Leader Jordan Nicholas	Tuna House Co-Leader Emasiri Enika	Tuna House Co-Leader Aila Tumu
Whaka House Co-Leader Sari Jose Enoka	Whaka House Co-Leader Sophia Puna	Whati House Co-Leader Jake Wilson	Whati House Co-Leader Selina Mera

Across the year, our prefects were actively involved in peer support programmes, Active As events, school assemblies, parent interviews, and community outreach. They also led across sports and academics, supporting teams, events, and learning while encouraging others to strive for their best. Balancing study, leadership, and extracurricular commitments, our prefects served with maturity and dedication. We thank our 2025 Prefects sincerely for the time, energy, and heart they have given to Tangaroa College, and for the example they have set for those who follow.



2025 Prefects first assembly to start Term 1

2025 PREFECTS

When it comes to service, our leaders never hesitate to step up and hold space for our students. From day one, they made a strong first impression by welcoming our Year 9s and their whānau through a pōwhiri, followed by the TC Amazing Race organised by Year 9 Dean Mr Tavo. This set the tone for the year and helped our newest students feel welcomed into the Tangaroa College family.



TO SERVE | DEAN

Why we do it? By Mr Tavo



Some people will ask, what does a Dean do? I always respond with the same answer. Our role as Deans is simple, to be there for you. To help you become the best version of yourself. That is our job. Yes, some of us can be scary, but so are your parents and caregivers, right? When you mess up, it is our job to remind you, to be straight with you, because we care for you.

This is my fourth year deaning and I thought I would stop last year when I saw my Year 13s off. The kids we look after, under our care, become our kids. We journey with them, we build these relationships together, we go through the highs and the lows, so when you spend five years with them, it is a special relationship. When I returned to TC, I was so grateful that my Dean was still there, teaching, leading and inspiring, Miss Lauese, HoL of Social Science. My English teacher was also there, Ms Faumuina, now a Deputy Principal. Both of whom, I take so much inspiration from, and both played a huge part in why I took the teaching route. I do come from a long line of educators and I am so grateful for all my giants. As a Dean, the role is not easy, but it is rewarding. You have to come into this role with a heart for our kids, patience and heaps of food. Trust me. When kids get sent to the Dean's office, we open our doors with a ready ear to listen to them and hear them out. If they are in the wrong, they own it. If not, we work together to find a solution. But one thing is for sure, our door will always be open.



Brogan Samuels (Y13 Dean), Sangeeta Devi-Kumar (Y12 Dean), Julian Miekle (Y11 Dean), Sheena Suamili (Year 10 Dean) and Mafi Tavo (Year 9 Dean).



Tangaroa College

Staff
2025

TANGAROA COLLEGE STAFF



Back Row: Puadani Tureia-Siataga, Thomas Chen, Kara Goldsbury, Tracy Marurai, Dinesh Chand, Vineeta Prasad, Vincent Chandra, Chang Lee, Valentin Mauga, Amosa Pou, Antony Gibson, Brian Langi, Sangeeta Devi-Kumar, Solomon Marsters, Marcela Marinho, Preston Tauiili-Lia

4th Row: Rajendra Raj Prasad, Mafi Tavo, Hollyanna Ainea, Waitonga Seumanu, Tevita Afimeimounga, Graham Jackson, Terry Nelson, Shannell Ulunga, Sandeep Narayan, Roneel Prasad, Shan Veluppillai, Siulepa Lauese, Basileia Muliaga, Millie Collins-Faoagali, Sinaeae Tolai

3rd Row: Lucy Seiluilali, Simone Vallua, Praneshwar Ram, Mary Jo Theron, Kiri Lea aetoo, Taliuli Afeaki, Harmony Tonga, Lemeki Moniati, Aarie Tamatoa, Carol Taniwha, Havili Ofamo'oni, Faiese Brewster, Celys Putoko

2nd Row: Morgan Teller, Ashley Ha, Sujata Bradar, Anna Liza Terio, Sandhya Sundar, Sangeeta Singh, Rasela Lafaie-Uli, Tungane Kore Raeina, Shivika Prasad, Kritika Kaushtal, Nio Pamataua, Mele Finau Vala, Kelly Dixon-Tuihalangie, Telisha Chapman, Meleseini Toa, Finisia Koloa

Front Row: Alice Va'a, Chandar Dewan, Julian Meikle, Imeleta Faumuina, Katrina Hunter, Martin Wright, Chris Bean, Christine Pili, Grant Langdon, Faleata Ualesi, Rob Downie, Sheena Suamili, Tina Sagaga

Absent: Christina Browne, Premika Chand, Marc Clarke, Kisione Filimoehata, Philip Garner, Timothy Gibson, Sarah Gomes, Soana Hau, Joshua Heremata, Michael Ifopo-Scanlan, Kirk Jennings, Shea Kokkau, Navneet Kumar, Memory La'akulu, Peni Longolongo'olau, Roy Mathews, Vinny Niutama, Monuia Ofamo'oni, Aisina Olo-Tulaga, Sonya Robertson, Moira Salima, Brogan Samuels, Carmel-Maria Savainaea, Sandreana Talagi Manu, Anne Marie Tauiili-Lia, Maeava Tearii, Kakito Triatia, Julius Togafau, Otumaka Daniel Tomasi, Stephen Tominiko, Michael Tupaea, Mosese Uele, Siniwa Vaitohi, Iki Valivaka, Ayeah Wadood, Joanne Wilton-Greenstreet

TC STAFF LIST

Aarie Tamatoa Teacher	Amosa Pou Teacher	Aisina McDonald Guidance Counsellor	Alice Va'a HOL Careers
Ashley Ha Teacher	Antony Gibson Technician	Ayeh Wadood Teacher	Basileia Muliaga Teacher
Brian Langi Teacher	Brogan Samuels Year 13 Dean	Carol Taniwha Office Admin	Chang Lee Teacher
Chris Bean Principal	Christine Pili Associate Principal	Dewan Chandar HOL Science	Ese Brewster Teacher
Faleata Ualesi HOL English	Graham Jackson Social Worker	Grant Langdon Deputy Principal	Harmony Tonga Active As
Havili Ofamo'oni Teacher	Hollyanna Ainea Teacher	Iki Valivaka HOL Maori	Imeleta Faumuina Deputy Principal
Joshua Heremaia Services Academy	Julian Meikle Year 11 Dean	Kakito Tiatia HOL Art	Kara Renall School Nurse
Kelly Dixon Attendance Officer	Kirk Jennings Sports Co-ordinator	Kisione Filimoehala Teacher	Katrina Hunter Business Manager
Marc Clarke HOL DT & Commerce	Marcella Martinhao Teacher	Martin Wright Deputy Principal	Mary Jo Theron Admin
Mel Toa Teacher	Memory La'akulu Office Admin	Michael Ifipo-Scanlan Teacher	Millie Collins Gateway
Monuia Ofamo'oni Teacher	Morgan Tolfer Teacher	Navneet Kumar HOL Maths/Teacher	Nio Pamatatau Office Admin
Peni Longolongofolau Groundsmen	Praneshwar Ram Teacher	Premika Chand Director of HSA	Preston Tauilili-Lia Teacher
Raj Prasad HOL Technology	Rasela Lafaele HOL Samoan	Rob Downie HOL PE & Health	Roneel Prasad Teacher
Roy Matthews Teacher	Sandhya Sundar Teacher	Sandeep Narayan Teacher	Sandreena Talagi-Manu Teacher
Sangeeta Devi-Kumar Year 12 Dean	Sangeeta Singh Teacher	Satish Nand Teacher	Shannell Ulunga Teacher
Sheena Suamili Year 10 Dean	Shivika Prasad SLT & SMS Admin	Shea Kokaua HOL Music & Drama	Simone Vailua Executive Assistant
Siniva Vaitohi HOL Learning Support	Soana Hau Librarian/Teacher	Solomon Marsters Attendance Officer	Sonya Robertson Teacher
Sujata Biradar Teacher	Lemeki Moniati Groundsmen	Lucy Seiulialii Teacher	Taliauli Afeaki Groundsmen
Terry Nelson Pathways Advisor	Tevita Afimeimounga Head of G-men	Telisha Chapman CLC Assistant	Thomas Chen Teacher
Timothy Gibson Teacher	Tina Sagaga HOL CLC	Tunganekore Raeina Office Admin	Tureia-Siatanga Head Security
Valentino Mauga Teacher	Vincent Chandra Teacher	Vineeta Prasad Teacher	Vinny Niutama Teacher
Mafi Tavo Year 9 Dean	Siulepa Lauese HOL Social Science		

NAU MAI, HAERA MAI

We welcomed new staff to Tangaroa College and thank them for the skills, energy, and care they bring to our kura. They quickly built strong relationships with students and staff. We look forward to their continued impact.



Dinesh Chand

MATHS



Jo Wilton-Greenstreet

NURSE



Kiritika Kaushal

MATHS



Kiri Lea'aetua

***SOCIAL
WORKER***



Marcella Martinhao

ENGLISH



Roneel Prasad

ENGLISH



Vineeta Prasad

ENGLISH



Tina Sagaga

***CLC
DIRECTOR***



Meleseini Toa

***DIGITAL
TECHNOLOGY***



Morgan Tolfer

PE & HEALTH

NGĀ POROPOROAKI



Christine Pili | Associate Principal | Social Science

Miss Pili has served Tangaroa College for over 15 years as an Educator and a strong pillar of the community. We are grateful for her service, sacrifice and aroha for Tangaroa College and Otara. Although we are sad she is leaving, we are grateful knowing she will continue to do amazing work as the new Tumuaki of Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate Senior School. We will sorely miss her. Ms Pili starts her new role in Term 1 of 2026.



Anne-Marie Letu'uga Tauilili Lia | English

Anne-Marie has served Tangaroa College since 2006 as a English Teacher and has also served as a Dean and taught at other schools around South Auckland. We thank her for her heart for our kids to always push them beyond what they think they can achieve. She is part of the fabric of Tangaroa College that holds our kids together. We farewelled her earlier this year as she continues to serve as the new Tumuaki of St Josephs College in Apia, Samoa.



Mafi Tufunga Tavo | English, Technology | Dean | Class of 07

Mr Tavo, a former alumni of TC, Deputy Head boy of 2007, Captain of Basketball and Debate team returned to TC in 2020 to Teach. To serve. To give back. He returns and was fortunate to work alongside his Mentors, Teachers aka School Mums, Mrs Faumuina and Miss Lauese. Born and raised in the heart of South Auckland, he taught English & Technology. Also served as a Dean from 2022 and continues his new role in a similar capacity at OJC.



Graham Jackson | Social Worker | Class of 09

Another Otara boy, the Son of Niue and former Alumni of Tangaroa College. Graham returned to Tangaroa College to serve as a Social Worker. He always went above and beyond for our kids. He walked alongside them. He listened. He created spaces for our kids to thrive. We will definitely miss our Brother and we wish hiim all the best in the next chapter of his amazing career at De la salle.



Shannell Uluga | Art | 9UL

Although only with us for the year, Shannell hit the ground running starting this year with his 9UL class. A new teacher but showed compassion and empathy for our kids. Although he is gone, we do wish him all the best in the next chapter of his learning journey. Go well Sir.



**WA
AKORANGA**

YEAR 9 WA AKORANGA CLASSES



Tangaroa College

9MM
2025



Back Row: Izrael Srey-Tet, Aanvi Avipsha, Heaven Brown, Freedom Vaiagina, Hine Hadfield, Ezra Galiki
 3rd Row: Temprynce Ta'ala, Lulu Sasa Tiatia, Ali'jade Misi, Johnellis Papalii, Mayreena Seufale, Miracle Seufale, Annaleayah Sinai
 2nd Row: Tai Vo, Dre Le-Noel Te-Kooti, Kuata Pue, VJ Faingataa, Hohatua-Ngatokorua Katu, Dj Akapua Taumihau
 Front Row: Abigale Nimamota Toeava, Keo Chan, Azariah Singh, Somaya Nouri, Nikki Wichman-Heremaia, Eyris Teau-Wilson, Ayvah Pita
 Absent: Cherry Lautofa, Malakai Tiaiti, Nate Williams, Marcela Martinhao (Teacher)



Tangaroa College

9UE
2025



Back Row: David Vakameilalo, Alexandria Ah-Lin, Jemimah Aloiai, TJ Ale Leiataua, Payton Vela, Vince Espadon
 3rd Row: Dayton Simeki, Latumote Pita, Tahlia Fergusson, Feliuai Feliuai, Marcus Fritz, Emanuel Naniseni, Christopher Toia Ormsby
 2nd Row: Sitaleki Mafi, Keith Luamanuvae, Rhema Tanielu, Jayell Iosua, Sofaia Tonga, Orlando Neilson, Mosese Uele (Teacher)
 Front Row: Destiny Neilson, Milan Cowan, Leilani Taateo, Toetaufanua Loau, Fernanah Fernando, Malia Luani, Ashley Salaivao
 Absent: Ashton Benjamin, Rj Kirisome Manoo, Reggae Wharton

YEAR 9 WA AKORANGA CLASSES



Tangaroa College

9VE
2025



Back Row: Declan Chetty, Gabriella Simona, Roman Siva, Milly Rogers, Jenevieve Leuta, Tuan Dau
 3rd Row: Marco Solomon, Matthew Nikolao, Rocky Ben-Kimi, Koga Uisa, Cherity Apineru Tanuvasa, Zephaniah Seiuli, Ayvah Bartels
 2nd Row: L'amanaia Gatoloai, Veyjaen Akapo-Gago, Jeb Lopez, Enjae Atera, Joseph Albert, Fetaiai Machee, Marcellin Tanuto, Shan Velupillai (Teacher)
 Front Row: Leilani Samuela, Eliza Muavae, Malia Latu, Orlaniya Natua, Chant'e Seve, Atika Noreen, Tara Tautua Talauega



Tangaroa College

9CH
2025



Back Row: Zion Teaurima, Christine Auga, Terell Khat, Manatuofa Katoa, Tonyata Taviliniu, Tehitu Tutai
 3rd Row: Zeke Osigan, Delatoo Martin, Anaziaz Logovii, Champion Marsters-Sala, Tupou Tupou-Enoka, Gary-Cooper Eli, Roman Heather Anania, Chang Lee (Teacher)
 2nd Row: Michael Falekaono, Ava Coccoza, Paea Taufa, Sylvester Winterstein, Eric Feterika, Jeremiah Sinai, Emily Nanua, Logan-Jade Pehi
 Front Row: Haezel Vero, Shiloh Hobson, Lesa Taylors-Tapumanaia, Sadeka Faisal, Kysandra Hemara, Tammy Akatapuria, Adele Fogi
 Absent: Koda Crimmins, Shorif Solim

YEAR 9 WA AKORANGA CLASSES



Tangaroa College

9AI
2025



Back Row: Asvida Dombagolle Gedara, Junyu Zhong, Thanh Luong, Rohan Joni
 3rd Row: Jordentalai Lagalaga, Partner Pahulu, Najma Attayee, Lam Pham, Given Mojica, Alex Mwewa, Valila Sheck
 2nd Row: Kalolo Ioane, RJ Ropati Auva'a, Tatupu Sue, Cyrus Feomaia, Faapoipuna Lu'uga, Kyle Caling, Lucy Seiulialii (Teacher)
 Front Row: Thuy Nguyen Tran, Yen Nhi Nguyen, Erish De Guzman, Tosolimah Soyot Amin, Rosalinda Pasi, Rosabelle Pasi, Maryam Heydari
 Absent: Jonathan Kaleopa, Angel Kumar



Tangaroa College

9OF
2025



Back Row: Hosanna Luamanuvae, Jhon Bagorio, Benji Brown, Fasi Palei, Ezmah Koroa-Henry, Pirioa Fogavaa Masoe, Taise Lu'uga, Sonia Hameed
 3rd Row: Calvary Otine, Edward Gogo, Noah Hoff, Xaveer Morunga, Raymond-Lee Maika-Atutolu, Nigel Eramiha, Jordan Vaipaata
 2nd Row: Kyle Tiatoa, Codell Mimita, Kierra Paoa, Nicholls Setephano, Mapesone Lemi, Heleme Pasene, Marino William, Havili Ofamo'oni (Teacher)
 Front Row: Yannah Sarenas, Dakota George, Oliva Vaka, Mele Faatamalii, Aroha Maselino Turama, 'Apikale Paletu'a, Bailey Manga
 Absent: Teariki Linn, Lyric Russell

YEAR 9 WA AKORANGA CLASSES



Tangaroa College

9PD
2025



Back Row: Harata Taukiri Rongo, Zyrus Regala, Zira Tekeu-Sionepepi, Matalena Maeli Salio
 3rd Row: Hezron Toparea, Neaveah Wilson, Peti Folau Gae'e, Sinisa Moala, Charles Havea, Tereora Setepthano, Emily Forse-Lalich
 2nd Row: Malachi Paio-Rima, Jerome Antolin, Darius Savusa, Vena Toutai, Russel Kura, PJ Tulua
 Front Row: Oriete Papahu, Ina Ofisa, Loise Vea, Johanne Toelau, Elmaniath Tangianau, Francesca Havea, Angelina Po
 Absent: Kruz Rangī



Tangaroa College

9FV
2025



Back Row: Sefo Falekuata, Orlando Neale, Lyrehc Turuariki, Steven Sitivi Lokeni
 3rd Row: Blessing Ake, Aggie Siuta, Kingston Masefield-Muir, Logan Ili, Priscylla Salefao
 2nd Row: Lamare Tuakana, Jacob Elia, Kanoa Rihari-Natua, Olaivavega Mulitalo, Dellareyh Ngatikaura, Fau Sinai
 Front Row: Miel Llyset, Seini Pongipongi, Ayesha Tawhara-Ratahi, Zephaniah Fale, Lala Ioelu, Faith Ngatae, Susan Nuualitita
 Absent: Cameron Asiata Winiata, Azalea Goldsmith, Elijah Kaisala, Kyo-Castell Maxwell, Jayxhana Neki-Ngariki, Nevana Tarei, Mele Finau Vala (Teacher)

YEAR 9 WELCOME POWHIRI

The first day for our Year 9 students began with a warm welcome pōwhiri for new students and staff, setting the tone for connection, belonging, and pride in our Tangaroa College community. Led by our Year 9 Dean, Mr Tavo, students were welcomed into the kura and supported to settle into their new environment.

After the pōwhiri, classes were set up and students met their WA tutors, beginning the relationships and routines that would guide them through the year. The day finished with the TC Amazing Race, where students explored the school, learned key spaces, and met staff along the way, ending their first day feeling confident, connected, and ready for the journey ahead.



YEAR 9 AMAZING RACE



YEAR 10 WA AKORANGA CLASSES



Tangaroa College

10FH
2025



Back Row: Piula Agavale, Erana Muriwai, Edelmyra Tupe, So'onaita Leuta
 3rd Row: Harvest Puneфу Letoa, Jordan Boyce, Priscilla Takaiti-Smith, Preston Siaoѕi Opa, Eliyah Paoo, Jamis Uluakiola, Amelia Malafu
 2nd Row: Maraeara Maea, Christopher Kiwara-Apineru, Jahmani Moon, Jovan Coccoza, Tennessee Tulikaki, MJ Temere, Leitu Magele
 Front Row: Angel Fernando, Mystique Te Riini, Lola Matai, Naveah Katuke, Mareta Tearii, Racheal Faasisila, Sarah-nade Vakatini
 Absent: Nongji Afiafi, Julius Hoeflich-Vaafusuaga, Jonny Tuala, Teremoana Vakatini, Kisione Filimoehala (Teacher)



Tangaroa College

10CN
2025



Back Row: Chrisllyn Mabalcon, Sharene Aperahama, Olivia Ruahe, Bae Meh
 3rd Row: Angel Brown, Destiny Sevia, Louisa Marsters, Lita Fuamai, Thomas Lam Sam, Nono Apin
 2nd Row: Sariah Hita, Gabriel Jones, Alexandar Marsters, Junior Filipino, Carlos Stephens, Pepe Teo, Thomas Chen (Teacher)
 Front Row: Lurinior Faiao, Emily Soi, Maria Migallen, Mohadisa Baizada, Emma Tangianau-Kirianu, Angela Vakamelialo, Gloriah Kollo
 Absent: Mckylie Apelila, David Martin, Sione Naitoko, Kristina Raihania

YEAR 10 WA AKORANGA CLASSES



Tangaroa College

10AI
2025



Back Row: Debra Blessing Pagaialii, Gulsom Oria, Huu Duong Dang, Europa Pai Faiva, Elisapeta Tuaia, Khoi Nguyen, Nhi Tran
2nd Row: Sefulu Togia, Kenzo Lui, Tevita Pepa, Junior Pine, Fatafehi Lafaele-Diaz, Sinaenae Tolai (Teacher)
Front Row: Jamila Begum, Saili Lui, Deziah Toelau, Hana Dinh Ha Vi, Kim Thac, Dang Nguyen, Rozia Begum



Tangaroa College

10AN
2025



Back Row: Charity Mataroa, Nimo Faosiliva, Maia Potini, Eseta Sa Filifili, Elikolani Tu'uta, Mohammad Nouri
3rd Row: Wanda Tulaga, Jailah Taifau, Tauaroa Maeva, Tafa Falemoe, Jericho Siaea, Trey Maeva, Esther Esoto
2nd Row: Tuileala Lene, Jayvez Maruaao, William Turi-Faoso, Tyrese Motu, Arani Natua, Sefaraiah Palala, Kingsley Teaea Glassie, Hollyanna Ainea (Teacher)
Front Row: Roha Puru Pomare, Makayla Tekeu, Akevainga Towgood, Sierah Tiumalu, Suri Maposua, Tinesha Tarei, Loreal Oliva
Absent: Daniel Katipa-Fernandez, Tupou Tuteru

YEAR 10 WA AKORANGA CLASSES



Tangaroa College

10IF
2025



Back Row: Mei Nguon, Kingston Brogden, Fallon Glassie, Hayzel Paerau, Chaplain Robati, Miyah Toia
 3rd Row: Zeeshan Iqbal, Niseana Motufau, CJ Tuau-Hemopo, Metua Semu, Shane Hassan, Melaia Lilo, Antonio Manuha'apai
 2nd Row: Sam Tamale, Norah-Jean Aiono, Sam Lakisa, Hannah Aitau, Kiaola Matapa, Sincere Tevaga, Michael Ifopo-Scanlan (Teacher)
 Front Row: Teremoana Papahu, Mahina Toko Mokoha, Ella Ngatai, Lemon Xu, Motiana Finau, Jasmine Rafiq, Rolani Tupou
 Absent: Eliza Deo, Taniela Taufa



Tangaroa College

10KA
2025



Back Row: Theo Santiago, Aria-Rose Kerridge, Moneq Filipo Matauaina, Catelynn Petaia
 3rd Row: Dulcie Tapara, Faaliga Eliu, Toa Vaka, Tuileala Lene, Junior Whatarau-Tipuia, Shiloh Tapara, Aireze Strickland Meti
 2nd Row: Siva Pahulu, Angelo Munlawin, Kymarni Teio, Casey Shum Kuenip, Eli Maea, Waitonga Seumanu (Teacher)
 Front Row: Jellian Bagorio, Eloiza Apostol, Taylormarie Godinet, Liame Faitala, Legin Misiepo, Rylee Nomotu, Penny Marsters-Kora
 Absent: Maddy Albrett, Kourtney Cocker, Leonard Lene, Manh Pham, Mohamad Sayeddu Rahman, Caitlin Thompson, Danny Tuitupou

YEAR 10 WA AKORANGA CLASSES



Tangaroa College

10KI
2025



Back Row: Tyler Sebastian, Shanvi Singh, Jayell Iosua, Arnikha-Trace Harris, Azaleah Tuala, Alisi Sa'u-Tūiha'angana
 3rd Row: Herbert Nonu, Carloz Tuulima, Jyrah Vitale, Rick Samau, Lawton Green, Poppy-Bella Maxwell-Stock, Charlie Maea
 2nd Row: Kiria Kiria, Malaefono Faafuata, Rube Atera, Raymond Waenga, Nikolas Makoni, Lee-Lyndsay Williams, Brysen Mita, Eti Kemp, Morgan Telfer (Teacher)
 Front Row: Simaima Siakumi, Tapu Tulolo, Brian Cecil, Esha Chand, Nicholas Vasea, Soulyndis Walters, Nadia Pritchard
 Absent: Nadiyah Alaifatu, Karina Iosua



Tangaroa College

10ML
2025

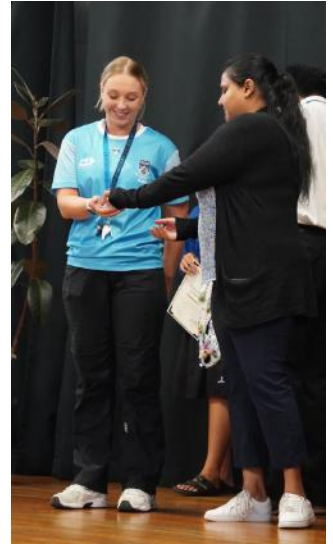


Back Row: Herodia Setephano, Sarah-Lee Tamarua, Tanu Finau, Maci Taverio, Sukhsimran Thabal, Mele Taumoepeau
 3rd Row: Taufua Vea, Sio Papani, Krishav Dass, Ramierez Kalan, Bradley Watson-Sanders, Christian Aneti, Grace Lam Sam
 2nd Row: JJ Williams, Lucky Lolesio, Jacob Tomai, Tevita Fahina, Pax Anitelea, Lance Misili, Tautunu Multalo, Basileia Muliaga (Teacher)
 Front Row: Ellice Leilua, Bellamaya Joel, Kalisha Hirawani-Russell, Rhetz Gumanid, Johnie Nicholas, Adimere Marau, Vaelei Peau
 Absent: Tiare Rudolph, Joy Vaevae

YEAR 10 MERIT ASSEMBLY



YEAR 10 MERIT ASSEMBLY



YEAR 11 WA AKORANGA CLASSES



Tangaroa College

11CA
2025



Back Row: Tinei Karapani, Calans Munokoatini, Nedamarie Tuaia, Arcadia Maxwell, Temuvaine Faitala, Daron Hyland-Matagi
 3rd Row: Rehan Michan Khel, LyQuontae Herkt, Jamin Marsters, Kian Makakea-Tuaoi, Carlynn Taitua, Seivairina Lotonu'u Minute, Frank Tavake
 2nd Row: Baby Tulua, Sayjah Ru, Fetauai Faafuata, Peter Salevao, Yukiko Pualau, George Huch, Leo Faatamalii, Dinesh Chand (Teacher)
 Front Row: Miriama Luamanuvae, Tihau Ene, Sammy Andrew Toia-Tararo, Jewel Taufu, Billie-jean Peneueta, Ehvarn Katuke, Ashlee Mehana
 Absent: Aanaalofi Leuta, Roem Rongo, Dezlynd Taviliniu



Tangaroa College

11CD
2025



Back Row: Romeo Espiritu, Sonny Repaio, Junior Niko Leota, Lucas Tavira, Hazel Lagalaga
 2nd Row: Mohammad Dhalli, Saia Tapatoutai, Ioane William, Lesa Faiva, Kruzual Aleke, Thomas Kura, Vincent Chandra (Teacher)
 Front Row: Alena Lui, Benjy Ratu, Caleb Afakasi, Grace Salia-Evagelia, Zion Va'a, Tame-Pio Henare, Pala Matai
 Absent: Benedict Fala, Akaylah Healey, Cherie King, Sina Lauago, Joseph Palu, Makhzya Panama, Adalena Pokoina, Kahsidy Tapumanaia, Taylah Tekii, Piutau Tuitupou, Sarah-nade Vakatiini, Hope Wijohn

YEAR 11 WA AKORANGA CLASSES



Tangaroa College

11HH
2025



Back Row: Sarferrah Herring Williams, Huu Hung Luong, Dang Dat, Jojo Saulala
3rd Row: Terry Cooper Watene, Patrick Tuaine, Harithyos Hilligutu, Archer Aiono, Tosh Dromgool, Phoenix Strickland, Nathaniel Iupati
2nd Row: Kim Thach, Finau Eke, Nixon Paerau, Carlos Falefata, Pai Maposua, Ashlee Mehana (Teacher)
Front Row: Missy Folaumoeloa-Diaz, Shevah Siakifilo, Tu Tran, Brooklyn Hynes, Izzy Tarai, Malae Sa, Mama Maihia
Absent: Percy Bhai-Fong, Theresa Heather, Taufa Kauhalianua, Jährard Ngati, Dezahrae Sauvao, Elizabeth Taliai, Devarn Tuala



Tangaroa College

11HSA
2025



Back Row: Taimua Kilifi, Qura Tul Ain, Sione Li, Marie Kaisala
3rd Row: Annah-Jayne Hughes, Setema Agavale, Jasinta Leuta, Aban Mohammed, Thyodor Hopoate, Krystal Simona, Jzyah Strickland
2nd Row: Kataua Mafi, Natalya Filipino, Jordan Eliza, Alvin Luamanu, Joshua Prasad, Roy Mathews (Teacher)
Front Row: Hinalagi Pue, Nevayah Hita, Maiki Jones, Cadence Petaia, Ronella Pritchard, Melepalu Fua, Aiga Timoteo
Absent: Mary Fonofoa, Kashfa Hameed

YEAR 11 WA AKORANGA CLASSES



Tangaroa College

11LG
2025



Back Row: Danthia Neale, Georgina Matapakia, Neriah Naniseni, Fotolina Saifoloi
 3rd Row: Mele Vaka, Sa Mulipola, Yailah Aiono, Niukapu Luani, Ocean Rowe, Walker Phillips, Lavinia Siloata
 2nd Row: Zane Chalmers, Mohammed Shehaan, Nimola Falefoou, Samuel Lam Sam, Mino Lui, Kaitara Poroto
 Front Row: Sharleen Kirifi, Shelby Reti-Nikau, Elizabeth Nonu, Thao Hoang, Sally Rivers, Ina Tapurau Justino, Kandace Henry
 Absent: Linayne Afiafi, Tiare Fariu, Isabella Kavemanu, Omera-Luisa Kene, Manavaroa Rio, Noah Robertson, Kazlyne Solomona, Raiden Tapuina



Tangaroa College

11SD
2025



Back Row: Sarah Maletino, Aroha Green, Elizabeth Loau, Khent Diosaban
 3rd Row: Remigio Costillas, Jayden Eliza, Hauati Manitisa, Tui Jenkins, Sean Tinai, Xian Ibarra
 2nd Row: Shepherd Mea, Demario Pupualii, Ocardelahoia Tulaga, Kimball Ainoa, Justice Falemai Sinoti, Daniel Aukino, Sandhya Sundar (Teacher)
 Front Row: Cielo Aranas, Katerina Iona Pao, Jasmine Tawhara, Akisha Danu, Maunulisi Multalo, Emma Sue, Ariane Celestino
 Absent: Tutokotai Eliza, Edrys Katu, Mary Lafu Malaesala, Stephanie Marsters, Elijah Pakari, Taritua Rahai-Nanua, Rose-Fuifui Tasi, Phenyx Taufa, Jacob Vaipaata

YEAR 11 WA AKORANGA CLASSES



Tangaroa College

11SG
2025



Back Row: Christina Williams, Tyler Khat, Jessica Patolo, Uta Tatupu Filipi, Edward Lu'uga, Ethan Kaisala, Visesio Tipasa
2nd Row: Frank Moimoi, Piripi Mehana, Aryan Kumar, Jomaniah Pakileata Soloai, Ben Seufale, Shemaiah Final, Lavinea Palalagi
Front Row: Amanda Salu, Angelina Moevale, Riddesh Sarkar, Amia Tuiroma, Jude Moreno, Delta Niua, Kalayss Katipa
Absent: Gordon Ioakimo, Tusi Iuli, Kyle Maea, Dallas Raharuhi, Vaa Saia, Sia Taito Lakisa, Vaiagina Tamoua, Melesungu To'a, Mista Whatarau-Tipua



Ashlee, Carlyne, Sammy and Aanaalofi representing Tuna House in T1 for Whare wars

YEAR 12 WA AKORANGA CLASSES



Tangaroa College

12BR
2025



Back Row: Mikey Viliua, Kennedy Taufu, Tokemoana Lamipeti, Teinaki Heretama, Jayla Farrow-Russell, Maria Leonard, Ashlyn Taleni Maselino
2nd Row: Chrysolite Mauafu, Alezay Mimita, Cordell Carr, Mana Takua, Jayden Putaura, Daniel Sofeni, Cj Manu, Sujata Biradar (Teacher)
Front Row: Crystal Davis, Angel Puru-Pomare, Jenneter Tiumalu, Amelia Oneone, Tia Te Arii, Coralie Nicholas, Latoya Tearii
Absent: Selah Aiono, Bella King-Harris, Jaylevan La'Akulu Sharma, Nathan Marsters-Kora, Mikayla Puata, Tamatoa-Ariki Selwyn-Cecil, Vaavaai Sililioto, Temana Taura, Teokotai Tuteru, Francis Walker



Tangaroa College

12HSA
2025



Back Row: Miriama Busby, Siloto Lene, Ibanez Waru, Jordan Murray, Liv Macgregor-Kaisala
2nd Row: Dreven Rangitonga, Tumai Tu'ulima, Paula Vakalahi, Soul Fauena, Sam Matua
Front Row: Faititili Salevao, Tikerbella Misiepo, Nikautapu Maka, Pranav Sinha, Elizabeth Samau, Bethsharon Mattocks
Absent: Ngapoko Tangitamaiti, Sulia Tokelau

YEAR 12 WA AKORANGA CLASSES



Tangaroa College

12NY
2025



Back Row: Fiatagata Tulolo, John Pham, Paea Taufa, Aarav Anand, Eava'sephorine Tupou Enoka
 2nd Row: Rafiullah Oria, Jalahen Wilson, Baby Tulua, Matson Makaia, Ocean Natua, Ruiqi Ouyang, Sandeep Narayan (Teacher)
 Front Row: Abbas Attayee, Sam Tulaga, Anointing Pagaialii, Sarah Faiao, Maybelle Epati-Smith, Iswarjot Singh, Jason Tinoifili



Tangaroa College

12PO
2025



Back Row: Maseiga Taefu, Rhys Davis, Yvette Paruru Braithwaite, Zion Brown, Enkarah Edwards, Mark Albo
 3rd Row: Kylie Diosaban, Tavita Aleni, Va'atausili Sio, Soane Pateta, Andy Vaiagina, Penisimani Siakumi, Damian Pene Teinaki
 2nd Row: Noah King, Eteuati Maumeasagisagi, Cruz Iako, Israel Samuel, Da-Rrell Nathan, Elise Matauaina Kolia, Aмоса Pou (Teacher)
 Front Row: Fiapaipai Luamanuvae, Elenoa Folau, Daytona Eliza, Asenati Kirifi, Ely-Mei Samupo, Latisha Pasi, Maryanne Tupou
 Absent: Ruta Aaitui, J.f Moimoi, Sione Pita, Michael Rongo, Lorielle Salefao, Taylor Tararo, Royyal Togiahekafa

YEAR 12 WA AKORANGA CLASSES



Tangaroa College

12RP
2025



Back Row: Anilea Palalagi, Roman Tapatuetoa, Albert Iva, Ngatokorua Iona, Jerome Murray, Deesham Katu
 3rd Row: Angus Une, Leo Tangianau-Kirianu, Xigui Liao, Joshua Pokotai, Nehemiah Laufoli, Jeremiah Lemai-Tanuvasa, Varhn Tamore
 2nd Row: Anita Matapakia, Antoni Marsters, Lorike Tawhi-Marsters, Tariano Tusini-Rex, Sebastian Joel, Piriangaoo Tarapu, Christopher Eliza, Tylah Pakari, Roneel Prasad (Teacher)
 Front Row: Kylie Caling, Titula Singh, Janat Solim, Jebel Lapuz, Airizh Cueto, Rihanna Balinsat, Sophie Mangu, Z'Kkitta-Gishon Sionepepi, Jeanina Costillas
 Absent: Loraza Baniani, Jason Iupati, Emanuel Tausaga



Tangaroa College

12WD
2025



Back Row: Sera Ili, Ohanna Vaine Takua, Grace Parkes, Anilyza Marsters, Frenz Santiago, Graci Te Rongomau-Pearce
 3rd Row: Natalie Fa'alave, Deijahnaye Moon, Michael Kaisala, Amanda Perenise, Edwin Tuiloma, Charmaine Fenika, Natasha Mua
 2nd Row: Allen Killfi, Sam Lolesio, Kyle Tababa, Roman Gardiner, Kayne Murray, Liveon RetiNikau, Ayeh Wadood (Teacher)
 Front Row: Aizce Celestino, Sharon Boyce, Kristie Iulio, Zahriah-Pearl Mougavalu, Khloe-Angel Lafotanoa, Indianah-Breeze Hancy, Elizabeth Teaea Glassie
 Absent: A'ana Gago, Kerei Lacebal, Jeanne Laceste, Nikka Mei, John Placente

YEAR 12 LEADERS ASSEMBLY



Year 12 Assembly recognising the Year 12 Leaders led by Year 12 Dean - Mrs Devi-Kumar

YEAR 13 WA AKORANGA CLASSES



Tangaroa College

13HE
2025



Back Row: Laina Takaiti-Smith, Axana Aiono, Luisa Folau
2nd Row: Katherine Villiamu, Jermaine Tutagalevao, Safinati Palavi, Brogan Samuels (Year 13 Dean)
Front Row: Kaytlyn Cavanagh, Shaniya Bibi, Tarita Mauri, Ema Futialo, Zaria Tarau
Absent: Lemmy Afakasi, Latrell Meti, Rougene Panga, Jovahn Tagavaitau



Tangaroa College

13HSA
2025



Back Row: Dejunay Rapana, Mavis Pualau, Anita Tumu, Peter Ortega
3rd Row: Jasmine Iehu-Moetara, Irene Misilei, Vika To'a, Michelle Siaea, Saupo Lene, Rachael Lautofa, Yashna Deo
2nd Row: Brogan Samuels (Year 13 Dean), Shaanav Deo, Paituli Mamako, Maeva Williams, Nirvan Ram, Atalia Tautua'a, Maina Fonoti,
Front Row: Tamara William-Masters, Sophia Puna, Tonny Tautua, Tupou Vaitohi, Rylee Falesii, Precious Tupou, Mele Kala
Absent: Daman Taviliniu

YEAR 13 WA AKORANGA CLASSES



Tangaroa College

13PT
2025



Back Row: Jazmyn Heke, Ceylezhmyah Salu, Ezel Potifara, Levindianni Agavale, Keisha Kura, Malia Braithwaite
 3rd Row: Kennedy Tapumanaia, Jeremiah Maluafo, Amos Kereama, Tristan Strickland, Tevita Taungahihifo, Abraham Pagaialii, Leroy Te Aarii
 2nd Row: Brogan Samuels (Year 13 Dean), Shaylah Carr, Faatalaia Auga, Lelea Toese, Leone Vitoliano Kasala, Hebron Tupe, Jolly Tupai, Journey Petero, Anne Marie Tauilili-Lia (Teacher)
 Front Row: Jasmine Williams, Lily Faalili, Hazel Matangi, Pearl Gumaka, Jazalene Tana Thompson, Venshuella Eniata, Jazlyn Tapuina
 Absent: Dayton Charlie, Jafaya Gago, Kalaye Ormsby Toia, Megan Pahulu, Joe Sula



Tangaroa College

13RA
2025



Back Row: Sharon Iulio, Leroi Gibson, Sohan Hossain, Carlos Tuau-Hemopo, Valentine Iulio, John Lealuga, Dan Tran
 3rd Row: Brogan Samuels (Year 13 Dean), Jeremiah Filihia, Deziah Tuakura Tuileutu-Voi, Paula Falemoe, Xin Le Ouyang, Junior Tolai, Tupou Finau, Shanav Singh, Elijah Faamausili
 2nd Row: Siteaoa Pagaialii, Avkirat Singh, John Vaiagina, Jin Ha, Matthew Autalaga, Meleofa Taulafo, AJ Tuifua, Dixon Masoe, Praneshwar Ram (Teacher)
 Front Row: AJ Sampson, Te Aroha Ihaka, Christina Iuli, Prayer Fauena, Jordan Nicholas, Charlotte Silioto, Michaela Crivellaro, Shekinah Fuifui
 Absent: Jomaine Apin, Kien Dinh, Kaytelynne Fau, Gina Maposua, Sangaia Tere

YEAR 13 WA AKORANGA CLASSES



Tangaroa College

13RO
2025



Back Row: Monty Tinai, Mau Pasi, Mahe Fangupo, Jayden Teio, Willyson Saulala
4th Row: Poutoa Salevao, Paea Taufu, Revelation Togafau, Edward Neale, Ernesto' Enoka, Puipui Sofeni
3rd Row: Edward Sio, Sikuka Faiaia Lomitusi, Akavi Natua, Jake Wilson, Tyrell Tuala, Taanuu Sosaiete, San'Jose Enoka
2nd Row: Brogan Samuels (Year 13 Dean), Zion Atera, King Jamila, Sitani Kauhalianua, Verseilar Tupuono, Mike Papalosa, Kaw Meh, Fayzanne Maifala, Sonya Siniua Robertson (Teacher)
Front Row: Poerava Misikea, Talalelei Sa'olele Magele Tavae, Harmony Manu, Angel Henry, Norma Finau, Shykryn Tiatia, Selina Mona
Absent: Jairus Tuiala



Our Prefects at the annual march for ANZAC DAY in Otago.

CONNECTED LEARNING CENTRE | AE



Tangaroa College

CLC
2025



Back Row: Tracy Marurai (Teacher), Castell Holmes, Roslyne Lauvao, Telisha Chapman (Teacher)
Front Row: Delcia Leau, Brooke Tauria, Tina Sagaga (Teacher), Natasha Wijohn, Toruwiki Gregory
Absent: Unique Areli-Keat, Janette Leauomoana, Caitlin Leroy, Akira Tahana



Tangaroa College

9AE
2025



Back Row: Aarie Tamatoa (Teacher), Braxton Mehana, Kaydin Langi-Wright, Vinny Niutama (Teacher)
Front Row: Yasmin Harris-Puru, Graycee Herbert, Tupou Pahulu, Shannon Porea-Vao, Da'Naiya Nathan
Absent: Christian Ioane

YEAR 13S AT THE ANZAC MARCH

LEST WE FORGET



Our Prefects representing Tangaroa College every year without fail at the ANZAC march.



ACADEMIC

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

Academic success at Tangaroa College is built through daily effort, strong study habits, and the determination to keep showing up. Throughout the year, our students worked hard in class and at home, pushed through challenges, and committed to their learning. Our motto, Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow, reminds us that consistent attendance and steady effort create the pathway to achievement. This journey is strengthened when students take time to Reflect, set goals, and keep improving.

Behind every result is a team effort. Our teachers and support staff went the extra mile with extra tutorials, lunchtime and after school sessions, revision support, and one on one guidance to help students succeed. This reflects our values in action. We Respect learning by taking it seriously, we Connect by supporting one another, and we Strive by aiming high and doing the work required to reach our potential.

We also acknowledge our parents and whānau for the daily commitments that make success possible, including early drop offs, late pick ups, and the encouragement that happens beyond the school gates. Academic achievement at Tangaroa College is a collective effort, and we celebrate the progress made across the year. The following pages recognise the students celebrated at Prizegiving for their academic success, commitment, and contribution. We congratulate all award recipients and acknowledge every student who worked hard to finish the year strong.



SENIOR PRIZEGIVING AWARDS

TOP YEAR 11 & RUNNER UP 2025

**Hinalagi Tapita Joy
Leleanah Pue (11HSA)**

Excellence in English and
Mathematics, Bev. Adams
Trophy for Top Year 11
Female Mathematician, Ross
Robertson Cup for Pursuit of
Excellence in English
Language & Principal's
Award for Diligence &
Academic Excellence for
Top Year 11 Student



Aban Mohammed (11HSA)

Excellence in Biology/Chemistry,
Science and Social Studies &
**Runner Up to Top Year 11
Student**



YEAR 11 SPECIAL AWARDS

Khent Andrie Diosaban (11SD)

John Seagar 'You've been
noticed' Award

Nevayah Hita (11HSA)

Excellence in Māori and Senior
Māori Self Engagement Trophy

Euodia Puaha (11CS)

The Patsy Fata Trophy
for Diligence Year 11
Learning Support

Ethan Kaisala (11SG)

MIT Award for Year 11
Performing Arts

Jude Matthew Moreno (11SG)

Excellence in Science and Bev
Adams Trophy for Top Year 11
Male Mathematician

YEAR 11 EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Joshua Prasad (11HSA)

Ronella Pritchard (11HSA)

Lesa Eti Faiva (11CD)

Marie Kaisala (11HSA)

Zane Chalmers (11LG)

Tiare Judith Fariu (11LG)

Georgina Matapakia (11LG)

Sa Aipolofeu Mulipola (11LG)

Cielo Margaret Aranas (11SD)

Akisha Dano (11SD)

Jomaniah Soloai (11SG)

Jessica Jr Patolo (11SG)

Salome To'a (11CD)

Thao Hoang (11LG)

Aroha Green (11SD)

Jayden Eliza (11SD)

Pai Maposua (11HH)

Shelby Reti-Nikau (11LG)

Sammy Toia-Tararo (11CA)

Elizabeth Mahine Taliai (11HH)

Excellence in Product Design

Excellence in Physical Education

Excellence in Mathematics

Excellence in Music

Excellence in Physical Education

Excellence in Physical Education

Excellence in Science

Excellence in Samoan

Excellence in English

Excellence in Business Studies

Excellence in Mathematics

Excellence in English

Excellence in English and Science

Excellence in Digital Art and Food

Excellence in Mathematics and Science

Excellence in DT & Computing & Trades Academy

Excellence in English, Mathematics and Science

Excellence in English, Geography and Mathematics

Excellence in English, Mathematics and Science

Excellence in Public Speaking in Samoan Language

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING AWARDS

YEAR 12 SPECIAL AWARDS

James Fauoo (12HE)

John Seagar "We've Noticed You Award" & Services Academy Leadership Award

Sam Matua (12HSA)

Year 12 Leadership Trophy and The Calvary Award for Year 12 Male all rounder. Sporting & Academic

Va'atausili Sio (12PO)

Excellence in Samoan & Excellence in Public Speaking in Samoan Language

Olivia-Grace Maginley (12HE)

Services Academy Most Improved Award

Abbas Attayee (12NY)

The Patsy Fata Trophy for Diligence in Learning Support

Z'Kkitta Sionepeni (12RP)

The Chittenden Cup for Design Technology

Ibanez Waru (12HSA)

Excellence in English & Mathematics with Calculus & Gary Johnston Cup for Top Year 12 Math in Calculus

Heavyn Taufu (12HE)

Excel in Services Academy & Services Academy Top Overall Student

Edwin Tuiloma (12WD)

Dr Elahe Khaleghian Award for Performing Arts

Liv Macgregor-Kaisala (12HSA)

Excellence in Biology, Chemistry & Mathematics with Calculus, Top Year 12 Maori Student & Les Sweetman Senior Science Cup

YEAR 12 EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Cruz Iako (12BR)

Nga-Jaylevan La'Akulu Sharma (12BR)

Coralie Nicholas (12BR)

Dineth Babaranda Guruge (12NY)

Mark Albo (12PO)

Elizabeth Teaea Glassie (12WD)

Deijahnaye Moon (12WD)

Michael Kaisala (12WD)

Penisimani Siakumi (12PO)

Sophie Mangu (12RP)

Tariano Tusini-Rex (12RP)

John Brix Placente (12WD)

Kennedy Taufu (12WD)

Michael Rongo (12PO)

Ohanna Vaine Takua (12WD)

Sulia Tokelau (12HSA)

Maybelle Epati-Smith (12NY)

Aizce Celestino (12WD)

Excellence in Physical Education

Excellence in English

Excellence in History

Excellence in English

Excellence in Trades Academy

Excellence in Tourism

Excellence in Future Pathways

Excellence in Music

Excellence in Food

Excellence in Tourism

Excellence in Automotive Studies

Excellence in Digital Technologies & Computing

Excellence in Money Management

Excellence in Physical Education Leadership

Excellence in Maths with Statistics

Excellence in English and Maths with Statistics

Excellence in Multi Media Arts & Future Pathways

Excellence in Digital Design, English & Maths with Calculus

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING AWARDS

TOP YEAR 12 STUDENT 2025



Bethsharon Mattocks (12HSA)

Excellence in Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, English and Mathematics with Statistics, The English Department Cup for Year 12 English Scholar, Top Year 12 Mathematician in Statistics & Top Year 12 Student

RUNNER UP TO TOP YEAR 12

Elizaberth Samau (12HSA)

Excellence in Social Studies, Year 12 Leadership Trophy, The Calvary Award for Year 12 Female all rounder - Sport and Academic & Runner Up to Top Year 12 Student



SENIOR PRIZEGIVING AWARDS

YEAR 13 EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Axana Aiono (13HE)	Excellence in Trades Academy
Michaela Crivellaro (13HSA)	Excellence in English
Shanav Singh (13RA)	Excellence in Automotive
Deziah Tuakura Tuileutu-Voi (13RA)	Excellence in Future Pathways
Tupou Finau (13RA)	Excellence in Product Design
Shekinah Fuifui (13RA)	Excellence in Social Studies
John Wesley Vaiagina (13RA)	Excellence in English
Talalelei Sa'olele Magele Tavae (13RO)	Excellence in Music
Paula Falemoe (13RA)	Excellence in Fitness Studies, Multi Media Arts and Drama
Paituli Mamako (13HSA)	Excellence in Digital Design and Digital Technologies & Computing

YEAR 13 SPECIAL AWARDS

Precious Tupou (13HSA)	Scholarship from the NZ Antarctic Heritage Trust
Tamara William-Masters (13HSA)	Dr Elahe Khaleghian Senior Student Citizenship Award
Joe Sula (13PT)	Music Mania Cup for Outstanding Musical Performance
Prayer Fauena (13RA)	White Cliffs Timber prize for Workshop/Design Tech
Sharon Iulio (13RA)	Special Award for Best Writer in Samoan Language
Dixon Masoe (13RA)	Fletcher Challenge Award for Attendance & Commitment in Gateway
Norma Finau (13RO)	Lifting Literacy Award Sponsored by Tupu Library
Shykryn Tiatia (13RO)	Vodafone Events Centre Award for Performing Arts
Dan Tran (13RA)	Excellence in Mathematics with Calculus & Mishara Naidoo Memorial Cup for Top Year 13 Female Mathematician in Calculus
King John Luis Jamila (13RO)	Excellence in Physical Education & John Seagar "We've Noticed You" Award
Edward Neale (13RO)	Excellence in Business Studies, Commerce Staff Cup for Top Student in Year 13 Business Studies & Cup for Top Year 13 Male Mathematician in Statistics
Valentine Iulio (13RA)	Excellence in Samoan, Outstanding Year 13 Student in Samoan Language & Samoan Speech Trophy for Excellence in Public Speaking
Jeremiah Filihia (13RA)	Photolife Visual Arts Award & Kokako Lodge Award for Outdoor Excellence
Dejunay Rapana (13HSA)	Excellence in Multi Media Arts & Smart PC Visual Arts Award
Te Aroha Ihaka (13RA)	Taumata Trophy for diligence & Keith Armstrong Memorial cup for Debating

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING AWARDS

YEAR 13 SPECIAL AWARDS

Malia Braithwaite (13PT)	Excellence in Tourism & Self Determination Award
Anita Tumu (13HSA)	Excellence in Food and Future Pathways & The Sisi Patea-Key Service Cup
Tarita Mauri (13HE)	Excellence in Defence & Services Academy 13MI Top Student
Sophia Puna (13HSA)	Adventures Within Award for Outdoor Leadership & Afamasaga Rasmussen Award for Outstanding Achievement in Performing Arts
Nirvan Ram (13HSA)	Excellence in Biology and Chemistry & VC Naidoo Award for Best Year 13 Male Mathematician in Calculus
Atalia Tautua'a (13HSA)	Colvin Award for Top Year 13 Wahine
Tristan Strickland	Wharemate Award for Top Yr 13 Tane
Christina Iuli (13RA)	The Helen Tau'au Creative Writing Cup & The Collins' family 'Voice of the South' scholarship \$750
Mele Kala (13HSA)	2025 Service to the School as Head Girl
Tonny Tautua (13HSA)	2025 Service to the School as Head Boy, Dave Shapcott Award for Outstanding Effort and Achievement in both Sport & Academic, Principal's Award for Service to School as the BOT Rep & The Efeso Collins' Memorial Cup for Community Leadership \$1000 scholarship from the Collins' family.

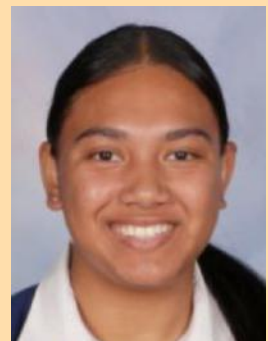


Year 13 School Dux 2025

Gina Maposua (13RA)

Excellence in Accounting, English, Geography and History, Jowett Cup for Outstanding History Student, English Department Cup for Year 13 English Scholar & Tangaroa College
"Top Academic Student" School Dux 2025"

Irene Grace Misilei (13HSA) Excellence in Mathematics with Statistics, Sir Barry Curtis Cup for Senior Public Speaking, Tino Rangatira Award for Citizenship, Cup for Top Year 13 Female Mathematician in Statistics &
2025 Proxime Accessit (Runner Up Dux)



JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING 2025

NEVER GIVE UP! TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK



Our Junior Prizegiving continued the celebration of achievement across Tangaroa College by recognising the growth, effort, and resilience shown by our Year 9 and 10 students throughout the year. Led by Mr Tavo, Year 9 Dean, and Mrs Suamili, Year 10 Dean, our juniors worked hard in the classroom and continued to develop confidence, positive routines, and pride in their learning.

Year 9 students engaged in Thematic projects that encouraged creativity, collaboration, and deeper thinking around meaningful ideas. Year 10 students focused on the Six Cs, building the skills and mindsets that support success across subjects and real world contexts. Both year levels finished the year with electives, which were always a highlight for students and a great opportunity to explore interests, strengths, and new learning experiences.



We finished the year on a high with a trip to Parakai, where students enjoyed a well deserved swim and time together as a cohort. This experience was made possible through the support of Kirk, Aktive Az, Harmony, and the wider team who sponsored the trip, and we thank them sincerely for investing in our students. We also acknowledge our Prizegiving team, led by Ms Faumuina and Miss Lauese, and the wider team who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to organise the event from start to finish. It was a great year for our juniors, who achieved strongly in the classroom and continued to grow through experiences beyond it.



Our 2026 Prefects alongside the Year 9 and 10s performing the Tangaroa Haka at the end of Prizegiving to acknowledge all our staff, our parents, families and the community.

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING AWARDS

YEAR 9 EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Erish Racquel De Guzman (9AI)
Asvida Dombagolle Gedara (9AI)
Tosolimah Begum Soyot Amin (9AI)
Christine Auga (9CH)
Gary-Cooper Eli (9CH)
Shiloh Lloyd (9CH)
Orlando Neale (9FV)

Priscylla Salefao (9FV)
Calvary Otine (9OF)
'Apikale Paletu'a (9OF)
Jakkrit Phorkha (9OF)
Kyle Tiatoa (9OF)
Jerome Antolin (9PD)
Milan Cowan (9UE)
Sitaleki Mafi (9UE)
Heaven Brown (9UL)
Keo Monica Chan (9UL)
Johnellis Papalii (9UL)
Freedom Vaiagina (9UL)

Jenevieve Leuta (9VE)
Chant'e Seve (9VE)
Gabriella Simona (9VE)
Tara Tautua Talauega (9VE)
Taumate Fale (CS)
Thuy Nguyen Tran (9AI)
Delatoa Martin (9CH)

Logan-Jade Pehi (9CH)
Tehitu Tutai (9CH)
Miel Llyset (9FV)
Dakota George (9OF)
Sonia Hameed (9OF)
Taise Lu'uga (9OF)
Vena Toutai (9PD)
Neaveah Wilson (9PD)
Emily Forse-Lalich (9PD)

Tahlia Fergusson (9UE)

Marcus Fritz (9UE)

Kuata Pue (9UL)

Excellence in Digital Technologies
Excellence in Business Studies
Excellence in Technology
Excellence in Music
Excellence in Science
Excellence in Business Studies
Excellence in Business Studies
Excellence in Technology
Excellence in English Language
Excellence in Mathematics
Excellence in Digital Art
Excellence in Digital Technologies
Excellence in PE
Excellence in Drama
Excellence in Music

Excellence in Drama
Excellence in Health
Excellence in Music
Excellence in Physical Education

Excellence in Drama
Excellence in Social Studies
Excellence in Technology
Excellence in Music
Excellence in Learning Support
Excellence in ESOL & Maths
Excellence in Maths & Social Studies
Excellence in English & PE
Excellence in Technology & Health
Excellence in Science & Health
Excellence in Business Studies & PE
Excellence in Science & Technology
Excellence in Social Studies & Health
Excellence in Drama & Music
Excellence in English & Science

Excellence in Maths, Social Studies & Health

Excellence in English, Science, Technology & Health

Excellence in Maths, PE & Social Studies

Excellence in Maths

Y9 SPECIALS & TOP AWARDS

YEAR 9 SPECIAL AWARDS

Fau Sinai (9FV)

Junior Debater of the Year

VJ Faingataa (CS)

The Patsy Fata Diligence Cup for CS Homeroom Class

Roman Siva (9VE)

Excellence in English & Health & Otara-Pap Board Civic Leadership Award

Aanvi Avipsha (9UL)

Excellence in Business Studies, English, Science, Technology & The Year 9 Dean's Diligence Award

Faith Ngatae (9FV)

Excellence in Drama, English, PE, Social Studies & The Efeso Collins' Family "Voice of the South" Scholarship of \$750

Kalolo Ioane (9AI)

Excellence in Drama & Physical Education & The Patsy Fata Diligence Cup for Year 9 Learning Support

Kalolo Ioane (9AI)

Excellence in Drama, PE and The Patsy Fata Diligence Cup for Year 9 Learning Support

TOP YEAR 9 & RUNNER UP 2025



Ayvah Bartels (9VE)

Excellence in Mathematics, Physical Education, Science & Art, Top Year 9 Maori Student, Top Year 9 Mathematician. Year 9 Junior Leader Wayfinder. Top Year 9 Academic Student 2025

Aggie Siuta (9FV)

Excellence in Mathematics & Music, Junior Debater of the Year - Wahine. Year 9 Junior Leader Wayfinder. Year 9 Runner up to Top Academic Student 2025



He waka eke noa
We are all in this waka together.

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING AWARDS

YEAR 10 EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Mariam Alezzo (10AI)
Europa Pai Faiva (10AI)
Tafa Falemoe (10AN)
Nimo Junior Faosiliva (10AN)
Maia Potini (10AN)
Lurinior Faiao (10CN)
Gabriel Jones (10CN)
Gloriah Kolio (10CN)
Maria Elizabeth Migallen (10CN)
Elijah Pao (10FH)
Norah-Jean Mativa Aiono (10IF)
Fallon Glassie (10IF)
Lance Misili (10ML)
Debra Blessing Pagaialii (10WS)
Moneq Filipo Matauaina (10WS)
Catelynn Petaia (10WS)
Rangi Rudolph (CS)
Leilani Togia (10WS)
Maryam Heydari (10AI)
Amelia Malafu (10FH)
Jellian Bagorio (10WS)
Siva Pahulu (10WS)
Naveah Katuke (10FH)
Rhetz Gumanid (10ML)

Excellence in Mathematics
Excellence in Music
Excellence in Music
Excellence in Science
Excellence in Science
Excellence in Food Design
Excellence in Physical Education
Excellence in Science
Excellence in Health
Excellence in Business Studies
Excellence in Digital Art
Excellence in Physical Education
Excellence in Mathematics
Excellence in Mathematics
Excellence in Product Design
Excellence in Health
Excellence in Learning Support
Excellence in Samoan
Excellence in Maths & Science
Excellence in English & Health
Excellence in PE & Science
Excellence in English &
Social Studies
Excellence in Maths, PE,
Science & Social Studies
Excellence in English, Science,
Social Studies & Health

YEAR 10 SPECIAL AWARDS

Fau Sinai (9FV)

Junior Debater of the Year

VJ Faingataa (CS)

The Patsy Fata Diligence
Cup for CS Homeroom Class

Roman Siva (9VE)

Excellence in English
& Health & Otara-Pap
Board Civic Leadership
Award

Aanvi Avipsha (9UL)

Excellence in Business
Studies, English, Science,
Technology & The Year 9
Dean's Diligence Award

Faith Ngatae (9FV)

Excellence in Drama,
English, PE, Social Studies
& The Efeso Collins' Family
"Voice of the South"
Scholarship of \$750

Kalolo Ioane (9AI)

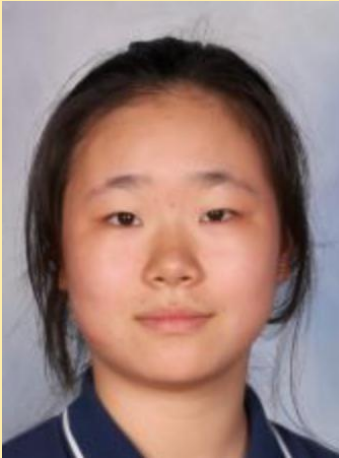
Excellence in Drama &
Physical Education &
The Patsy Fata Diligence
Cup for Year 9 Learning
Support

Kalolo Ioane (9AI)

Excellence in Drama, PE
and The Patsy Fata
Diligence Cup for
Year 9 Learning Support

Y10 SPECIALS & TOP AWARDS

TOP YEAR 10 & RUNNER UP 2025



Lemon Xu (10IF)

Excellence in Digital Technologies and Computing, English Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Visual Art & Health, The Wendy Folkard Memorial Award for Top Junior Science Student & Top Year 10 Mathematician.

Year 10 Top Equal Academic Student 2025

Shanvi Singh (10KI)

Excellence in English Language, Mathematics, Physical Education, Science, Social Studies & Health.

Year 10 Top Equal Academic Student 2025



Suri Maposua (10AN)

Excellence in Business Studies, Digital Technologies and computing, English language, Mathematics, Physical Education, Social Studies and Health

Year 10 Runner Up to Top Academic Student 2025



Mā te huaruhuru, ka rere te manu.

With feathers, the bird can fly.

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

Year 9 Motto: Never give up. Teamwork makes the dream work!



JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

Year 10 Motto: Work hard. Trust the process. Be you!



YEAR 13 GRADUATION

The Year 13 Graduation took place on 28 November in the lower gym, marking a significant milestone for our Tangaroa College leavers. Dressed in gowns and caps, our students were celebrated for reaching the end of the school year and completing five years of learning, growth, and shared experiences.

This occasion acknowledged not only academic achievement, but also the contributions, service, leadership, and commitment shown by our students throughout their time at Tangaroa College. It was a moment to reflect on the journey they have taken and the impact they have made on our school community.

As our graduates move on to the next chapter of their lives, we wish them every success for the future. They leave knowing they will always be part of the Tangaroa College whānau. Once TC, always TC.



ADIOS CLASS OF 2025

GO OUT AND BE GREAT!





DEPARTMENTS

SCIENCE

The Science Department brought curiosity, creativity, and humour into learning throughout the year. From field trips and practical investigations to moments captured with a sense of fun, students were encouraged to explore science in ways that were engaging, memorable, and meaningful.

Beyond the laughter, science at Tangaroa College continues to develop curious minds and critical thinkers. Students are challenged to ask questions, test ideas, and understand the world around them through hands on learning and real world contexts.

These experiences help prepare students for future pathways in health, environmental science, technology, research, and many other science related careers. The Science Department remains committed to inspiring curiosity and equipping students with the skills and confidence they need for the future.

CAPTION COMPETITION!



Is cooking and washing up science? Mr Uele is preparing his lessons.



Lost in the bush? Year 13 Bio students at Tiritiri Matagi Island Reserve



This is how you do it. Mouth-to-respiratory resuscitation - Year 12 Bio.



Dinner will be ready in an hour; be patient.



Can you still eat it? Year 12 Bio students dissecting a snapper.

COMMERCE

The Commerce Department provided students with a wide range of valuable learning experiences beyond the classroom throughout the year. Through multiple field trips, including Fielddays, Market Days, the Wellington Trip, Tip Top, and the CETA Pursuits Quiz, students were able to connect classroom learning with real world contexts. Education Outside the Classroom played an important role in helping students develop confidence, independence, and practical skills. These experiences allowed students to engage directly with industries, businesses, and organisations, gaining insights that cannot be replicated within four walls.

The Commerce Department remains committed to providing meaningful learning opportunities that prepare students for future pathways. The experiences gained through EOTC help shape skills, understanding, and memories that will stay with students long after their time at Tangaroa College.

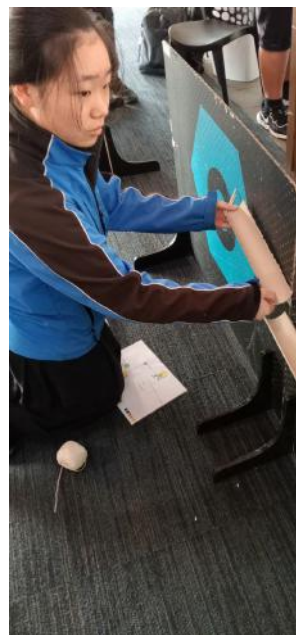


DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY (DT)

On 12 August 2025, a group of junior female Digital Technologies students attended the annual ShadowTech Day. Matched with a local technology company, students explored career pathways through workplace tours, interactive activities, and authentic insights into the tech industry. This year, our host was EROAD in Albany, and students left inspired by the possibilities within IT.



On 18 July 2025, the Tangaroa College Year 10 Digital Technologies class visited Ara Skills at the airport for an IT Taster Day. Working in teams, students completed problem solving challenges that highlighted real world applications of technology. In 2026, Tangaroa College will join the Ara PTech Digital Technologies programme, offering pathways into MIT courses and internships with technology companies.



PE & HEALTH

YEAR 11 PE CAMP ADAIR

IN EARLY MAY, THE YEAR 11 PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES HAD THE EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A FOUR-DAY CAMP AT YMCA CAMP ADAIR. THIS YEAR'S THEME, KOTAHITANGA, HIGHLIGHTED UNITY AND TEAMWORK, WHICH WAS EVIDENT THROUGHOUT ALL THE ACTIVITIES—FROM WATER RAFTING AND THE LEAP OF FAITH TO ROCK CLIMBING, THE CAMP ADAIR CHALLENGE, THE SCAVENGER HUNT, AND THE CONFIDENCE COURSE. EACH ACTIVITY ENCOURAGED US TO STEP OUTSIDE OUR COMFORT ZONES WHILE SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER.

MANY OF US WERE INITIALLY UNFAMILIAR WITH SOME OF THE CHALLENGES, BUT THE CONTINUOUS ENCOURAGEMENT FROM OUR PEERS AND TEACHERS HELPED BUILD CONFIDENCE AND BOOSTED OUR EXCITEMENT. OVER THE FOUR DAYS, STRONG BONDS WERE FORMED AS WE MOVED FROM HESITATING TO WORK WITH NEW CLASSMATES TO ACTIVELY HELPING AND MOTIVATING ONE ANOTHER.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE PE DEPARTMENT FOR MAKING THIS EXPERIENCE SO MEMORABLE FOR THE YEAR 11 STUDENTS. YOUR GUIDANCE, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND DEDICATION DID NOT GO UNNOTICED. DESPITE A FEW CHALLENGES ALONG THE WAY, YOU ENSURED THE CAMP WAS ENJOYABLE AND REWARDING, LEAVING US WITH MEMORIES WE WILL ALL CHERISH.



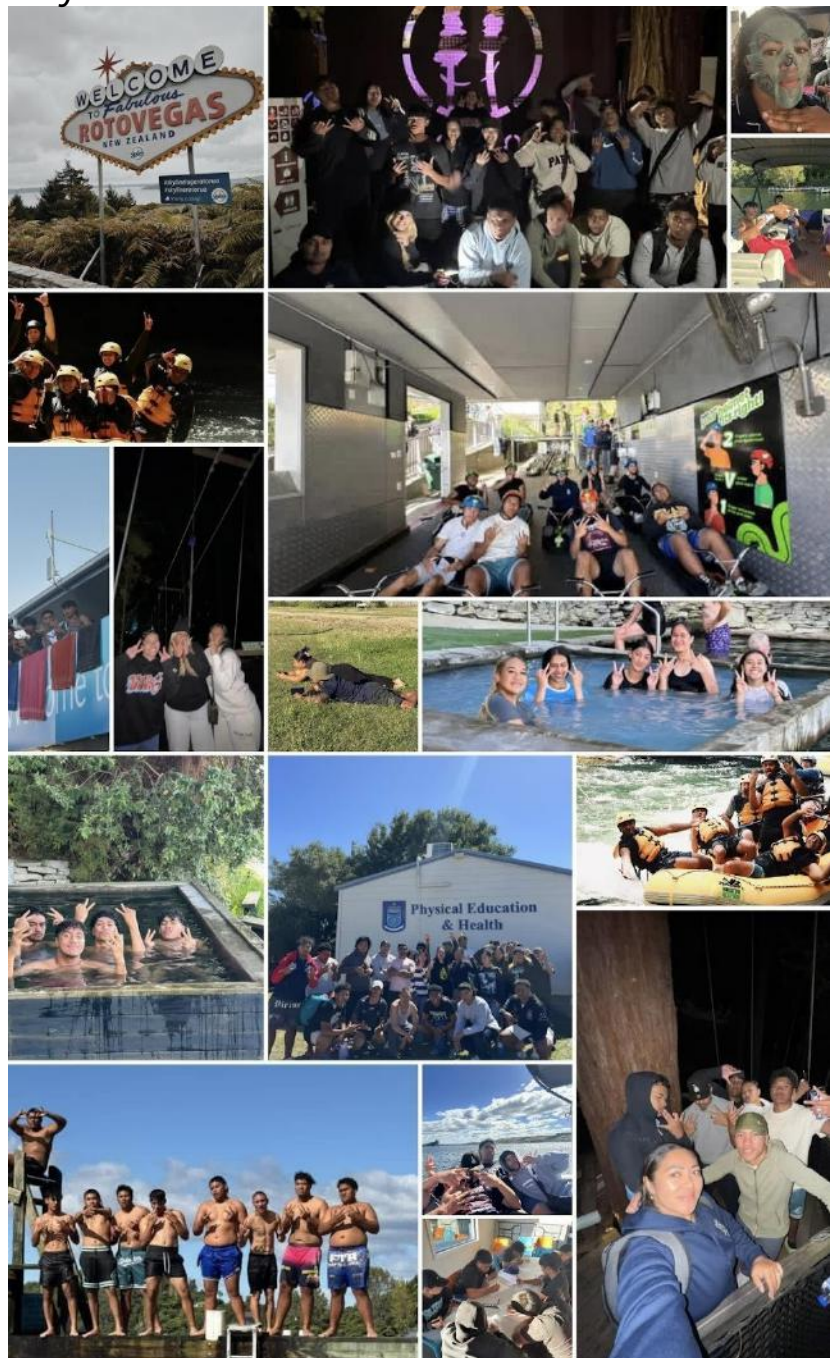
PE & HEALTH

Year 12 PE Camp 2025



From the 3rd - 7th of March our Physical Leadership class had the privilege of spending a long and memorable week down in Rotorua, with the help of the PE department bringing this trip to reality. 12PL took part in several exciting activities at camp. We went rafting, where we paddled together down a seven-metre waterfall, an experience that Adrenaline Forest, we tackled a range of obstacle courses from levels one to six, each increasing in height, duration, and difficulty, helping us build confidence along the way.

We also went on the luge, racing down the tracks and enjoying the fast-paced turns and smooth downhill sections. Overall, the activities were fun, energetic, and gave us the chance to challenge ourselves while enjoying the great outdoors. Then learning how to read different types of risks, staying safe and reflecting on our previous activities for the day. In our spare time, we went on smaller trips, such as a late-night walk through the Redwoods Forest, where we saw the stunning lights and geothermal sights. We also visited the Lake Rotoiti hot pools, travelling there by boat. These places were amazing and so much fun to explore. The whole experience brought our class closer together and helped us become more open with one another, each learning different leadership skills during the week as different groups had been signed to different roles and responsibilities. A big thank you to the PE department for organizing such an amazing camp and making sure everything ran smoothly. We really appreciate all the effort and support you put in to make this trip such a huge highlight and enjoyable experience for everyone.



13 Physical Education

Our year 13 PE snow camp was an epic week packed with adventure, laughter and unforgettable memories! We stayed at Oasis Motel & Hot pools, with facilities that catered for our daily needs. Provided us space where we made special memories doing back flips on the tramp, a night in the shed singing and dancing and more.

We hit the slopes of Mt Ruapehu for snowboarding and skiing for most it was our first time and first time seeing snow! From hilarious wipe-outs to nailing our first runs down the mountain every moment was pure excitement.

With everyone cheering each other on made it all worth it



A huge thank you to our P.E department and staff for giving us the ultimate send off for us year 13s, a week of challenges, team-work and pure fun all deeply appreciate this experience we'll remember forever.

Snow Camp 2025



We also took on the Tongariro River Trail, pushing through an intense but rewarding bike ride surrounded by stunning views. It tested our endurance, but the sense of accomplishment and laughs along the way made it one of the highlights.



CAREERS AND TRANSITIONS

The Careers Department continues to be a vital support for our students, led by Alice Va'a and her team, Miss Collins, Stephen Tominiko, and Matua Terry Nelson. Together, this dream team is always there for our rangatahi, helping them prepare for life beyond school with guidance, care, and practical support.

From CV writing workshops and scholarship applications to work experience opportunities, driver licence support, and even barbering pathways, the Careers team opens doors and creates real opportunities for our students. Their commitment ensures our young people leave Tangaroa College confident, prepared, and ready to take their next steps. Through te reo Māori and tikanga Māori, students are encouraged to connect with the language and values of Aotearoa in meaningful ways. While the majority of our students are non Māori, they engage with enthusiasm, respect, and pride, embracing learning that deepens their understanding of culture, community, and belonging.



Matua Terry going around with his Media team during Electives at Lets Siva.



TANGAROA COLLEGE CAREERS
YEAR 9
VISION
Boards
INSPIRATION

Due: Tuesday 24th June 3PM

Things to include in your boards →
Dream Job, Dream House, Dream Car,
Favorite Quote/Saying, Travel Goals, What's Important to you, Family Photos, What you want to achieve at school.

You Can Use
<https://www.canva.com/templates/s/vision-board/>
To Create Your Vision Board
FREE!

Share your completed vision board to:
stephent@tangaroa.school.nz



MAORI DEPARTMENT

The Māori Department continues to play an essential role in strengthening identity, language, and cultural understanding at Tangaroa College. Led by Matua Iki, Whaea Waitonga, and Miss Faumuina, our students are privileged to learn from passionate and knowledgeable educators who lead with authenticity, care, and high expectations.

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Matua Iki and Whaea Waitonga with our students at Polyfest 2025.

The Māori Department provides a space where students feel supported to learn, participate, and grow. This learning extends beyond the classroom, shaping confident learners who understand the importance of culture, respect, and connection in their lives and in the wider world.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



The English Department continues to play a vital role in developing confident communicators, critical thinkers, and proud storytellers at Tangaroa College. Through reading, writing, speaking, and performance, our students are encouraged to find their voice, tell their stories, and engage thoughtfully with the world around them. Literacy remains at the heart of our work, not only as an academic skill, but as a pathway to identity, confidence, and opportunity. We acknowledge with deep respect the late Faleata Ualesi, our Head of Learning English, whose leadership and passion continue to shape the department and our kura. A fearless

and dedicated advocate for literacy, he challenged students to believe in the power of their words and pushed staff to teach with purpose, courage, and heart. His commitment to our students, our community, and our profession has left a lasting legacy that lives on in our classrooms and in the voices of our learners. The English Department moves forward grounded in this legacy, united in our commitment to empowering students through language, learning, and storytelling.



2024 Prizegiving Dept Photo



2025 Prizegiving Dept Photo



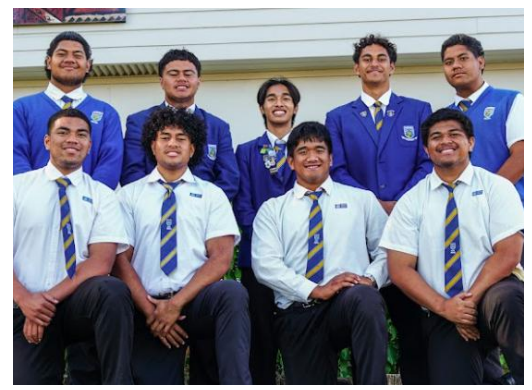
2020 Prizegiving Dept Photo



2021 Prizegiving Dept Photo

ALL HANDS ON DECK

When it comes to teaching, at the start of each, all departments get together to meet with whanau across all year levels. The Deans work hard behind the scenes to make this happen. We are always grateful to all our staff who go above and beyond to not just connect with our kids but also with whanau. We understand that this journey is done together, side by side.



Year 13 Hui organised by Brogan Samuels, Deans, SLT and all staff. Amazing photos by Matua Terry, Stephen Tominiko and the amazing Media Team.

O le ala i le pule o le tautua
The pathway to leadership is through service



CULTURE

TE AO MĀORI



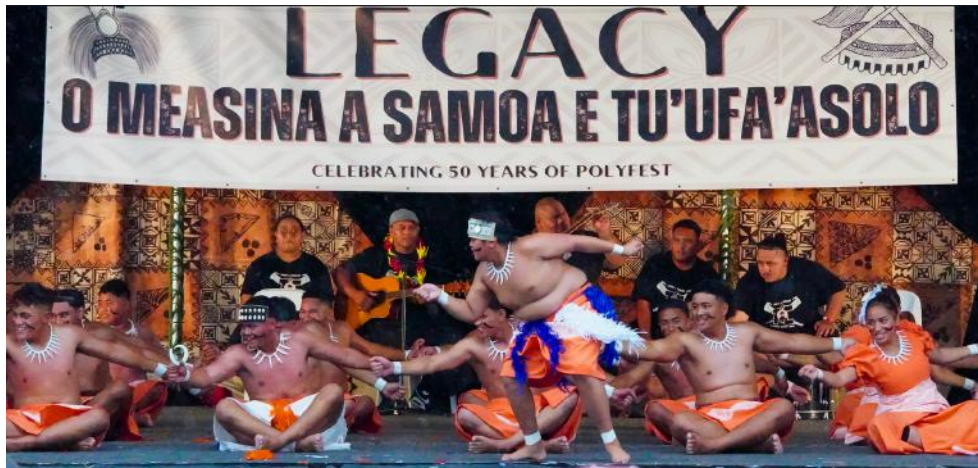
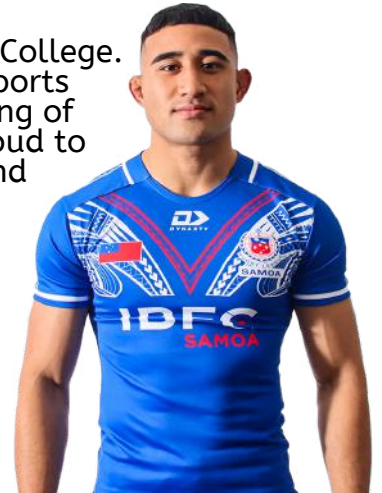
Te Ao Māori continues to be a strong and valued part of Tangaroa College, led by Matua Iki, with Whaea Waitonga supporting our learners, and with Imeleta Faumuina providing leadership and support at a senior level. Through te reo Māori and tikanga Māori, our students are building confidence, cultural understanding, and a sense of belonging that strengthens the whole kura. A special acknowledgement goes to the many students who are not Māori, yet engage with enthusiasm and respect, embracing the language and kaupapa with pride. Across the year, this commitment was seen in the energy and unity of our kapa haka and in our Polyfest involvement, where students represented Tangaroa College with mana. The Māori team continues to create a space where learners are challenged, supported, and inspired to stand strong in identity and connection.



GAGANA SĀMOA

The Samoan Department continues to play an important role in strengthening language, identity, and cultural pride at Tangaroa College. Led by Rasela Lafaele, our Head of Samoan, the department supports students to grow in gagana Samoa and deepen their understanding of Samoan values, history, and ways of being. Our school is also proud to have a strong Samoan community that brings warmth, service, and connection into the life of our kura.

Samoan culture is celebrated through learning in the classroom and through opportunities beyond it, including our Samoan Polyfest group. In 2025, the Polyfest group was led by Sina, Holly, Lucy, and Preston, alongside Associate Principal Christine Pili. Their leadership, commitment, and care helped create an environment where students could represent Tangaroa College with confidence, pride, and unity. We acknowledge everyone who contributed to this space and the importance of Samoan culture in shaping the identity and success of our learners.



KUKI AIRANI

The Kuki Airani group continues to be a proud and vibrant part of Tangaroa College, strengthening culture, language, and connection across our kura. Our students represented the school with mana at Polyfest through their unity, discipline, and powerful performances.

We acknowledge our Kuki Airani leader, Soana Hau, for bringing our Kuki students together throughout the year, especially during language weeks and key events that celebrate Cook Islands culture. We also honour the pioneers who laid the foundations before us, whose legacy continues through the pride and commitment of today's students. Meitaki maata.





NIUE: THE ROCK OF POLYNESIA

The Niuean group continues to bring strong pride, unity, and cultural presence to Tangaroa College. Throughout the year, students celebrated their identity through language, performance, and service, representing their families and community with mana in school events and Polyfest. Niue is known as “The Rock of Polynesia”, and that strength is reflected in the way our students stand together, support one another, and carry their culture with confidence.

We acknowledge our leaders, Vinny, Aarie, Graham, and Kakito, for the time, energy, and heart they have given to grow the Niuean presence in our kura. Their leadership helped create spaces for students to connect, practise, and celebrate what it means to be Niuean at Tangaroa College. Fakaue lahi to everyone who contributed, supported, and stood behind the group this year.



MABUHAY PILIPINAS



Mabuhay. Kumusta. Magandang araw. The Filipino community at Tangarao College continues to bring warmth, pride, and strong cultural spirit into our kura. Throughout the year, students celebrated their identity through language, connection, and shared experiences, building confidence and belonging while representing their culture with pride.

Whether through school events, cultural celebrations, or everyday support for one another, our Filipino students have shown the power of unity and community. We acknowledge the families and supporters who stand behind them, and we celebrate the way Filipino culture adds colour, joy, and strength to Tangarao College. Maraming salamat to everyone who contributed and helped grow this presence in 2025.



TONGA

Tongan culture continues to run strong in Tangaroa College. We see more of our students embracing the traditions, including many who are not Tongan, yet proudly wear the attire, sing the songs, and carry the values of respect, humility, and love. Throughout the year, our Tongan group strengthened connections through language weeks, key school events, and powerful performances that brought pride to our kura and community. We acknowledge our Tongan teacher leaders, Brian Langi, Kisione Filimoehala and his beautiful family and the Tongan Teachers, for their guidance and commitment to our students and culture. A special acknowledgement also goes to our tutor, Nela Tuihaangana, who led our young men to a championship in the item Taufakaniaua. Their leadership, alongside the dedication of our students, whānau, and supporters, helped our Tongan group represent Tangaroa College with mana at Polyfest. Their leadership, alongside the dedication of our students, whānau, and supporters, helped our Tongan group represent Tangaroa College with mana at Polyfest. Mālō 'aupito for the heart, discipline, and pride you brought to the stage and to our kura.



MY LANGUAGE IS ME

Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua

Language is more than words. It is identity, memory, and belonging. Our native tongue carries the stories of our ancestors, the values of our families, and the rhythms of the places we come from. When we speak our language, we strengthen our connection to home and to one another. We also protect something precious, the knowledge, humour, prayers, and ways of being that can only be fully expressed through our own words. Keeping our language alive is an act of pride and responsibility. It gives our young people confidence to stand in who they are and to move through the world with clarity and strength. It reminds us that we are part of something bigger than ourselves, and that our culture is not something we perform, it is something we live.

Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua. By looking back to the voices that raised us, we learn how to move forward with purpose. When we honour our language, we honour our ancestors, and we shape a future where our children can speak, lead, and thrive as themselves.



WHARE WARS

Every year we have House Challenges. Four houses. One shield. Mako (blue), Wheke (purple), Whai (green) and Tuna (yellow), our reigning back to back champions. Who will take it out this year?

We kicked things off with Whare Wars, where all four houses came together to battle it out through challenges and a chant competition. It is the perfect way to start the year, building whanaungatanga, connection, and pride across the school.

This year, Mako claimed the first win at Whare Wars for Term 1. **The question now is simple. Will TUNA HOUSE go again, or will a new CHAMPION WHARE rise?**





Massive thanks to our Whare Committee for working hard behind the scenes to plan these events as well as all staff and our G Men who work tirelessly making it happen.

WHARE-THON

Term 2 brought the Whare-Thon, a race that takes our house spirit beyond the school gates and into the community. Every participant earns points for their whare by finishing the course, so it is not about being the fastest. It is about turning up, giving your best, and backing your house from start to finish. Remember, every runner counts. **Congratulations to Tuna for taking out Whare-Thon again, continuing their winning streak for the third year in a row.**

WHARETHON 2025 - POINTS TALLY SCAFFOLD
Name of Whare: TUNA

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	TOTALS
Points for place	20	18	16	14	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
CITY of tickets	1	3	1	1	4	4	3	4	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Points x CITY =	20	54	16	14	48	40	27	32	42	30	25	25	25	25	25	25	836

WHARETHON 2025 - POINTS TALLY SCAFFOLD
Name of Whare: Maka

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	TOTALS
Points for place	20	18	16	14	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
CITY of tickets	2	4	3	3	1	2	1	4	6	6	7	8	18	18	18	18	
Points x CITY =	40	72	48	42	12	20	9	32	42	42	42	54	126	126	126	126	715

WHARETHON 2025 - POINTS TALLY SCAFFOLD
Name of Whare: WHEKE

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	TOTALS
Points for place	20	18	16	14	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
CITY of tickets	3	0	2	3	3	2	2	1	5	5	4	2	8	10	8	10	
Points x CITY =	60	36	32	42	36	20	18	8	35	30	20	16	32	40	16	10	701

WHARETHON 2025 - POINTS TALLY SCAFFOLD
Name of Whare: Whare

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	TOTALS
Points for place	20	18	16	14	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
CITY of tickets	1	2	3	1	2	2	3	1	2	4	8	26	21	10	5	3	
Points x CITY =	20	36	48	14	24	20	27	8	14	24	32	130	105	40	15	3	629

Even in this challenge it goes down to the wire with fair scoring.

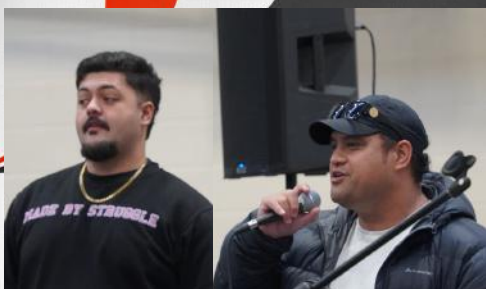


WHARE HAKA: KO WAI RA

Of all our whare events, the Whare Haka Challenge is the most prestigious. It is the most entertaining, the most competitive, and one that our school looks forward to every year. Each whare performs the school haka and steps forward with pride, unity, and intensity, knowing they are representing more than points on a scoreboard.

The challenge is judged by guest experts in kapa haka and Te Ao Māori, which lifts the standard and reinforces the importance of doing this kaupapa with respect and authenticity. Learning and performing our haka is a key part of our identity at Tangaroa College. It strengthens belonging, builds discipline and confidence, and acknowledges Māori as tangata whenua and the culture of Aotearoa that we are proud to stand alongside.

With Tuna winning the past two years, they entered as favourites once again, but this year we crowned a new whare champion. Congratulations to Wheke for taking the title, with Mako as strong runner ups, followed by Tuna and Whai to round out the results. An outstanding showcase from all four whares, filled with pride, energy, and mana.





TUNA:BACK2BACK2BACK

“Ehara te toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.”

After three major events, alongside our Whare Toka competition, there could only be one overall winner. A massive congratulations to Whare Tuna for claiming the 2025 Whare Championship Shield and becoming the first whare to win back to back to back. This achievement reflects consistency, commitment, and a house culture that backs itself in every challenge.

We also acknowledge the Tuna leaders, Amosa Pou, Imeleta Faumuina, and Mafi Tavo, for the guidance, organisation, and energy they brought throughout the year. Their key to success has been whanaungatanga, celebrating every term, every win, and every student. Well done Whare Tuna. Your pride, unity, and spirit set the standard for all four whares.



Our Haka on this day was dedicated to one of our beautiful and talented Alumni who sadly passed away. Galuso'o Williams (Class of 2021). We also acknowledging our Tuna Leaders, Peni, Anita, Meleofa, Monty and Angel, for their support and leadership.



SPORTS

TCGs: GIRLS BASKETBALL

DON'T BE MID, BE GREAT!

TCGs Girls Basketball had an outstanding year, led by Coach Terry Nelson and managed by Sandreena and Simone. Coach Terry has guided this group since their junior years, and 2025 marked their final season together, a fitting finish after years of growth, hard work, and shared commitment.

Across the season, the team achieved major milestones, including qualification for regional and national competitions. Their journey shows what is possible when athletes are supported by a strong team behind the scenes, a clear system and process, and a culture built on connection, consistency, and belief.



SOCCER

YOU HAVE TO FIGHT TO REACH YOUR DREAM - MESSI

Soccer continues to be a strong and growing part of sport at Tangaroa College, giving students opportunities to build fitness, confidence, and teamwork while representing the school with pride. Across the season, our boys showed commitment at trainings and matches, supporting one another and competing with heart.

We acknowledge and thank the staff who made the programme possible. Pranesh, Sandeep, Roneel, and Navneet gave their time and energy to coach, manage, and drive the boys throughout the year. Their guidance and consistency helped create a positive culture for our players to develop both on and off the field. As Lionel Messi reminds us, you have to fight to reach your dream, and our boys showed that spirit every time they stepped onto the pitch.



BADMINTON

SMALL SHUTTLE. BIG WINS.

Badminton made a strong return to Tangaroa College this year, led by Miss Ha and Mrs Pili, providing new opportunities for our students to engage, compete, and excel. The season was marked by strong commitment, teamwork, and pride in representing the school.

A special congratulations to our C Grade team who went undefeated all season and finished top of their grade. We also acknowledge the outstanding leadership of our Deputy Head Boy, King, who shone as both a player and student coach and will represent Counties Manukau at the Badminton Nationals. This success truly took a village. A huge thank you to Kirk Jennings, Mr Thomas Chen, Mrs Christine Pili, Mr Vincent Chandra, Principal Chris Bean, Matua Terry Nelson, and the Media Team for their support and mahi behind the scenes, along with our whānau who backed our players every step of the way.



NETBALL

KIA KAHA, KIA MĀIA, KIA MANAWANUI

Netball at Tangaroa College continues to grow strong, from our junior teams through to our senior and mixed teams. Across the season there were many highlights to celebrate, with students showing commitment, teamwork, and pride every time they took the court.

A massive thank you to our staff who poured their time into coaching, managing, and driving our teams to games, Kelly, Sheena, Leia, and Morgan. We also acknowledge our whānau for the constant support on the sidelines and behind the scenes. Your presence and encouragement make a real difference.



VOLLEYBALL

TOGETHER WE RISE!

Volleyball had a strong year at Tangaroa College, with both our junior and senior teams showing real growth, commitment, and pride throughout the season. Students developed their skills, built confidence, and competed with great teamwork, representing the school well on and off the court.

A massive tautoko to our coaches, Preston and Leia, for consistently being there for our students. Your time, guidance, and encouragement helped create a positive environment for our players to improve, connect, and enjoy the game.



A massive thank you to Kirk Jennings, our Sports Coordinator, for securing the funding that allowed us to create our own outdoor sand volleyball area. This space has added an exciting new option for sport and recreation at Tangaroa College, giving our students more opportunities to train, play, and build community outdoors.

CRICKET

TOGETHER WE RISE!

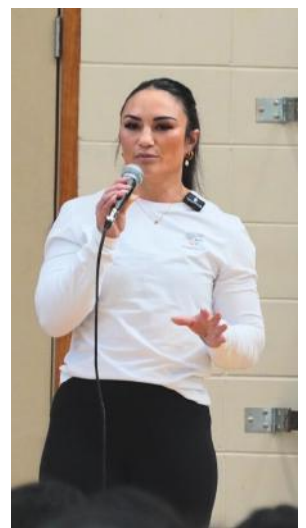
Cricket continued to grow at Tangaroa College this year, giving students the chance to develop skills, teamwork, and confidence while representing the school with pride. Across trainings and matches, our players showed strong commitment, supported one another, and kept improving every step of the way.

A big thank you to Coach Pranesh, Satish and Shan for their time, guidance, and dedication to our students. We also acknowledge Kirk Jennings, our Sports Coordinator, who works tirelessly behind the scenes to make opportunities like this possible. Whatever sport you are keen to play, let Kirk know and gather your interest. With the right support and numbers, he will do everything he can to help make it happen for our kids.



WEIGHTLIFTING

This year the weightlifting continues to grow strong led by Teacher Mr Tavo and Coach Megan Signal, former Olympian and Wahine Toa. We are so lucky to have her come in and work with our kids. Massive thanks to Kirk Jennings for working behind the scenes and helping our team strive to be the best. To our weightlifting team, they did so well at their first competition with Calvary (Y9), Jorden (Y11), Thydor (Y11) and Dakota (Y9) who performed really well. Congratulations to Thydor who placed 3rd in his class and Dakota placing 1st in her class. Well done.



SONS OF OTARA: 1ST XIII

Our 1st XIII programme continued to grow in 2025, led by Caleb Va'a and managed by Alice Va'a. Carrying the legacy of Caleb's father, the late Alan Va'a, who previously led this kaupapa, the team stepped into the season with pride, purpose, and a strong sense of giving back to our community.

This year, our Sons of Otara So'o team joined to compete at Nationals, bringing together a committed group of young men who trained hard, worked as a unit, and represented Tangaroa College with mana. While the results did not always go our way, the boys gained something even greater. Lessons in discipline, resilience, teamwork, and character. Through Caleb and his team, our players were reminded that success is not only measured on the scoreboard, but also in the growth and values you carry beyond the field.



GIRLS RUGBY

Girls rugby continued to go from strength to strength at Tangaroa College, with our wāhine showing pride, toughness, and strong commitment throughout the season. A special acknowledgement goes to our Tumuaki, Chris Bean, who has been actively involved in coaching since he started, alongside Ashley and Vince (PE) who managed the team and supported the girls behind the scenes.

Well done to all our players for another great season, representing the school with mana on and off the field. We also celebrate the individual achievements of our girls who were selected for representative rugby, a reflection of hard work, talent, and determination. We go again next year, stronger and ready.



UNDER 14S CHAMPS

Our U14 Rugby boys had an outstanding season, achieving a major milestone by winning their competition. Led by coaches Kirk and Kaharau, these young men showed maturity beyond their years, especially for students who are only just starting high school.

What stood out most was their bond as a team. Many of the boys have grown up together, and that connection was clear on the field through their communication, trust, and willingness to work for one another. Their commitment at training and their pride in representing Tangaroa College helped drive their success. Well done to our U14 boys for a season to remember.



UNDER 15S RUGBY

Our U15 rugby boys had a strong season and represented Tangaroa College with pride, commitment, and resilience. As noted in the Principal's report, the U15 boys sevens team made it through to the Bowl Semi-finals at the New Zealand 7s Condor's tournament, a great achievement that reflects the hard work put in across the year.

A big thank you to our coach, Joseph's dad, for the time, guidance, and energy he gave to the team, and to our manager, Ms Faumuina, for consistently being there for our boys and supporting the programme behind the scenes. Well done to the team for their effort, growth, and the way they backed each other on and off the field.



1ST XIII

The Tangaroa College 1st XV had a strong and proud season in the Auckland 1B Championship, representing the school with commitment, discipline, and heart. Led by Head Boy and team captain, Tonny Tautua, the boys worked hard throughout the year and continued to grow as a team on and off the field. A highlight of the season was their run to the semi finals, where they narrowly went down 14 to 12 to Macleans College on 9 August, a tough result, but one that showed the grit and fight within the team.

We acknowledge and thank Coach Solomon Marsters, the wider coaching team, and our manager, Renee Tawhi, for the time, planning, and care they poured into the programme. We also thank our whānau and wider community for the constant support on the sidelines and behind the scenes, your presence and belief made a real difference.

The season finished on a high with a rugby tour to Melbourne, creating memories, strengthening bonds, and celebrating the journey together. Well done to our 1st XV for an outstanding year.



WE THANK YOU!!!

To all our coaches, managers, volunteers, staff, and whānau who give up their time to support our students throughout the season, no words are ever enough. Early mornings, late finishes, weekend games, long drives, and constant encouragement do not go unnoticed. Your commitment, sacrifice, and belief in our young people create opportunities that go far beyond the field or court. Because of you, our students learn discipline, teamwork, resilience, and pride. We thank you for showing up, backing our kids, and helping them grow into confident young people.



TOGETHER UNITED



NEVER ALONE



The image features a dark blue background with intricate, repeating geometric patterns. A large, stylized white letter 'W' is positioned in the upper left, and a large, stylized white letter 'U' is in the lower right, both with a light blue shadow effect. The central focus is the word 'WHĀNAU' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The letter 'H' has a light blue shadow, and the letter 'Ā' has a white macron above it. The background patterns include a repeating diamond shape with internal lines, a circular motif with radiating lines, and a stylized sun or starburst design in the bottom left corner.

WHĀNAU

CONNECTING WHANAU

Parent interviews at Tangaroa College continue to be an important way of strengthening connections between school and whānau. These conversations allow families and teachers to share insights, celebrate progress, and work together to support each student's learning and wellbeing.

When we connect with whānau, our students benefit. Strong partnerships help ensure learning is consistent, expectations are clear, and every young person feels supported both at home and at school. Here are some snapshots of our whānau and amazing teachers connecting, sharing kōrero, and working together to support our students.



KAHUI AKO: MAURI ORA

TE PUKE O TARAMAINUKU



KAHUI AKO: STEAMFEST

CONNECTING LEARNERS AND IGNITING MINDS

STEAM FEST 2025

Keynote speakers

To Puke ō Taramainuku Kāhui Ako proudly presents STEAM FESTIVAL for 2025.
Our motto: Connecting Learners and Igniting Minds.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR PROVIDERS

- Tech Step
- Mission Ready
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- Admore flying school
- Genesis
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- House of Science
- Media Design School

Free Giveaways Prizes

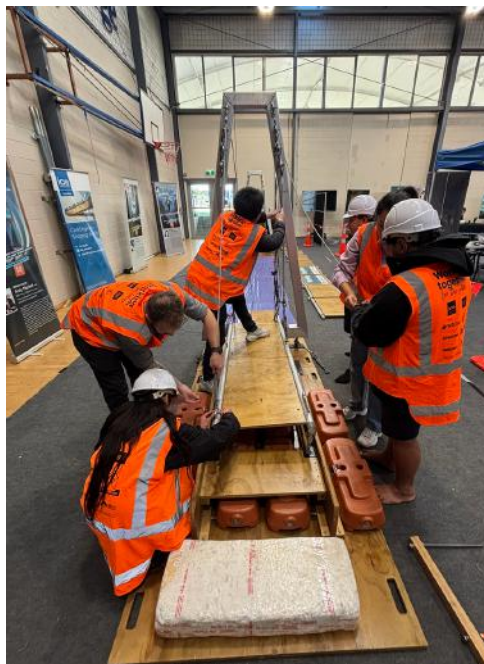
A free family community event catering for all ages.

Friday August 1st
9am to 4pm

TANGAROA COLLEGE
Haumia Way

To Puke ō Taramainuku Kāhui Ako

Logos for Flat Bush Primary, Ferguson Intermediate, and Rongomai Primary are also visible.



A massive thank you to our Kāhui Ako team, led by Imeleta Faumuina as the Kāhui Ako Leader, with Siulepa and Miriama as our ASLs, and our WSLs, Faleata, Mafi, Rob, Mele, Sundar, Sina, Natasha, Mena, Lui, Binesh, and supported by our SLT. In partnership with Flatbush Primary, Ferguson Intermediate, and Rongomai Primary, we continue to strengthen learning pathways and connections for our tamariki across the community. Our Mauri Ora event and STEAM Fest ran really well, with overwhelmingly positive feedback from our community, students, and staff who are already asking for the next one. All glory to God as we continue to serve our kids.

ŌTARA TO OSAKA

Ōtara to Osaka was a proud milestone for Tangaroa College, as a group of nine current students and one former student travelled to Osaka, Japan to represent Aotearoa New Zealand at the World Youth Summit. This journey reflected the confidence, leadership, and global mindset of our young wāhine, who carried the spirit of our community onto an international stage.

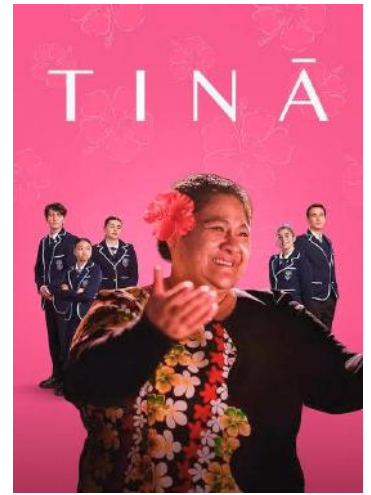
This trip was the culmination of months of dedication, planning, and tireless fundraising. From community showcases to food stalls and sponsorship support, this achievement was made possible through the collective effort of whānau, staff, and our wider community who backed these students every step of the way. We extend a special acknowledgement to Matua Terry Nelson and Simone for driving this kaupapa to fruition and helping turn a dream into reality.

Ōtara to Osaka reminded us what is possible when opportunity meets preparation, and when a community stands together to uplift its young people. We celebrate these students for their courage, commitment, and pride, and we thank everyone who contributed to helping Tangaroa College go global.



TINĀ ASSEMBLY

We were privileged to host a special assembly this year when the cast and director of Tinā visited Tangaroa College. It was a powerful moment for our students to hear directly from storytellers representing our communities on the big screen, and to see what is possible when talent, hard work, and purpose come together. The visit was made even more special with the return of Beulah Koale and Samson Rambo, both proud former Tangaroa College students. We also thank director Miki Magasiva for sharing his journey and encouraging our young people. Held under the Alan Va'a Canopy, it was fitting to celebrate this moment in a space that honours legacy and leadership, and it was special for him to return and see our students together. This visit was a true highlight of the year and one our school will remember with pride



Beulah Koale's journey shows that big dreams can begin right here in Ōtara. A proud Tangaroa College alumnus, he continues to represent his community with pride. Beulah has acknowledged the impact of his former TC teacher, David Riley, saying he "unknowingly started" his career. We celebrate Beulah not only for his success, but for returning to give back and inspire our students to believe in what is possible.

LET'S SIVA



Let's Siva became a highlight for our Year 9 and 10 students in 2025, bringing culture, movement, and wellbeing together in a way that students genuinely looked forward to each week. Created by South Auckland educator and dancer Allister Salaivao, Let's Siva is built on the belief that dance is not just performance. It is a powerful tool for confidence, positive mindsets, and connection. Run once a week, the programme gave our juniors a space to learn, move, and grow, while building teamwork, self belief, and the courage to step outside their comfort zones. Allister worked closely with our Year 9 and 10 Deans, Mr Tavo and Mrs Suamili, to support students and strengthen the kaupapa across the year. The focus was never about being perfect. It was about showing up, backing yourself, and backing each other.



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PRESENTS



LET'S SIVA
CELEBRATE PROGRESS, PRIDE, AND FINDING YOUR VOICE

SHOWCASE

Nau mai, haere mai as we celebrate our kids through their Let's Siva journey.

TANGAROA COLLEGE
20 NOV | 11:45AM | LOWER GYM

LET'S SIVA



We finished the year with a showcase that celebrated far more than dance steps. It celebrated progress, pride, and young people finding their voice through movement. Thank you to all staff and our wider community for buying into Let's Siva and supporting our students throughout the year.

SCHOOL BALL 2025

School Ball 2025 was a night to remember, with students turning up looking elegant and proud as they celebrated together in style. The atmosphere was full of energy, laughter, and great memories, a fitting way to mark the year and enjoy time with friends. A massive thank you to all staff and whānau who helped make the night possible, from planning and set up to supervision and support on the evening. Your time and care created a safe, special celebration for our students.



SCHOOL BALL 2025

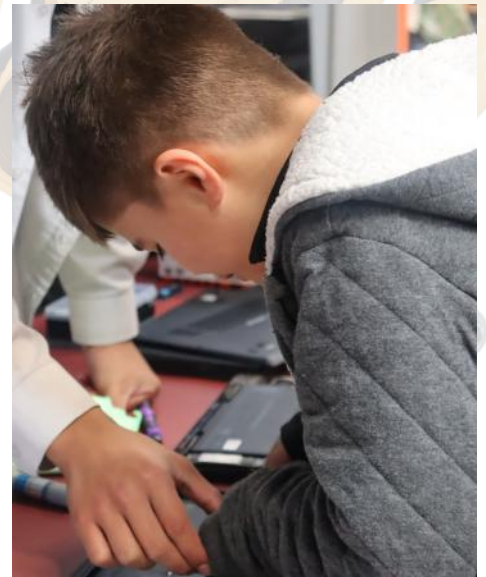


RAD CLUB

FIX IT. LEARN IT. GIVE BACK.

RAD Club, Recycle A Device, empowers Tangaroa College students to refurbish laptops and devices and give them back to whānau and learners in our community. Students build real world tech skills, from diagnosing faults and replacing parts to installing software and practising safe digital habits, while also developing teamwork, problem solving, and confidence.

This kaupapa matters because Pasifika and Māori remain underrepresented in the tech industry. RAD Club opens doors through early, hands on experience that shows our students they belong in tech and can thrive. A massive thank you to Matua Terry and Mr Tavo for leading this space and creating these opportunities.



Team briefing in Mr Tavo's Classroom (B5) in preparation for Steamfest 2025 and weekly check-ins.

TOKA TU MOANA CHOIR

Toka Tū Moana Choir continues to be a proud and uplifting part of Tangaroa College, bringing students together through music, harmony, and shared purpose. Led by Kisione Filimoehala and Shea Kokaua, our choir provided a space where students could build confidence, discipline, and teamwork while representing the school with pride through performance.



Choir is more than singing. It teaches our students how to listen closely, work as one, and commit to something bigger than themselves. Through rehearsals and performances, students strengthen their voice, their cultural expression, and their connection to the Tangaroa College whānau. We thank our choir leaders for their dedication and the positive impact they continue to have on our young people.



DEBATE CLUB

The Debate Club, led by Ms Faumuina, has continued to grow confident thinkers and courageous speakers at Tangaroa College. Through regular practice, competitions, and structured talanoa, students learned how to research, build strong arguments, and speak with clarity and purpose under pressure. These are skills that extend far beyond the classroom and into life.

Debating teaches students to listen deeply, challenge ideas respectfully, and communicate in ways that can influence change. It helps grow future leaders, lawyers, politicians, and advocates for our people, students who can stand up for what is right and speak for those who do not always have a voice. The Debate Club is not only about winning arguments. It is about building confidence, critical thinking, and the courage to use your voice with integrity.



Ms Faumuina has been leading, coaching and sacrificing her time for our kids who share a keen interest in debating. On top of her already busy schedule and portfolios as a DP, she is still able to turn up for our kids.



DAVIDA SUASUA CUP

The Davida Suasua Cup was once again a highlight for our Year 9 students, marking the third year running of this special event that brings classes together through competition, teamwork, and school spirit. Students took part in a range of class vs class games and challenges that encouraged participation, resilience, and positive energy throughout the day.

The event was led by Mrs Suamili and her class, with strong support from the Year 9 Dean, Mr Tavo, and our outstanding Year 12 Physical Education Leadership students, who planned and ran the activities as part of their assessment. A big thank you to our SLT and all staff who supported the day and helped make it a success. Congratulations to Whai House, who took out the Davida Suasua Cup this year.



Team photo to end the day. Again massive thanks to all our staff, our leaders and SLT for making it happen.



Mr Tavo (Y9 Dean) setting the final game of Tug-o-war for the win between 9FV and 9CH. Well done Whai.

SPOKEN WORD REFLECTIONS

By Christina Iuli



Being the leader of the Tangaroa College poetry group has been one of the most meaningful and empowering experiences of my school journey. Stepping into this role taught me how to guide, support, and motivate others, while still allowing everyone's unique voice, background, and creativity to shine.

I chose poetry because writing has always been my safe space. It is where my thoughts have room, where my feelings can breathe, and where my identity feels understood. Poetry became the bridge between my love for Tangaroa College, my passion for storytelling, and the cultural roots that ground me. Through writing, I was able to honour my Samoan and Polynesian identity, capturing memories, family values, and the strength of my ancestors in every line. Poetry allowed me to speak about where I come from with pride and to carry my culture into every performance.

I am especially grateful to my coach, Mr Tavo, who consistently encouraged me and the team to tell our truth and to be unapologetically ourselves. His belief in the power of our voices helped create a space where honesty, courage, and identity were always valued.

Working with my group helped me grow in confidence, patience, and leadership as we created pieces that reflected our shared experiences and diverse backgrounds. Performing at different events, assemblies, and community shows gave me the chance to represent Tangaroa College with pride and showcase the power of our voices.

Each performance reminded me why I fell in love with poetry. It connects people, celebrates identity, and allows us to express our truth. If poetry has taught me anything, it is that our stories matter, and I am proud that mine began here at Tangaroa College.



WORD THE FRONTLINE



FLY HIGH MY ANGEL



In Loving Memory of Galuso'o Williams

It is with heavy hearts that we acknowledge the passing of our Tangaroa College alumna, Galuso'o Williams. A gifted and talented young woman, Galuso'o's light, creativity, and strength left a lasting impact on our school and wider community. During her time at Tangaroa College, Galuso'o served with pride in many leadership roles, including Deputy Head Girl, Mako Whare Leader, and Cultural Group Lead. She was also the lead vocalist of the Tangaroa C6 band, which placed first at the Auckland Battle of the Bands regional competition. Even after leaving school, Galuso'o remained closely connected to TC, always generous with her time, talent, and support.

This year, Galuso'o was due to celebrate her 21st birthday. She faced her battle with cancer with courage and grace, inspiring many through her resilience. We also acknowledge her school mum, Moira, who walked closely alongside her, a bond

marked by love, guidance, and deep connection. We hold Galuso'o's whānau close in our thoughts and prayers. Her voice, leadership, and spirit will always be remembered. She will forever remain part of the Tangaroa College aiga.



So'o was an amazing singer. This year we also lost the amazing FIJI VEIKOSO! If you can imagine in heaven right these two singing together. The voices of our pacific that carry us through.



This is a tribute video in honour of our beautiful angel on tiktok shared by Tuiga Dance Academy.

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In loving memory of FALEATA UALESI



Faleata Ualesi gave 18 years of dedicated service to Tangaroa College. As Head of Learning for English, he was a fearless leader, a gifted teacher, an artist, a mentor, and a man who led with heart. Just days before his passing, Faleata was appointed to the role of Deputy Principal, a reflection of the respect, trust, and belief our school had in his leadership and vision. Faleata believed deeply in the power of story and relationships. He taught us that teaching is not only about curriculum, but about holding space, building trust, and helping young people see their own worth. His laughter, warmth, competitiveness, creativity, and faith filled our staffroom, classrooms, and community. From one Ōtara boy to another, he understood our students, and they felt that every day.

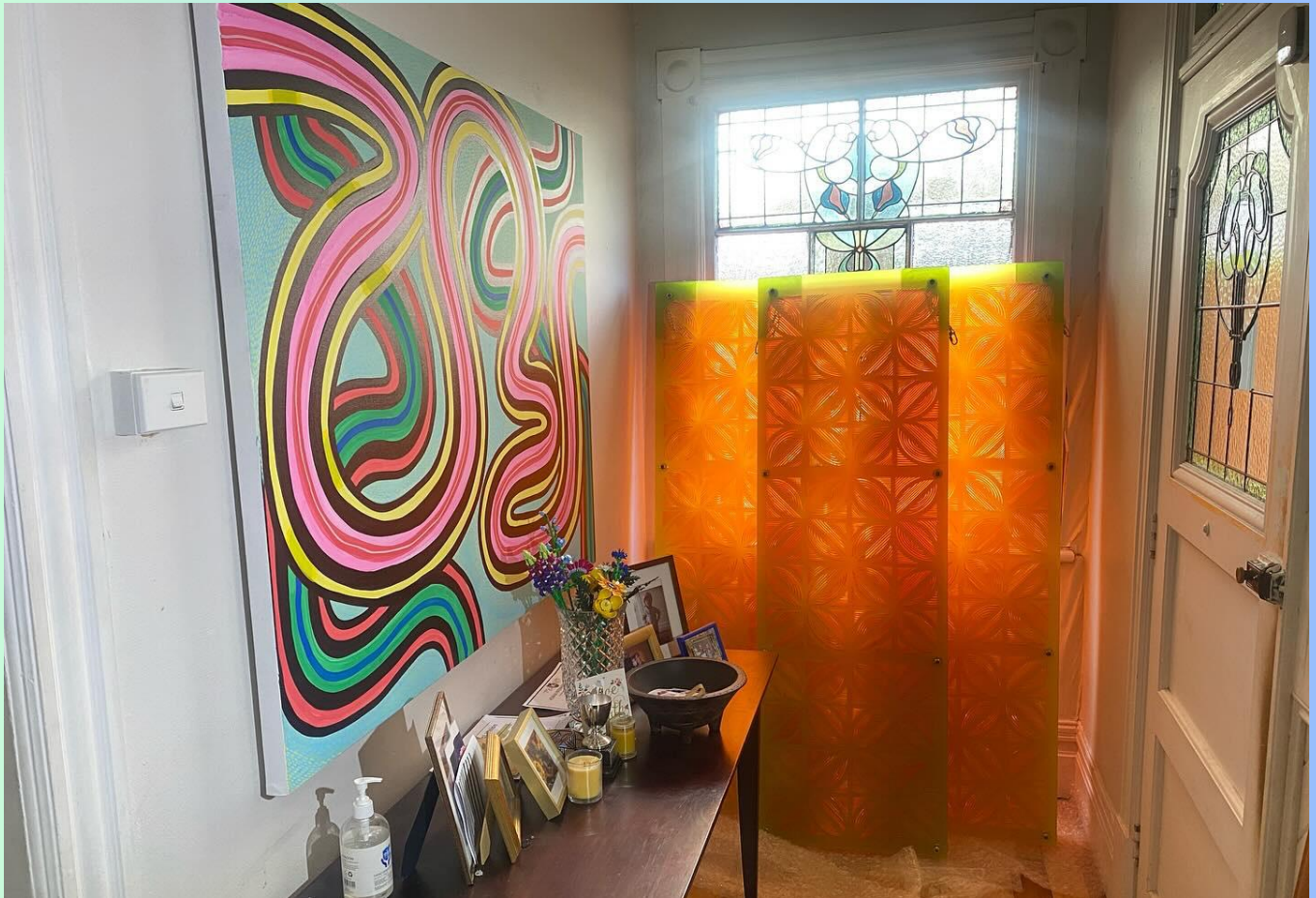
Beyond the classroom, Faleata was a devoted husband to Annie and a loving father to his daughter, Tarabelle, his pride and joy. We acknowledge and thank Annie and Tarabelle for sharing Faleata with us for so many years. Our love remains with you always. Though our school will never be the same, Faleata's legacy lives on through the lives he shaped, the stories he told, and the values he modelled. His spirit is forever woven into the fabric of Tangaroa College.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord.
Jeremiah 29:11

Ia e malolo i le filemu, Faleata Ualesi.
You will never be forgotten.



FALEATA: A CREATIVE LEGACY



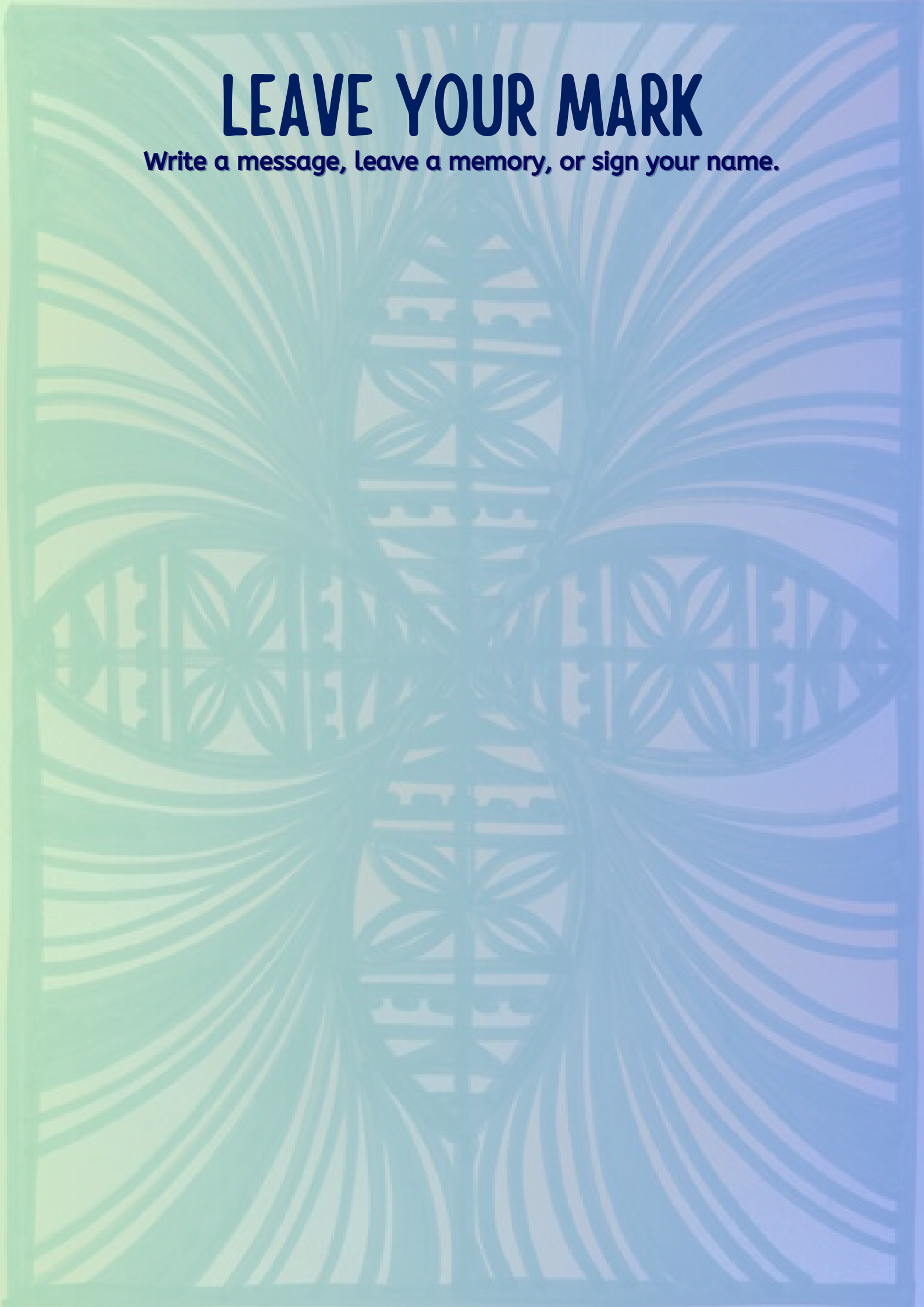
Art was one of the ways Faleata expressed who he was. Through his artwork, he told stories of identity, culture, and home, weaving together patterns, symbols, and ideas that reflected his journey and the communities he belonged to. His art was thoughtful, bold, and deeply personal, much like the way he lived and taught. Faleata's passion for art extended beyond the canvas. He used creativity as a way to connect with others, to spark conversation, and to help students see that their stories mattered. His artwork remains a lasting expression of his voice, his faith, and his love for culture. Through his art, his spirit continues to speak and enjoy this tribute that was dedicated to him at his service in TC.

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LEAVE YOUR MARK

Write a message, leave a memory, or sign your name.



BEHIND THE PAGES...

This yearbook is the result of many hours behind the scenes, capturing moments, checking details, and telling the story of Tangaroa College with care and pride. As Head Editor, it has been a privilege to bring this book together alongside a committed team who shared the same vision.

A huge thank you to our photographers and student yearbook team for their time, energy, and contributions, and to our Senior Leadership Team for their support and trust throughout the process. This book belongs to our students, staff, whānau, and wider community.

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Ka mua, Ka muri

Walking backwards into the future

*Waiho i te toka tu Moana
Steadfast like a rock in the ocean*

