



Glenfield College

Te Kura o Kaipatiki



Prospectus



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A message from the Principal of Glenfield College



Ted Benton
Principal

Glenfield College is a well established, co-educational secondary school, which has served its local community since 1969. The school has changed over the years and today reflects the diverse community it serves. As a medium-sized secondary school, Glenfield College is small enough for all students to be known and to receive an education tailored to meet their individual needs, while being big enough to offer a broad range of subject choice and future pathways. There is also a wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer, which all students can access. The school has a friendly and welcoming culture. Students are encouraged to respect others and value the diversity that characterises the school. The result is well-balanced young people, who go on to succeed in their tertiary studies or in the workforce. Please take time to read our prospectus and look at our website www.glenfieldcollege.school.nz, and feel free to contact the school if you require more information.

At Glenfield College we...

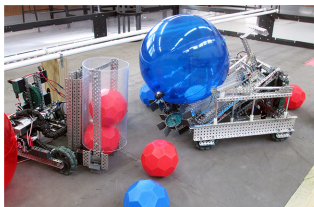
- challenge our students in every aspect of school life
- value and enjoy quality teaching and learning
- involve the students in decision making at all levels in the school
- work in close partnership with parents and caregivers in their child's education
- support students to set and achieve annual goals with the support of senior students and teachers
- encourage students to be honest, respectful, independent, fair-minded and to have a sense of commitment
- foster a lifelong love of learning
- provide an environment and facilities conducive to an enjoyment of learning.





Points of difference

- Glenfield College has outstanding leadership with very experienced senior staff and a positive blend of experience and youthful ambition amongst its middle managers. All staff enjoy learning together through cross-curricular learning groups.
- Excellence in the performing arts has long been a feature of the school and the Kaipatiki Theatre which opened in 2005 is an excellent facility to support the strong Dance, Drama and Music programmes.
- Glenfield College values vocational education for a significant group of its students and as a Unitec partner school and HSI accredited school, courses in Catering and Hospitality, Boatbuilding, Furniture Making and Automotive are all available in excellent modern facilities.
- Glenfield College is the largest provider of the Gateway programme on the North Shore (roll based). 52 senior students currently enjoy the opportunity to gain work based experience one day a week for 20 weeks. Students learn what jobs suit them and for some the programme leads to a career.
- Glenfield College offers the only Services Academy on the North shore to provide a military environment for students who will benefit from firm direction.
- Glenfield College serves its local community. Its students come from the same community strengthening individual and community relationships and creating lifelong bonds.
- Glenfield College students do as well if not better academically than they would anywhere else but they also have a deep understanding and respect for the diversity in the world around them and are well prepared to maximise their potential within it.
- Glenfield College students are encouraged to play a sport and no student is turned away from any team.



Courses of study

All Year 9 students are placed in appropriate classes based on entry testing, school reports and national testing. Classes are streamed at Years 9 and 10 for more able students.

At Years 9 and 10, subjects come from the core national curriculum requirements of English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education and Health, Languages, Technology and the Arts (Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts).

Subject choice widens as students progress through the year levels. The range of subjects on offer aim to meet all students' needs. All students have access to an annual course directory which outlines study pathways to lead them through school and beyond, to tertiary study or the workforce.

Students who will benefit from additional support with their learning have their needs met by a team of expert teachers and teacher aides.

The NCEA [National Certificate of Educational Achievement] is our qualification of choice for our senior students. It is well established in the school and provides a variety of pathways in which all students can maximise their potential.

Throughout their time at the school, all students have contact with Careers staff, Tutors and Deans to assist them with academic course selection. Every effort is made to ensure students do not limit their options, and ultimately fulfil their potential and meet their individual goals.





Course counselling

Students are supported from Year 9 to know their own strengths and weaknesses, likes and dislikes. Then they can identify a range of suitable career options in Year 10 and make suitable subject choices for the senior school.

All students in Years 10 to 12 along with their parents or caregivers have an interview each year with a suitably trained teacher about their selection of subjects for the year ahead taking into consideration achievement to date and proposed pathways. By working really hard to get subject choices correct, students are more likely to be engaged, motivated and successful in their learning.

Gifted and talented

Students are identified for gifted and talented programmes from entry testing, recommendations from contributing schools, and family and teacher referrals. Streaming in Years 9 and 10 largely takes care of students' academic needs and in the senior school, subject choice and mentoring by the Principal of these students ensures that they reach their potential.

In Sports and in the Performing Arts, key staff ensure that gifted students are receiving the right coaching and mentoring to ensure their on-going development.



Homework

Homework is an integral part of the learning process. For students in Years 9 to 12, homework is set, marked and followed up by teaching staff. This increasingly takes place in digital form. This helps to foster organisational skills, as well as the habits of self-discipline and independent work. Parents can expect to be notified immediately if homework expectations are not being met.

In year 13, plenty of assignment work is set and thoroughly marked, but the onus is on students to complete work to a high standard. In this way we assist our students to become independent learners, so necessary for success in their tertiary studies.

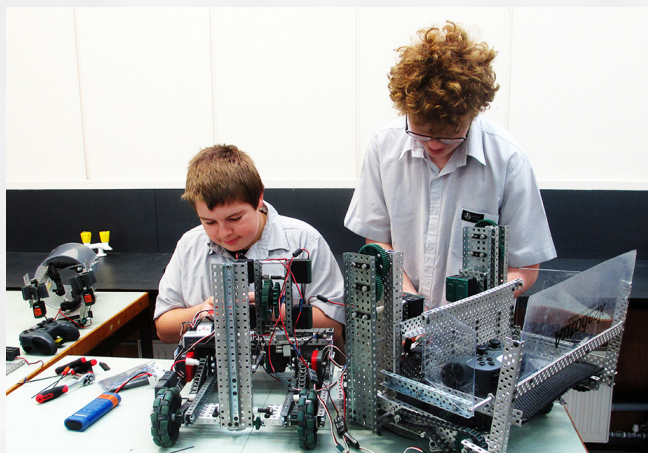
Extra-curricular

Glenfield College offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities and has a policy that no student is turned away from any activity.

The college offers a wide range of sports to cover a variety of student preferences from traditional New Zealand sports such as rugby and netball to baseball and tag. All students are encouraged to play a sport because it is a healthy activity for teenagers and supports better learning. While participation is really important, the college also aspires to excellence in sport and meeting the needs of those individuals and teams.

Dance, Drama, Music, Kapa Haka and other cultural groups make up the variety on offer in the Performing Arts. Dance groups have achieved great success across Auckland in recent years while the Concert Band also has a growing reputation in schools' competitions. The college continues to produce quality theatre through its Drama programme while Kapa Haka is available to all students who wish to join.





Facilities

Glenfield College is a well resourced secondary school. The college has been very fortunate in the last five years with the amount of modernisation that it has been able to undertake.

The Kaipatiki Theatre is a fully equipped performance space with full lighting gantry, excellent sound, a moveable stage, tiered audience seating and control room. The Performing Arts are catered for very well.

The college has a new, modern Technology Block with excellent teaching and practical spaces and high visibility between areas for enhanced safety. The Art and Science facilities have all been modernised in recent years and the college has ample computer access through its seven bookable computer rooms with pods and wireless access school-wide. Students are increasingly encouraged to use their own digital devices in the classroom for learning.

The Library or Information Centre provides a quiet modern space for students to research and study in with a good mix of books and computer access to benefit learning.

Glenfield College has two gymnasium spaces for the teaching of Physical Education and for use by sports teams. The school also has a large astroturf area and well drained fields. The large sit down cafeteria provides another amenity unique to this school and its students.

Uniform

Glenfield College has a smart and easy to wear uniform. Uniform is an economical option for parents and for the students; it helps build a sense of identity and pride in the school. The uniform is designed around the school colours: black, white and maroon and is compulsory for Years 9 to 12.

Mission Statement

Glenfield College provides a positive, supportive learning environment in which each student's needs are met and where they develop a love of lifelong learning and are challenged to maximise their educational potential.



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