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#### **REPRESENTATION LETTER FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit, carried out on behalf of the Auditor-General, of the financial statements of Ruawai College (the School) for the year ended 31 December 2024 for the purpose of expressing an independent opinion about whether the financial statements:

- present fairly, in all material respects:
  - the financial position as at 31 December 2024; and
  - the financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with Public Sector Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime..

We understand that your audit was carried out in accordance with the Auditing Standards issued by the Auditor-General, which incorporate the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

#### **General representations**

To the best of our knowledge and belief:

- the resources and activities under our control have been operating effectively and efficiently;
- we have complied with our statutory obligations including laws, regulations and contractual requirements;
- we have carried out our decisions and actions with due regard to minimising waste;
- we have met Parliament's and the public's expectations of appropriate standards of behaviour in the public sector (that is, we have carried out our decisions and actions with due regard to probity); and
- any decisions or actions have been taken with due regard to financial prudence.

We also acknowledge that we have responsibility for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control (to the extent that is reasonably practical given the size of the School) to prevent and detect fraud or error, and which enables the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error (*a requirement of paragraph NZ40.1(a) in ISA (NZ) 240*).

#### Representations for the financial statements

We confirm that all transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements, and that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such enquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves:

- we have fulfilled our responsibilities for preparing and presenting the financial statements as required by section 134 of the Education and Training Act 2020 and, in particular, that the financial statements:
  - present fairly, in all material respects:
    - the financial position as at 31 December 2024; and
      - the financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
  - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with Public Sector Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime.
- we believe the methods, significant assumptions, and data used in making and supporting the accounting estimates and the related disclosures in the financial statements are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement or disclosure that is in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework;
- we have appropriately accounted for and disclosed the related party relationships and transactions in the financial statements;

- we have adjusted or disclosed all events subsequent to the date of the financial statements that require adjustment or disclosure; and
- we believe the effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole. A list of the uncorrected misstatements is attached to this representation letter.
- we have disclosed all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when
  preparing the financial statements. Where applicable, such litigation and claims have been accounted for and
  disclosed in accordance with Public Sector Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime.

#### Representations about the provision of information

We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such enquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves:

- we have provided you with:
  - all information, such as records and documentation, and other matters that are relevant to preparing and presenting the financial statements and
  - unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence;
- we have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud;
- we have disclosed to you all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects the entity and involves:
  - management;
  - employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
    - others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements;
- we have disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, or others;
- we have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements;
- we have disclosed the identity of the related parties, all of their relationships, and all of their transactions of which we are aware; and
- we have provided you with all the other documents ("other information") which will accompany the financial statements which are consistent with the financial statements, and the other information does not contain any material misstatements.

#### Going concern basis of accounting

We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the School has adequate resources to continue operations at its current level for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the Board continues to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. We have reached this conclusion after making enquiries and having regard to circumstances that we consider likely to affect the School during the period of one year from the date of signing the financial statements, and to circumstances that we know will occur after that date which could affect the validity of the going concern basis of accounting.

We consider that the financial statements adequately disclose the circumstances, and any uncertainties, that we can reasonably be expected to be aware of concerning the adoption of the going concern basis of accounting by the School.

Throughout the year, the School has conformed with the requirements of its banking arrangements, debenture trust deeds, or negative pledge agreements, including those relating to its net tangible assets ratios.

#### Publication of the financial statements and related audit report on a website

We confirm that we are responsible for the electronic presentation of the audited financial statements, and:

- that the electronic version of the audited financial statements and the related audit report presented on the website are the same as the final signed version of the audited financial statements and audit report.
- that the audited and unaudited information on the website has been clearly differentiated and we understand the risk of potential misrepresentation without appropriate controls.

- that we have assessed the security controls over audited financial information and the related audit report and \_ are satisfied that procedures are adequate to ensure the integrity of the information provided.
- that the full financial statements have been provided on the website. \_

The representations in this letter are made at your request, and to supplement information obtained by you from the records of the School and to confirm information given to you orally.

Yours faithfully

Signed by: signed by: Anthony Clundell E6A59062EB6A888D

Presiding Member

Signed by: Cidyn Rasmussen ED513A4A6F6C37E8 Principal

28 May 2025

Date



# **RUAWAI COLLEGE**

# **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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# **RUAWAI COLLEGE**

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# Ruawai College

# **Statement of Responsibility**

For the year ended 31 December 2024

The Board accepts responsibility for the preparation of the annual financial statements and the judgements used in these financial statements.

The management (including the Principal and others, as directed by the Board) accepts responsibility for establishing and maintaining a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of the School's financial reporting.

It is the opinion of the Board and management that the annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 fairly reflects the financial position and operations of the School.

The School's 2024 financial statements are authorised for issue by the Board.

Anthony Blundell

Full Name of Presiding Member

Aidyn Rasmussen
Full Name of Principal

Centhony Blundell

Signature of Presiding Member

28 May 2025

Date:

Signed by: Aidyn Rasmussen

Signature of Principal

28 May 2025

Date:

# Ruawai College Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense

For the year ended 31 December 2024

		2024	2024 Budget	2023
	Notes	Actual \$	(Unaudited) \$	Actual \$
Revenue				
Government Grants	2	3,859,502	2,878,234	3,423,182
Locally Raised Funds	3	146,033	133,140	150,550
Interest		76,877	20,000	58,020
Gain on Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment		3,000	-	-
Other Revenue		626	-	-
Total Revenue	-	4,086,038	3,031,374	3,631,752
Expense				
Locally Raised Funds	3	116,253	85,300	87,603
Learning Resources	4	2,383,391	1,960,409	2,109,624
Administration	5	550,222	309,130	471,769
Interest		1,744	1,206	2,073
Property	6	798,061	651,802	817,149
Other Expenses	7	64,515	67,275	58,740
Loss on Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment		1,297	-	43
Total Expense	-	3,915,483	3,075,122	3,547,001
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		170,555	(43,748)	84,751
Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expense		-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the Year	-	170,555	(43,748)	84,751

The above Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes which form part of these financial statements.



# Ruawai College Statement of Changes in Net Assets/Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2024 Budget	2023
Notes	Actual \$	(Unaudited) \$	Actual \$
Equity at 1 January	1,538,257	1,309,874	1,440,034
Total comprehensive revenue and expense for the year Contributions from the Ministry of Education - Contribution from MoE - SNUP Te Ma Contribution - Furniture and Equipment Grant	170,555 - 35,397	(43,748) - 14,000	84,751 13,472 -
Equity at 31 December	1,744,209	1,280,126	1,538,257
Accumulated comprehensive revenue and expense	1,744,209	1,280,126	1,538,257
Equity at 31 December	1,744,209	1,280,126	1,538,257

The above Statement of Changes in Net Assets/Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes which form part of these financial statements.



# Ruawai College Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024	2024 Budget	2023
		Actual \$	(Unaudited) \$	Actual \$
Current Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	8	373,621	860,344	245,011
Accounts Receivable	9	239,863	144,279	175,606
GST Receivable		30,165	17,483	56,004
Prepayments		11,846	7,823	8,850
Inventories	10	30,115	34,422	40,236
Investments	11	1,150,380	198,820	998,824
Funds Receivable for Capital Works Projects	17	16,235	-	53,740
	-	1,852,225	1,263,171	1,578,271
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	13	338,113	234,259	270,889
Revenue Received in Advance	13	6,790	84,793	10,660
Provision for Cyclical Maintenance	15	33,680	29,766	61,054
Finance Lease Liability	16	13,362	15,552	14,445
Funds held for Capital Works Projects	17	37,998	15,552	10,011
Funds held on behalf of Alternative Education Cluster	18		_	10,011
Funds held on behalf of Ruawai T N G Cluster	19	- 13,729	- 26,635	42,282
	-	443,672	391,005	409,342
Working Capital Surplus/(Deficit)		1,408,553	872,166	1,168,929
Non ourrent Accesto				
Non-current Assets Property, Plant and Equipment	12	531,306	477,231	483,317
	-	531,306	477,231	483,317
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Non-current Liabilities Provision for Cyclical Maintenance	15	166,797	57,567	103,846
Finance Lease Liability	16	28,853	11,704	10,143
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		195,650	69,271	113,989
Net Assets	-	1,744,209	1,280,126	1,538,257
Equity	-	1,744,209	1,280,126	1,538,257

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes which form part of these financial statements.

# Ruawai College Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024	2024 Budget (Unaudited) \$	2023 Actual \$
		Actual \$		
Cash flows from Operating Activities				
Government Grants		1,228,659	968,999	985,001
Locally Raised Funds		149,337	105,540	119,973
Goods and Services Tax (net)		25,839	-	(38,521)
Payments to Employees		(576,474)	(550,400)	(450,524)
Payments to Suppliers		(578,285)	(630,470)	(549,022)
Interest Paid		(1,744)	(1,206)	(2,073)
Interest Received		60,784	20,000	38,635
Net cash from/(to) Operating Activities	-	308,116	(87,537)	103,469
Cash flows from Investing Activities				
Proceeds from Sale of Property Plant & Equipment (and Intangibles)		3,000	-	-
Purchase of Property Plant & Equipment (and Intangibles)		(95,834)	(81,500)	(68,025)
Purchase of Investments		(601,555)	-	(800,005)
Proceeds from Sale of Investments		450,000	-	-
Net cash from/(to) Investing Activities	-	(244,389)	(81,500)	(868,030)
Cash flows from Financing Activities				
Furniture and Equipment Grant		35,397	14,000	-
Finance Lease Payments		(11,679)	(15,344)	(13,932)
Funds Administered on Behalf of Other Parties		41,165	_	(7,221)
Net cash from/(to) Financing Activities	-	64,883	(1,344)	(21,153)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	-	128,610	(170,381)	(785,714)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	8	245,011	1,030,725	1,030,725
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	8	373,621	860,344	245,011

The Statement of Cash Flows records only those cash flows directly within the control of the School. This means centrally funded teachers' salaries, use of land and buildings grant and expense and other notional items have been excluded.

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes which form part of these financial statements.



# Ruawai College Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2024

## 1. Statement of Accounting Policies

#### a) Reporting Entity

Ruawai College (the School) is a Crown entity as specified in the Crown Entities Act 2004 and a School as described in the Education and Training Act 2020. The Board is of the view that the School is a public benefit entity for financial reporting purposes.

## b) Basis of Preparation

#### **Reporting Period**

The financial statements have been prepared for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 and in accordance with the requirements of the Education and Training Act 2020.

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, and the accounting policies have been consistently applied throughout the period.

#### Financial Reporting Standards Applied

The Education and Training Act 2020 requires the School, as a Crown entity, to prepare financial statements with reference to generally accepted accounting practice. The financial statements have been prepared with reference to generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand, applying Public Sector Public Benefit Entity (PBE) Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime as appropriate to public benefit entities that qualify for Tier 2 reporting. The School is considered a Public Benefit Entity as it meets the criteria specified as 'having a primary objective to provide goods and/or services for community or social benefit and where any equity has been provided with a view to supporting that primary objective rather than for financial return to equity holders'.

#### PBE Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime

The School qualifies for Tier 2 as the School is not publicly accountable and is not considered large as it falls below the expense threshold of \$33 million per year. All relevant reduced disclosure concessions have been taken.

#### Measurement Base

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis unless otherwise noted in a specific accounting policy.

#### **Presentation Currency**

These financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar.

#### Specific Accounting Policies

The accounting policies used in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

#### Critical Accounting Estimates And Assumptions

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected.

#### Cyclical maintenance

The School recognises its obligation to maintain the Ministry's buildings in a good state of repair as a provision for cyclical maintenance. This provision relates mainly to the painting of the School buildings. The estimate is based on the School's best estimate of the cost of painting the School and when the School is required to be painted, based on an assessment of the School's condition. During the year, the Board assesses the reasonableness of its painting maintenance plan on which the provision is based. Cyclical maintenance is disclosed at note 15.



#### Useful lives of property, plant and equipment

The School reviews the estimated useful lives of property, plant and equipment at the end of each reporting date. The School believes that the estimated useful lives of the property, plant and equipment, as disclosed in the significant accounting policies, are appropriate to the nature of the property, plant and equipment at reporting date. Property, plant and equipment is disclosed at note 12.

#### Critical Judgements in applying accounting policies

Management has exercised the following critical judgements in applying accounting policies:

#### Classification of leases

Determining whether a lease is a finance lease or an operating lease requires judgement as to whether the lease transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the School. A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an underlying asset to the lessee. In contrast, an operating lease is a lease that does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ewards incidental to ownership of an asset to the lessee.

Judgement is required on various aspects that include, but are not limited to, the fair value of the leased asset, the economic life of the leased asset, whether or not to include renewal options in the lease term, and determining an appropriate discount rate to calculate the present value of the minimum lease payments. Classification as a finance lease means the asset is recognised in the statement of financial position as property, plant, and equipment, whereas for an operating lease no such asset is recognised. Finance lease liability disclosures are contained in note 16. Future operating lease commitments are disclosed in note 24b.

#### Recognition of grants

The School reviews the grants monies received at the end of each reporting period and whether any require a provision to carry forward amounts unspent. The School believes all grants received have been appropriately recognised as a liability if required. Government grants are disclosed at note 2.

#### c) Revenue Recognition

#### **Government Grants**

The School receives funding from the Ministry of Education. The following are the main types of funding that the School receives:

Operational grants are recorded as revenue when the School has the rights to the funding, which is in the year that the funding is received.

Teachers salaries grants are recorded as revenue when the School has the rights to the funding in the salary period they relate to. The grants are not received in cash by the School and are paid directly to teachers by the Ministry of Education.

Other Ministry Grants for directly funded programs are recorded as revenue when the School has the rights to the funding in the period they relate to. The grants are not received in cash by the School and are paid directly by the Ministry of Education.

The property from which the School operates is owned by the Crown and managed by the Ministry of Education on behalf of the Crown. Grants for the use of land and buildings are not received in cash by the School as they equate to the deemed expense for using the land and buildings which are owned by the Crown. The School's use of the land and buildings as occupant is based on a property occupancy document as gazetted by the Ministry. The expense is based on an assumed market rental yield on the value of land and buildings as used for rating purposes.

This is a non-cash revenue that is offset by a non-cash expense. The use of land and buildings grants and associated expenditure are recorded in the period the School uses the land and buildings.

#### Other Grants where conditions exist

Other grants are recorded as revenue when the School has the rights to the funding, unless there are unfulfilled conditions attached to the grant, in which case the amount relating to the unfulfilled conditions is recognised as a liability and released to revenue as the conditions are fulfilled.



#### Donations, Gifts and Bequests

Donations, gifts and bequests are recognised as an asset and revenue when the right to receive funding or the asset has been established unless there is an obligation to return funds if conditions are not met. If conditions are not met, funding is recognised as revenue in advance and recognised as revenue when conditions are satisfied.

#### Interest Revenue

Interest Revenue earned on cash and cash equivalents and investments is recorded as revenue in the period it is earned.

#### d) Operating Lease Payments

Payments made under operating leases are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

#### e) Finance Lease Payments

Finance lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding liability. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease term on an effective interest basis.

#### f) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, bank balances, deposits held at call with banks, and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of 90 days or less, and bank overdrafts. The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents represent fair value.

#### g) Accounts Receivable

Short-term receivables are recorded at the amount due, less an allowance for expected credit losses (uncollectable debts). The School's receivables are largely made up of funding from the Ministry of Education. Therefore the level of uncollectable debts is not considered to be material. However, short-term receivables are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery.

#### h) Inventories

Inventories are consumable items held for sale and comprised of Uniforms. They are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on a first in, first out basis. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of activities less the estimated costs necessary to make the sale. Any write down from cost to net realisable value is recorded as an expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense in the period of the write down.

#### i) Investments

Bank term deposits are initially measured at the amount invested. Interest is subsequently accrued and added to the investment balance. A loss allowance for expected credit losses is recognised if the estimated loss allowance is material.

#### j) Property, Plant and Equipment

Land and buildings owned by the Crown are excluded from these financial statements. The Board's use of the land and buildings as 'occupant' is based on a property occupancy document.

Improvements (funded by the Board) to buildings owned by the Crown or directly by the Board are recorded at cost, less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost or, in the case of donated assets, fair value at the date of receipt, less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Cost or fair value, as the case may be, includes those costs that relate directly to bringing the asset to the location where it will be used and making sure it is in the appropriate condition for its intended use.

Gains and losses on disposals (i.e. sold or given away) are determined by comparing the proceeds received with the carrying amounts (i.e. the book value). The gain or loss arising from the disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense.

#### **Finance Leases**

A finance lease transfers to the lessee substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an asset, whether or not title is eventually transferred. At the start of the lease term, finance leases are recognised as assets and liabilities in the statement of financial position at the lower of the fair value of the leased asset or the present value of the minimum lease payments. The finance charge is charged to the surplus or deficit over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. The amount recognised as an asset is depreciated over its useful life. If there is no reasonable certainty whether the School will obtain ownership at the end of the lease term, the asset is fully depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and its useful life.



#### Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated over their estimated useful lives on a straight line basis. Depreciation of all assets is reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense.

The estimated useful lives of the assets are:	
Board-owned Buildings	40 years
Building Improvements	40 years
Furniture and Equipment	4-40 years
Information and Communication Technology	3-4 years
Motor Vehicles	5 years
Textbooks	4 years
Library Resources	8 years
Leased Assets held under a Finance Lease	Term of Lease

#### k) Impairment of property, plant, and equipment

The School does not hold any cash generating assets. Assets are considered cash generating where their primary objective is to generate a commercial return.

#### Non cash generating assets

Property, plant, and equipment and intangible assets held at cost that have a finite useful life are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. If such indication exists, the School estimates the asset's recoverable service amount. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable service amount. The recoverable service amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

Value in use is determined using an approach based on either a depreciated replacement cost approach, restoration cost approach, or a service units approach. The most appropriate approach used to measure value in use depends on the nature of the impairment and availability of information.

In determining fair value less costs to sell, the School engages an independent valuer to assess market value based on the best available information. The valuation is based on a comparison to recent market transactions.

If an asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable service amount, the asset is regarded as impaired and the carrying amount is written down to the recoverable amount. The total impairment loss is recognised in surplus or deficit.

The reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in surplus or deficit. A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the assumptions used to determine the asset's recoverable service amount since the last impairment loss was recognised.

#### I) Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable represents liabilities for goods and services provided to the School prior to the end of the financial year which are unpaid. Accounts Payable are recorded at the amount of cash required to settle those liabilities. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

#### m) Employee Entitlements

#### Short-term employee entitlements

Employee entitlements that are expected to be settled within 12 months after the end of the reporting period in which the employees provide the related service are measured based on accrued entitlements at current rates of pay. These include salaries and wages accrued up to balance date and annual leave earned, by non teaching staff, but not yet taken at balance date.

#### Long-term employee entitlements

Employee benefits that are not expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the reporting period in which the employee provides the related service, such as retirement and long service leave, have been calculated on an actuarial basis.

The calculations are based on the likely future entitlements accruing to employees, based on years of service, years to entitlement, the likelihood that employees will reach the point of entitlement, and contractual entitlement information, and the present value of the estimated future cash flows. Remeasurements are recognised in surplus or deficit in the period in which they arise.



#### n) Revenue Received in Advance

Revenue received in advance relates to fees received from students and grants received where there are unfulfilled obligations for the School to provide services in the future. The fees or grants are recorded as revenue as the obligations are fulfilled and the fees or grants are earned.

The School holds sufficient funds to enable the refund of unearned fees in relation to students, should the School be unable to provide the services to which they relate.

#### o) Funds Held in Trust

Funds are held in trust where they have been received by the School for a specified purpose, or are being held on behalf of a third party and these transactions are not recorded in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense.

The School holds sufficient funds to enable the funds to be used for their intended purpose at any time.

#### p) Funds held for Capital works

The School directly receives funding from the Ministry of Education for capital works projects that are included in the School five year capital works agreement. These funds are held on behalf and for a specified purpose. As such, these transactions are not recorded in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense.

The School holds sufficient funds to enable the funds to be used for their intended purpose at any time.

#### q) Shared Funds

Shared Funds are held on behalf of a cluster of participating schools as agreed with the Ministry of Education. In instances where funds are outside of the School's control, these amounts are not recorded in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense. The School holds sufficient funds to enable the funds to be used for their intended purpose.

#### r) Provision for Cyclical Maintenance

The property from which the School operates is owned by the Crown, and is vested in the Ministry. The Ministry has gazetted a property occupancy document that sets out the Board's property maintenance responsibilities. The Board is responsible for maintaining the land, buildings and other facilities on the School site in a state of good order and repair.

Cyclical maintenance, which involves painting the interior and exterior of the school, makes up the most significant part of the Board's responsibilities outside day-to-day maintenance. The provision is a reasonable estimate, based on the School's best estimate of the cost of painting the school and when the school is required to be painted, based on an assessment of the school's condition.

The School carries out painting maintenance of the whole school over a 7 to 10 year period. The economic outflow of this is dependent on the plan established by the School to meet this obligation and is detailed in the notes and disclosures of these accounts.

#### s) Financial Instruments

The School's financial assets comprise cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, and investments. All of these financial assets, except for investments that are shares, are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

Investments that are shares are categorised as 'financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive revenue and expense' for accounting purposes in accordance with financial reporting standards. On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the School may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value in other comprehensive revenue and expense. This election has been made for investments that are shares. Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are measured at fair value. Dividends are recognised as income in surplus or deficit unless the dividend clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investment. Other net gains and losses are recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expense and are never reclassified to surplus or deficit.

The School's financial liabilities comprise accounts payable, borrowings, finance lease liability, and painting contract liability. Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and any gain or loss on derecognition are recognised in surplus or deficit.



## t) Borrowings

Borrowings on normal commercial terms are initially recognised at the amount borrowed plus transaction costs. Interest due on the borrowings is subsequently accrued and added to the borrowings balance. Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the School has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after balance date.

#### u) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The financial statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis, with the exception of accounts receivable and accounts payable which are stated as GST inclusive.

The net amount of GST paid to, or received from, the IRD, including the GST relating to investing and financing activities, is classified as a net operating cash flow in the statement of cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed exclusive of GST.

#### v) Budget Figures

The budget figures are extracted from the School budget that was approved by the Board.

#### w) Services received in-kind

From time to time the School receives services in-kind, including the time of volunteers. The School has elected not to recognise services received in kind in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense.



#### 2. Government Grants

2. Government Grants	2024	2024 Budget	2023
	Actual	(Unaudited)	Actual
	\$	\$	\$
Government Grants - Ministry of Education	1,075,695	872,126	897,444
Teachers' Salaries Grants	1,848,331	1,528,754	1,725,942
Use of Land and Buildings Grants	545,179	381,806	461,276
Ka Ora, Ka Ako - Healthy School Lunches Programme	233,894	-	184,089
Alternative Education	94,034	73,548	99,215
Transport Group Income	10,752	-	7,080
Other Government Grants	51,617	22,000	48,136
	3,859,502	2,878,234	3,423,182

# 3. Locally Raised Funds

Local funds raised within the School's community are made up of:

	2024	2024 Budget	2023
	Actual	(Unaudited)	Actual
Revenue	\$	\$	\$
Donations and Bequests	2,533	3,500	7,457
Curriculum related Activities - Purchase of goods and servic	2,868	500	5,663
Fees for Extra Curricular Activities	45,945	46,540	47,688
Trading	20,451	21,000	20,691
Fundraising and Community Grants	41,246	31,600	36,181
Other Revenue	32,990	30,000	32,870
	146,033	133,140	150,550
Expense			
Extra Curricular Activities Costs	5,209	11,200	14,188
Trading	23,618	20,000	21,619
Fundraising and Community Grant Costs	238	-	268
Other Locally Raised Funds Expenditure	87,188	54,100	51,528
	116,253	85,300	87,603
Surplus for the year Locally Raised Funds	29,780	47,840	62,947

## 4. Learning Resources

	Budget		
	Actual	(Unaudited)	Actual
	\$	\$	\$
Curricular	143,302	101,600	121,493
Information and Communication Technology	21,486	21,500	23,634
Employee Benefits - Salaries	2,103,184	1,749,254	1,874,522
Staff Development	32,617	15,000	19,006
Depreciation	79,612	62,855	68,196
Other Learning Resources	3,190	10,200	2,773
	2,383,391	1,960,409	2,109,624

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## 5. Administration

6. Property	2024	2024 Budget	2023
	550,222	309,130	471,769
Ka Ora, Ka Ako - Healthy School Lunch Programme	233,894	-	184,089
Service Providers, Contractors and Consultancy	16,078	14,400	15,036
Insurance	2,342	-	1,843
Employee Benefits - Salaries	220,780	232,300	206,768
Other Administration Expenses	52,906	42,780	43,268
Board Fees and Expenses	10,674	12,350	13,670
Audit Fees	<b>\$</b> 13,548	<b>\$</b> 7,300	<b>\$</b> 7,095
	Actual	(Unaudited)	Actual
		Budget	
5. Administration	2024	2024	2023

	\$	\$	\$
Cyclical Maintenance	35,577	32,896	127,856
Heat, Light and Water	44,105	40,000	35,866
Repairs and Maintenance	45,138	76,900	65,321
Use of Land and Buildings	545,179	381,806	461,276
Employee Benefits - Salaries	106,616	97,600	102,818
Other Property Expenses	21,446	22,600	24,012
	798,061	651,802	817,149

The use of land and buildings figure represents 5% of the school's total property value. Property values are established as part of the nation-wide revaluation exercise that is conducted every 30 June for the Ministry of Education's year-end reporting purposes.

## 7. Other Expenses

	2024	2024 Budget	2023
Transport	Actual \$ 64,515	(Unaudited) \$ 67,275	Actual \$ 58,740
	64,515	67,275	58,740



#### 8. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2024 2024 Budget		2023
Bank Accounts	Actual \$ 373,621	(Unaudited) \$ 860,344	Actual \$ 245,011
Cash and cash equivalents for Statement of Cash Flows	373,621	860,344	245,011

The carrying value of short-term deposits with original maturity dates of 90 days or less approximates their fair value.

Of the \$373,621 Cash and Cash Equivalents, \$37,998 is held by the School on behalf of the Ministry of Education. These funds have been provided by the Ministry as part of the school's 5 Year Agreement funding for upgrades to the school's buildings and include retentions on the projects, if applicable. The funds are required to be spent in 2025 on Crown owned school buildings.

Of the \$373,621 Cash and Cash Equivalents, \$6,790 of Revenue Received in Advance is held by the school, as disclosed in note 14.

#### 9. Accounts Receivable

	2024	2024 Budget	2023
	Actual	(Unaudited)	Actual
	\$	\$	\$
Receivables	1,685	13,298	2,877
Receivables from the Ministry of Education	13,300	-	18,005
Interest Receivable	37,956	2,478	21,863
Banking Staffing Underuse	-	11,817	-
Teacher Salaries Grant Receivable	186,922	116,686	132,861
	239,863	144,279	175,606
Receivables from Exchange Transactions	39,641	15,776	24,740
Receivables from Non-Exchange Transactions	200,222	128,503	150,866
	239,863	144,279	175,606

10. Inventories	2024	2024	2023
	Actual	Budget (Unaudited)	Actual
	\$	\$	\$
Uniforms	30,115	34,422	40,236
	30,115	34,422	40,236

#### 11. Investments

The School's investment activities are classified as follows:

	2024 Actual	2024 Budget (Unaudited)	2023 Actual
Current Asset	\$	\$	\$
Short-term Bank Deposits	1,150,380	198,820	998,824
Total Investments	1,150,380	198,820	998,824

## 12. Property, Plant and Equipment

2024	Opening Balance (NBV) <b>\$</b>	Additions \$	Disposals <b>\$</b>	Impairment <b>\$</b>	Depreciation \$	Total (NBV) \$
Land	23,800	-	-	-	-	23,800
Board-owned Buildings	139,455	-	-	-	(6,200)	133,255
Building Improvements	72,849	-	-	-	(2,771)	70,078
Furniture and Equipment	159,330	19,461	(1,297)	-	(24,138)	153,356
Information and Communication Technology	62,747	12,376	-	-	(24,406)	50,717
Motor Vehicles	-	63,997	-	-	(6,417)	57,580
Leased Assets	22,633	33,064	-	-	(14,895)	40,802
Library Resources	2,503	-	-	-	(785)	1,718
-	483,317	128,898	(1,297)	-	(79,612)	531,306

The net carrying value of equipment held under a finance lease is \$40,802 (2023: \$22,633) *Restrictions* 

With the exception of the contractual restrictions related to the above noted finance leases, there are no restrictions over the title of the school's property, plant and equipment, nor are any property, plant and equipment pledged as security for liabilities.

	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	Cost or Valuation	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value	Cost or Valuation	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land	23,800	-	23,800	23,800	-	23,800
Board-owned Buildings	247,971	(114,716)	133,255	247,971	(108,516)	139,455
Building Improvements	110,825	(40,747)	70,078	110,825	(37,976)	72,849
Furniture and Equipment	570,448	(417,092)	153,356	613,533	(454,203)	159,330
Information and Communication Technology	151,981	(101,264)	50,717	146,094	(83,347)	62,747
Motor Vehicles	113,297	(55,717)	57,580	49,300	(49,300)	-
Textbooks	8,811	(8,811)	-	8,811	(8,811)	-
Leased Assets	59,987	(19,185)	40,802	53,345	(30,712)	22,633
Library Resources	68,996	(67,278)	1,718	68,996	(66,493)	2,503
-	1,356,116	(824,810)	531,306	1,322,675	(839,358)	483,317

#### 13. Accounts Payable

13. ACCOUNTS Fayable	2024	2024 Budget	2023
	Actual	(Unaudited)	Actual
	\$	\$	\$
Creditors	108,864	106,381	112,068
Accruals	13,548	6,888	7,095
Employee Entitlements - Salaries	201,572	116,686	144,273
Employee Entitlements - Leave Accrual	14,129	4,304	7,453
	338,113	234,259	270,889
Payables for Exchange Transactions	338,113	234,259	270,889
Payables for Non-exchange Transactions - Taxes Payable (PAYE and Rates) Payables for Non-exchange Transactions - Other	-	-	-
	338,113	234,259	270,889
The carrying value of payables approximates their fair value.			



#### 14. Revenue Received in Advance

	2024	2024 Budget	2023
	Actual \$	(Unaudited) \$	Actual \$
Grants in Advance - Ministry of Education	-	84,793	5,356
Other Revenue In Advance	6,790	-	5,304
	6,790	84,793	10,660

#### 15. Provision for Cyclical Maintenance

	2024	2024 Budget	2023
	Actual	(Unaudited)	Actual
	\$	\$	\$
Provision at the Start of the Year	164,900	54,437	98,420
Increase to the Provision During the Year	37,875	32,896	31,227
Use of the Provision During the Year	-	-	(61,376)
Other Adjustments	(2,298)	-	96,629
Provision at the End of the Year	200,477	87,333	164,900
Cyclical Maintenance - Current	33,680	29,766	61,054
Cyclical Maintenance - Non current	166,797	57,567	103,846
	200,477	87,333	164,900

Per the cyclical maintenance schedule, the School is next expected to undertake painting works during 2025. This plan is based on the schools 10 Year Property plan / painting quotes.

## 16. Finance Lease Liability

The School has entered into a number of finance lease agreements for computers and other ICT equipment. Minimum lease payments payable:

	2024	2024 Budget	2023
	Actual	(Unaudited)	Actual
	\$	\$	\$
No Later than One Year	16,087	15,552	15,832
Later than One Year and no Later than Five Years	32,489	11,704	10,777
Future Finance Charges	(6,361)	-	(2,021)
	42,215	27,256	24,588
Represented by			
Finance lease liability - Current	13,362	15,552	14,445
Finance lease liability - Non current	28,853	11,704	10,143
	42,215	27,256	24,588



## 17. Funds Held for Capital Works Projects

During the year the School received and applied funding from the Ministry of Education for the following capital works projects. The amount of cash held on behalf of the Ministry for capital works project is included under cash and cash equivalents in note 8, and includes retentions on the projects, if applicable.

2024	Project No.	Opening Balances \$	Receipts from MoE \$	Payments \$	Board Contributions	Closing Balances \$
Cyclone Damage	241455	(35,665)	36,824	(1,159)	-	-
LSM Fencing	246068	-	406,274	(374,953)	-	31,321
DQLS Upgrades incl Light	216346	5,842	-	-	-	5,842
Remedial Works to Drainage	216341	(18,075)	21,595	(3,520)	-	-
Hall Heating and Refurbishment	216344	4,169	4,897	(9,066)	-	-
Asbestos Removal	248268	-	38,208	(37,373)	-	835
Drainage Investigation	250986	-	-	(11,716)	-	(11,716)
Roofing, Internal Refurb	250981	-	-	(3,609)	-	(3,609)
Walls Floors, window joinery replacement	250982	-	-	(910)	-	(910)
Totals	•	(43,729)	507,798	(442,306)	-	21,763

#### **Represented by:**

Funds Held on Behalf of the Ministry of Education Funds Receivable from the Ministry of Education

(16,235)

37,998

	2023	Project No.	Opening Balances	Receipts from MoE	Payments	Board Contributions	Closing Balances
	2023	Project No.	\$	\$	s s	Contributions	\$
Cyclone Damage		241455	-	-	(35,665)	-	(35,665)
DQLS Upgrades incl Light		216346	(41,096)	68,944	(22,006)	-	5,842
Remedial Works to Drainage		216341	6,608	207,094	(231,777)	-	(18,075)
Hall Heating and Refurbishment		216344	11,962	151,138	(158,931)	-	4,169
Totals		-	(22,526)	427,176	(448,379)	-	(43,729)

#### **Represented by:**

Funds Held on Behalf of the Ministry of Education Funds Receivable from the Ministry of Education 10,011 (53,740)

## 18. Funds held on behalf of Alternative Education Cluster

Ruawai College is the lead school funded by the Minsitry of Education to provide x services to its cluster of schools.

	2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget \$	2023 Actual \$
Funds Held at Beginning of the Year Funds Received from MOE Funds Received from Cluster Members	304,976	-	315,536
Total funds received	304,976	-	315,536
Funds Spent on Behalf of the Cluster	22,874	-	17,890
Funds remaining	282,102	-	297,646
Distribution of Funds Ruawai College Dargaville High School Otamatea High School School D	94,034 94,034 94,034		99,215 99,215 99,215
Funds Held at Year End	-	-	1

## 19. Funds held on behalf of Ruawai T N G Cluster

Ruawai College is the lead school and holds funds on behalf of the cluster, a group of schools funded by the Ministry of Education.

	2024	2024 Budget	2023
	Actual	(Unaudited)	Actual
	\$	\$	\$
Funds Held at Beginning of the Year	42,281	26,635	26,635
Funds Received from Other Sources	3,497		3,264
Funds Received from MOE	554,107	-	527,620
Total funds received	599,885	26,635	557,519
Funds Spent on Behalf of the Cluster	586,156	-	515,237
Funds remaining	13,729	26,635	42,282
Distribution of Funds			
Matakohe School	4,833		9,222
Ruawai College	3,296		18,005
Ruawai Primary	4,067		12,094
Tinopai School	1,534		2,961
Funds Held at Year End	13,729	26,635	42,282

#### 20. Related Party Transactions

The School is a controlled entity of the Crown, and the Crown provides the major source of revenue to the School. The School enters into transactions with other entities also controlled by the Crown, such as government departments, state-owned enterprises and other Crown entities. Transactions with these entities are not disclosed as they occur on terms and conditions no more or less favourable than those that it is reasonable to expect the school would have adopted if dealing with that entity at arm's length.

Related party disclosures have not been made for transactions with related parties that are within a normal supplier or client/recipient relationship on terms and conditions no more or less favourable than those that it is reasonable to expect the School would have adopted in dealing with the party at arm's length in the same circumstances. Further, transactions with other government agencies (for example, Government departments and Crown entities) are not disclosed as related party transactions when they are consistent with the normal operating arrangements between government agencies and undertaken on the normal terms and conditions for such transactions.

#### 21. Remuneration

#### Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel of the School include all Board members, Principal, Deputy Principals and Heads of Departments.

	2024 Actual \$	2023 Actual \$
Board Members		
Remuneration	3,130	4,160
Leadership Team		
Remuneration	532,261	491,491
Full-time equivalent members	4.00	4.00
Total key management personnel remuneration	535,391	495,651

There are 6 members of the Board excluding the Principal. The Board has held 8 full meetings of the Board in the year. As well as these regular meetings, including preparation time, the Presiding Member and other Board members have also been involved in ad hoc meetings to consider student welfare matters including stand downs, suspensions, and other disciplinary matters.

#### Principal 1

The total value of remuneration paid or payable to the Principal was in the following bands:

	2024	2023
	Actual	Actual
Salaries and Other Short-term Employee Benefits:	\$000	\$000
Salary and Other Payments	150 - 160	160 - 170
Benefits and Other Emoluments	4 - 5	3 - 4
Termination Benefits	-	-

#### Other Employees

The number of other employees with remuneration greater than \$100,000 was in the following bands:

Remuneration \$000	2024 FTE Number	2023 FTE Number
100 - 110	1.00	3.00
110 - 120	4.00	3.00
120 - 130	2.00	2.00
130 - 140	1.00	1.00
	8.00	9.00
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The disclosure for 'Other Employees' does not include remuneration of the Principal.



#### 22. Compensation and Other Benefits Upon Leaving

The total value of compensation or other benefits paid or payable to persons who ceased to be board members, committee members, or employees during the financial year in relation to that cessation and number of persons to whom all or part of that total was payable was as follows:

	2024	2023
	Actual	Actual
Total	\$0	\$0
Number of People	0	0

#### 23. Contingencies

There are no contingent liabilities (except as noted below) and no contingent assets as at 31 December 2024 (Contingent liabilities and assets at 31 December 2023: nil).

#### Holidays Act Compliance – Schools Payroll

The Ministry of Education performs payroll processing and payments on behalf of boards, through payroll service provider, Education Payroll Limited.

The Ministry continues to review the Schools Sector Payroll to ensure compliance with the Holidays Act 2003. An initial remediation payment has been made to some current school employees. The Ministry is continuing to perform detailed analysis to finalise calculations and the potential impacts of specific individuals. As such, this is expected to resolve the liability for school boards.

#### Pay Equity and Collective Agreement Funding Wash-up

In 2024 the Ministry of Education provided additional funding for both the Support Staff in Schools' Collective Agreement (CA) Settlement and the Teacher Aide Pay Equity Settlement. At the date of signing the financial statements the School's final entitlement for the year ended 31 December 2024 has not yet been advised. The School has therefore not recognised an asset or liability regarding this funding wash-up, which is expected to be settled in July 2025.

#### 24. Commitments

#### (a) Capital Commitments

As at 31 December 2024, the Board had capital commitments of \$518,213 (2023: \$55,656) as a result of entering the following contracts:

Contract Name	Remaining Capital Commitment \$
LSM Fencing DQLS Upgrades incl Light Asbestos Removal Drainage Investigation Walls Floors, window joinery replacement	76,462 3,673 5,741 181,784 250,553
Total	518,213

The Board receives funding from the Ministry of Education for Capital Works which is disclosed in note 17.

#### (b) Operating Commitments

There are no operating commitments as at 31 December 2024 (Operating commitments at 31 December 2023: nil).



## 25. Financial Instruments

The carrying amount of financial assets and liabilities in each of the financial instrument categories are as follows:

Financial assets measured at amortised cost			
	2024	2024 Budget	2023
	Actual \$	(Unaudited) \$	Actual \$
Cash and Cash Equivalents	373,621	860,344	245,011
Receivables	239,863	144,279	175,606
Investments - Term Deposits	1,150,380	198,820	998,824
Total financial assets measured at amortised cost	1,763,864	1,203,443	1,419,441
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost			
Payables	338,113	234,259	270,889
Finance Leases	42,215	27,256	24,588
Total financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	380,328	261,515	295,477

## 26. Events After Balance Date

There were no significant events after the balance date that impact these financial statements.

#### 27. Comparatives

There have been a number of prior period comparatives which have been reclassified to make disclosure consistent with the current year.



# **Ruawai College**

# Members of the Board

## Name

Anthony Blundell Aidyn Rasmussen Angela Robertson Jo Forsyth Luke Oud Manmeet Sandhu Jenny Dallison Zach Sterling Lucas Hassall

## Position

Presiding Member Principal Parent Representative Parent Representative Parent Representative Staff Representative Staff Representative Student Representative Student Representative

How Position	Term Expired/
Gained	Expires
Elected	Sep 2025
ex Officio	
Co-opted	Sep 2025
Elected	Sep 2025
Elected	Sep 2025
Elected	Jan 2025
Elected	Sep 2025
Elected	Sep 2025
Elected	Sep 2024



# Ruawai College

# **Kiwisport**

Kiwisport is a Government funding initiative to support students' participation in organised sport. In 2024, the school received total Kiwisport funding of \$3,530 (excluding GST). The funding was spent on sporting endeavours.

# **Statement of Compliance with Employment Policy**

For the year ended 31st December 2024 the Ruawai College Board:

• Has developed and implemented personnel policies, within policy and procedural frameworks to ensure the fair and proper treatment of employees in all aspects of their employment.

• Has reviewed its compliance against both its personnel policy and procedures and can report that it meets all requirements and identified best practice.

• Is a good employer and complies with the conditions contained in the employment contracts of all staff employed by the Board.

• Ensures all employees and applicants for employment are treated according to their skills, qualifications and abilities, without bias or discrimination.

• Meets all Equal Employment Opportunities requirements.

School Name:	RUAWAI COLLEGE	School Number:	022
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# **Ruawai College**

# **Analysis of Variance 2024**

Vision: A focus on the pursuit of knowledge and learning Mission: To inspire students to be lifelong learners - to be respectful, to be resilient, and to be responsible global citizens Respect, Resilience, and Responsibility Values:

## **Strategic Direction**

Strategic Goals		Strategic Priority		
Achievement for students' pathways	A positive school culture	A connected school	The school of choice	Buildings and grounds
Pathways available support students' academic aspirations. Our curriculum and pedagogy assists students to flourish	Ruawai College has a positive school culture that can be seen and felt in all areas of our school	Ruawai College is connected to our community and beyond	Ruawai College is known as, and feels like, the best school to attend in our community / the Kaipara Region	Ruawai College has a positive physical environment to operate in day-to-day

## Strategic Programme Oversight

Achievement for students' pathways	A positive school culture	A connected school	The school of choice	Buildings and grounds
Using reflection, data, and a range of interventions to enhance teaching and learning which includes being effective Treaty partners to meet the needs of all students.	Ensuring all students enjoy and feel connected to and feel pride in their kura. Relationships with teachers and tauira (students) are enhanced and valued. We will value and promote Māori success as Māori.	Through our actions, we will ensure that our community knows that Ruawai College is a great school. We will look to assist students in having ownership of their learning journey. We will work to meet the aspirations of tauira Māori.	We will foster and grow relationships to meet our students' aspirations. This could include joining Kahui Ako, working with feeder schools, and meeting ERO aspirations for global connections. We will look to strengthen relationships with iwi and hapu.	Building and groundwork to continue to support student outcomes. 10-year property plan to support this. We will value and promote Māori success as Māori.

Annual Targets	How we measure our success
More than 14 credits for every student in every senior course	Academic achievem     Characteristic Stand down and
35% of grades at Merit or Excellence level 85% of students gain UE Literacy at Level 2 or Level 3	<ul> <li>Engagement: Stand down and</li> <li>Recognitions such as Kuma</li> </ul>
85% Attendance Target	

ement nd suspensions mara Awards

School Name:	RUAWAI COLLEGE	Scho	ol Number:	022					
			Achievement	for Students' Pathways					
	Annual Goal and Target in this area: Pathways available support students' academic aspirations. Our curriculum and pedagogy assist students to flourish.								
(Outcome	Scaffolded Actions es, outputs or measures of success) Regulation 9(1)(b)	Responsible Regulation 9(1)(c)		hat happened? Regulation 9(1)(d)		ns for the variance - ly did it happen?	Evaluation - Where to next?		
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the North Ea Review how Review Mode	Stocktake ogies are being used? Are we using Teaching to ist? Explore and consider PD or changes needed we can work alongside local schools better ule structure and school-wide resources all learners, especially our priority learners	KE JD KB AR	worked throug structures at R regular interna that was availa 'Relationships (Teaching to th	ktake was completed, we h curriculum offerings and C. We established more il professional development able. We joined First' with Cognition he North East). Learning is Analysis to look at how to ort from MOE.	that curriculur in year long su This would be NCEA. Relation clear evidence	were ended. The view was n would be more embedded ubjects in the junior school. etter prepare students for onships First (TtTNE) has that it is a positive teaching and learning	Hub time is reduced as much as possible. Curriculum Group to be set up in 2025. Review the Learning Support Department, including external agencies to ensure the school is supporting the Department to be the best it can be Structured Literacy / Structured Numeracy implemented as required 'A Device for Every Student' Initiative to be launched in early 2025 Develop individual programmes where possible		
<ul> <li>Prioritise adv styles</li> <li>Professional</li> <li>Establish we</li> </ul>	tices Framework Effective Teacher Profile vances in pedagogy to cater for students learning Growth Cycle sign-off review eekly PD for staff aligned to strategic areas hways and see what opportunities are out there	KE KB AR TO BP All Staff accountable	professional de refreshed the 0 Framework, ar practice. We a Academy from which will prov students to be	d more regular internal evelopment, reviewed and Quality Practices nd examined teacher Iso won the Services the Ministry of Defence, ride opportunities for engaged. added to out options	engagement a create an 'Effe 2024 as we ha this with the S	es were implemented to lift and achievement. Did not ective Teacher Profile' in ad covered the basics of Staff Guide to Best Practice ractices Framework.	New weights room to be established in H7 Incorporate life skills where possible		

School Name:	RUAWAI COLLEGE	Scho	ol Number:	022					
			A posit	ive school culture					
	Annual Goal and Target in this area: Ruawai College has a positive school culture that can be seen and felt in all areas of our school								
(Outcomes	Scaffolded Actions s, outputs, or measures of success) Regulation 9(1)(b)	Responsible Regulation 9(1)(c)	w	That happened? Regulation 9(1)(d)		ons for the variance - hy did it happen?	Evaluation - Where to next?		
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<ul> <li>management g</li> <li>Establish the A</li> <li>Create a referr Alternative Education</li> </ul>	Achievement Centre space (ACH) ral system in conjunction with Kaipara ucation Consortium o use this space effectively	AR TO		en established and support he Kaipara region for lucation		tem was not created. The ecided to manage its places.	Continue to develop shared strategies System for reintegration and support the transition back into mainstream		
	ellbeing@Schools, KiVA or a pro-empathy the view of embedding school-wide practices of programs	AM KE	Wellbeing@S provider of thi	chools was the chosen s		Schools first data collection lucted. Due to CAAs the time of met.	With a new team, Wellbeing@Schools survey will be completed when the timeframe is appropriate		

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<ul> <li>If that is success members across</li> <li>Write a newslett</li> </ul>	ate and join the Kāhui Ako (if appropriate) sful, we will build relationships with key staff s the Kāhui Ako ter article about the KA for each newsletter students to get to school	AR SLT Haze Brend	- el	2024. We hav events since t an article for e Consortium (F makes decisio	Kāhui Ako in Term 2 of re attended a range of this. We have not produced each newsletter. The Bus RTNG) meets regularly and ons with the new focus of the front of mind	times there from the A day to day t	was not produced because at is nothing to report on apart chievement Challenges and business. This is available on our website.	
Attend events lil     our feeder scho	<ul> <li>Work with the Ruawai Lions to establish a Leos group</li> <li>Attend events like the Ruawai Festival or events organised by our feeder schools</li> <li>Hold a feeder school Principals hui at RC</li> </ul>		TOS BP Student Leaders		ed a Leos group with the . However, this was Prefects from 2024 so this nto 2025. We attended loca e Ruawai Festival and activities, and hosted a hu ool principals at Ruawai igthening community and collaboration with Is.ANZAC day involvement restival	I Prefects from into 2025. SI 2024.	oup was primarily our n 2024, so this did not carry _T attended Lions dinners in	
Explore potentia     provide opportu	onship with schools in the Whangārei area al relationships with stakeholders who can nities beyond Kaipara somewhere outside Te Kaipara	SLT AR Senior I		Queenstow experience developed of the Whang School) but of at THS this began buildin stakeholders students of	Year 13 camp was held in vn, strengthening student ces beyond Kaipara. We connections with schools in ārei area (Tikipunga High due to change in leadership s has not proceeded. We g relationships with externa- to expand opportunities for outside our local region. a Sister School relationship in Japan.	that may wai and time are	ential to find other schools nt to partner with us. Distance the issues.	
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	Evaluation - Where to next?
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t	<ul> <li>The Kāhui Ako have implemented Professional Learning Groups for Principals and RA is in the Ruawai Dargaville group. The College will continue to attend events.</li> <li>Review of pathways and connections with the Gateway. Potential look at the pathways and possibilities department</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The Lions have identified 1 or 2 staff members who may be keen to take the lead of the Leos group (from the Lions). This could be an avenue if there was a group of staff who were keen to lead.</li> <li>The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award may provide more structure than the Leos so that could be looked into.</li> <li>Sister School partnership with an international school</li> <li>ANZAC day involvement and Ruawai Festival to continue</li> </ul>
e	We are close to signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Yonezawa Chuo High School in Japan. This is the next step.
i.	Continue to develop shared strategies

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The school of choice							
Annual Goal and Target	in this area: Ruaw	ai College is known as, and feels like, the	best school to attend in our community				
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• Produce a report that details what is currently happening in this space at RC. This should outline a scope, where resources are currently used, the perceived success and recommendations for future action	TOS	Stocktake was completed	This outlined the scope, where resources are currently used, the perceived success and recommendations for future action.	This will not be in the 2025 Annual Implementation Plan.			
Feeder school day	KE Junior Dean	The event was run successfully on the day.	Would need to be evaluated and data collected from the planning to ascertain how successful in terms of turning the event into enrolments/ engagement in Year 7 or Year 9.	This is to occur in 2025.			
<ul> <li>Newspaper articles to showcase the brilliant happenings at RC</li> </ul>	TOS Office Administrator	The paper has had irregular articles about successes, such as the services the Academy launched etc.	-	This will fall into part of the AIP in 2025 around communicating with home			
<ul> <li>Website and Social Media to better connect to the community and whanau</li> </ul>	AR TOS	Social Media has been used to connect to whanau more.	-	The SchoolBridge app will assist with seamless communication between school and home. Parents to be upskilled on how to log into the parent portal.			
Open Evening	KE	This event was not a success. Low parent turnout.	Potentially, the time of evening did not suit whanau.	Not to occur in 2025.			
<ul> <li>Events that are of a similar nature to schools around us so our students don't miss out</li> </ul>	ALL	No senior ball this year so look at 2025 for that. Set up co-curricular clubs to contribute to the life of the school for 2025.		No senior ball this year so look at 2025 for that. Set up co-curricular clubs to contribute to the life of the school for 2025.			
<ul> <li>Photographers from OddBall Studios to implement this</li> <li>Website to be regularly updated along with social media</li> </ul>	TOS AR	Social Media has been used to connect to whanau more. School Photo Day was not as organised as it could have been.	Management of the day from the photographers could be improved with structure.	SLT to look into how this day can be better structured.			

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• 5.3.1 - 10YPF appointed	P needs to be examined and a project manager	BP	Property Plan reviewed, and been appointe and implement developments	actioned. The 10-Year (10YPP) has been a project manager has d to oversee the planning tation of upcoming property , ensuring alignment with rategic goals and Ministry of uirements.	No Variance				
• 5.5.2 - Invite s	as as an SLT (with MOE 110YPP thoughts) staff to join the renumber group nber and order signage	BP AR	Blocks renumb arrived.	pered and signage has	Signage has gone up.	been ordered but has not yet			
	orce our collective culture at RC by getting the otos (heritage project) put back up in the hall, corridors.	BP AR	The old school and sorting ha	l photos have been found s begun.	-	this job as the photos are not here they can be put on the			

Annual Targets	How we measure our success			
More than 14 credits for every student in every senior course 35% of grades at Merit or Excellence level 85% of students gain UE Literacy at Level 2 or Level 3 85% Attendance Target	<ul> <li>Academic achievem</li> <li>Engagement: Stand down and</li> <li>Recognitions such as Kuma</li> </ul>			

	Evaluation - Where to next?
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	The 5YA will take on some of the key jobs in 2025. New Rugby posts to be ordered in 2025.
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ot	Assess if we start smaller (school photos from recent years) and then go from there.

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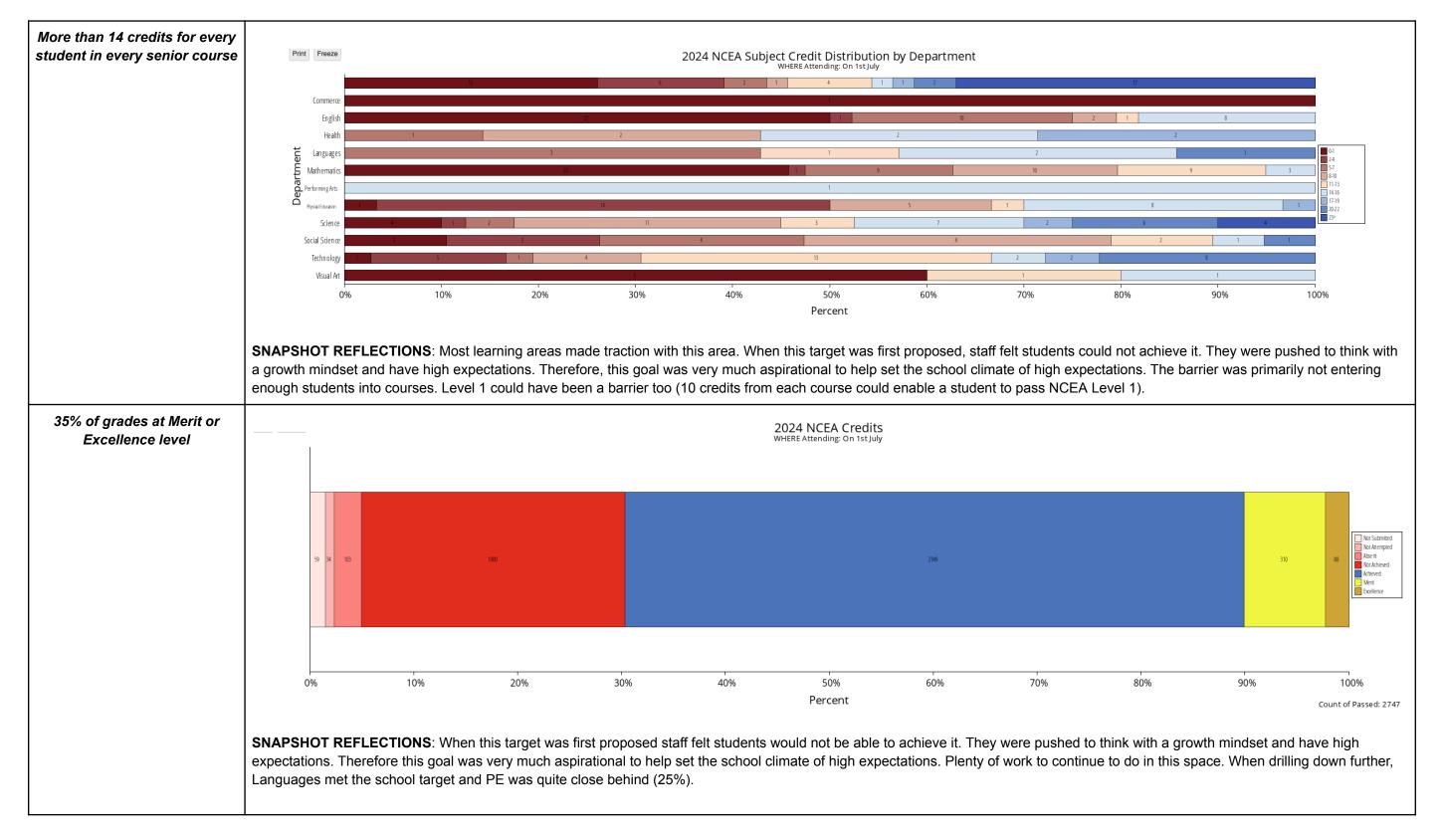
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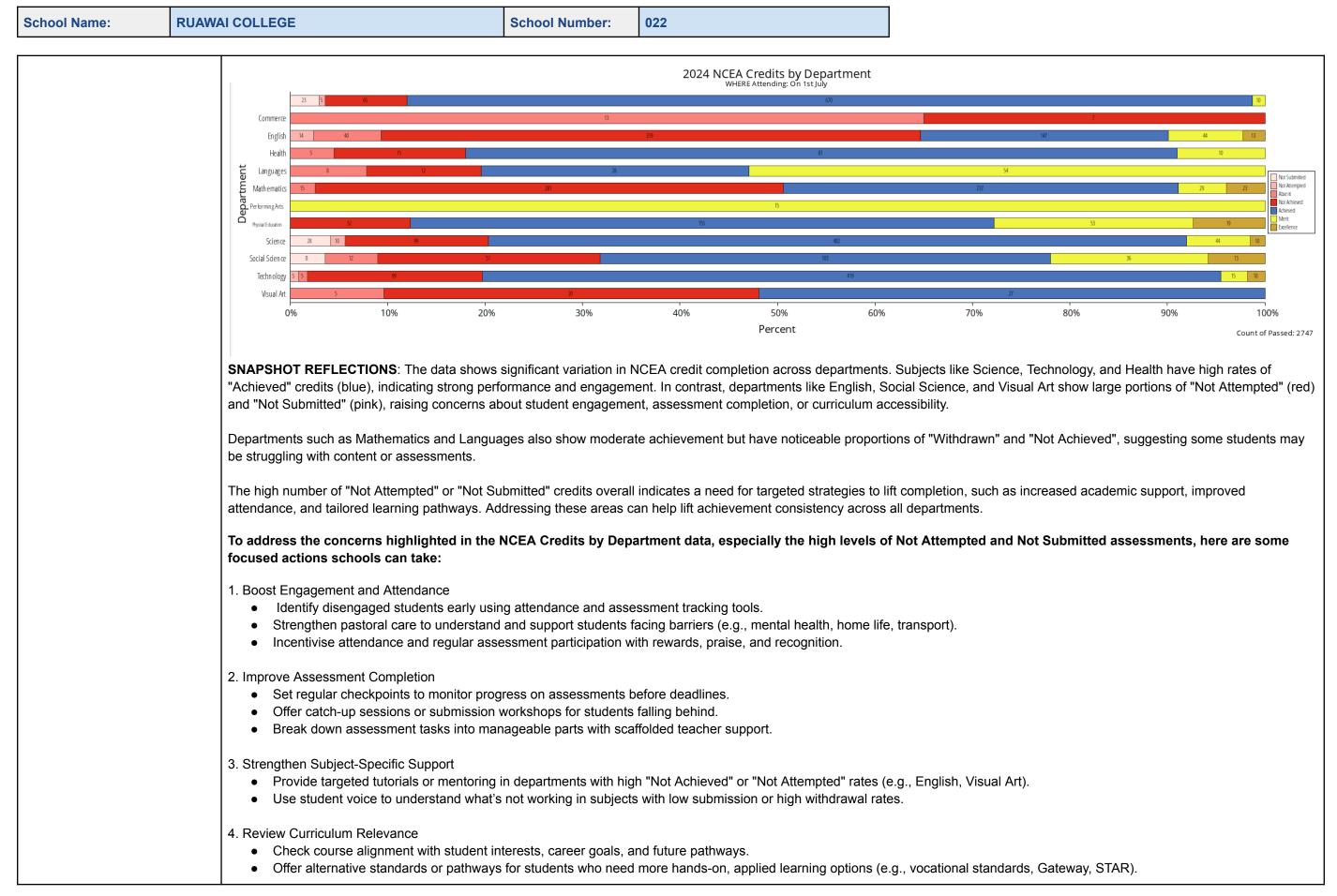
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# **Annual Targets**

# **Quick Snapshot of Data**

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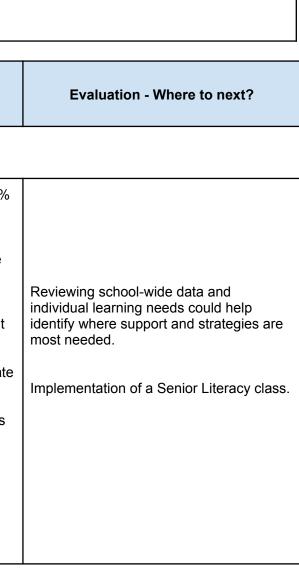


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5. Collaborate with Whānau						
<ul> <li>Hold regular progress hui with students and their whānau to keep them informed and involved.</li> </ul>						

• Share simple, clear progress reports that highlight achievement gaps early.

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85% of students gain UE Literacy at Level 2 or Level 3		vers / Year 12s (who were enrolled in Term 4) s not include students in the ORS or students	
	PL HOLs	60% of Year 12 students enrolled in Term 4 achieved University Entrance (UE) Literacy. This figure reflects only mainstream students and excludes those in the Ongoing Resourcing Scheme (ORS) and the Health School. The result highlights progress in literacy achievement among senior students nearing the end of their schooling.	<ul> <li>There could be several reasons why 85% of students did not gain UE Literacy. Common factors include:</li> <li>Attendance Issues: Irregular attendance can affect learning progress and assessment performance.</li> <li>Assessment Challenges: Students might struggle with internal or external assessments required to achieve UE Literacy. They could require more intimate support.</li> <li>Curriculum Engagement: Some students may not take subjects that contribute to UE Literacy or may disengage from literacy-focused learning.</li> <li>Support Needs: Students may require more targeted support or early intervention, particularly those at risk of underachievement.</li> </ul>

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85% Attendance Target	56% average attendance at 80% or above Absent for between 5 and 9 days across a term			
	KE Deans	56% of students had an average attendance rate of 80% or higher, meaning nearly half were frequently absent. Most were absent for 5 to 9 days in a term, impacting learning consistency and achievement. Improving attendance is critical for boosting engagement, progress, and overall academic	Contributing factors may include illness, disengagement, family responsibilities, or well-being issues, all of which impact consistent learning and achievement outcomes	Early Intervention: Monitor attendance closely and intervene early when patterns of absence emerge. Attendance Incentives: Use rewards and recognition to encourage and celebrate consistent attendance. Support Services: Address underlying causes like mental health, transport, or



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# **Kumara Awards (Recognitions)**

Kumara Awards are student recognitions for positive behavior and engagement. The data provides insights into patterns of student engagement, teacher recognition practices, and areas that may benefit from targeted support or intervention.

# Interpretation and Recommendations

## **Celebrate High Engagement**

The strong performance of our junior students was acknowledged in assemblies and in Learning Advisory classes. These students are engaging well with school culture and expectations and can serve as role models or leaders in school-wide initiatives. Our recommendation is to introduce a new recognition system in 2025 to capture both juniors and seniors.

## **Gender Disparities**

The contrast between male and female recognitions is a potential aspect to explore. Strategies may include:

- Targeted engagement efforts for boys.
- Professional development on equitable recognition practices.
- Mentoring or leadership roles to increase visibility and participation.

## **Ongoing Monitoring**

• Continue to monitor Kumara Award distribution regularly to ensure all students are being equitably acknowledged and supported

## **Review Staff Practices**

• Ensure that recognition opportunities are equitably distributed across gender and year levels through PLD or teacher guidelines.

The Kumara Awards data for 2024 highlights a strong foundation of recognition in early secondary years, especially among female students. However, disparities across genders and gaps in Year 9 male data indicate areas for attention. Targeted strategies will help build a more inclusive and consistently affirming school culture.

family needs with pastoral care and external agency partnerships. **Student Voice**: Involve students in shaping learning environments that are engaging, relevant, and inclusive.

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# Kumara Awards Comparison: 2023 vs 2024

# **Overview**

This analysis compares the number of Total Recognitions (Total Count) and Total Points earned by students across 2023 and 2024. The data is broken down by year level and gender to identify trends in student engagement and recognition patterns over time.

What happened? Regulation 9(1)(d)	Reasons for the variance - Why did it happen?	Evaluat	
<ul> <li>Year 7</li> <li>2023: 218 recognitions, 420 points</li> <li>2024: 543 recognitions, 1,055 points</li> <li>Change: +325 recognitions, +635 points</li> <li>Significant improvement in both recognition volume and quality. Year 7 saw the largest positive change, reflecting strong engagement and likely improved systems or focus in 2024</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Kumara system works well in the junior school</li> <li>Chocolate draw in assembly is always positive</li> <li>Teachers concentrating on Juniors as part of transition</li> </ul>	Exciting Changes to the Ku In 2025, we are transitioning portal, offering a more acces staff to track recognitions in r commitment to celebrating th across all aspects of school I As part of this shift, all recogn categories, reflecting the dive	
<ul> <li>Year 8</li> <li>2023: 487 recognitions, 954 points</li> <li>2024: 424 recognitions, 953 points</li> <li>Change: -63 recognitions, -1 point Despite a slight decline in recognitions, total points were consistent, suggesting fewer but more meaningful awards, or potentially more targeted recognition practices.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Kumara system works well in the junior school</li> <li>Chocolate draw in assembly is always positive</li> <li>Teachers concentrating on Juniors as part of transition</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>and embody our school value</li> <li>Academic (Ako)</li> <li>Leadership (Hautūtan</li> <li>RC Mana</li> <li>Cultural (Ahurea)</li> <li>Sport (Hākinakina)</li> </ul> Students can earn points in a achievements like NCEA end cultural participation, sports ir demonstrations of respect, reconsistent attendance, mento participating in events, or sim formally recognised. These points are tracked in S purposes: <ol> <li>Students can spend th <i>Store</i>, choosing items</li> <li>Points contribute towa</li> <li>Bronze (30 point)</li> <li>Students can work their way the store is the stor</li></ol>	
<ul> <li>Year 9</li> <li>2023: 227 recognitions, 390 points</li> <li>2024: 278 recognitions, 492 points Change: +51 recognitions, +102 points A notable increase in both recognitions and points suggests improved engagement among Year 9 students in 2024, possibly due to focused interventions or better visibility of the Kumara system</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Kumara system works well in the middle school</li> <li>Chocolate draw in assembly is always positive</li> </ul>		

## ation - Where to next?

## Kumara Awards System – 2025

g the Kumara Awards to the SchoolBridge essible and transparent way for students and real time. This digital move strengthens our the positive contributions students make I life.

gnitions will now align with five new badge verse ways students demonstrate excellence ues:

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a wide range of ways—from academic ndorsements or literacy milestones, to s involvement, leadership roles, and everyday responsibility, and resilience. Actions such as ntoring peers, showing personal best, imply "getting caught doing good" are now all

SchoolBridge and serve two rewarding

d their points in the *Ka Pai PB4L Rewards* ns or experiences they value. ward earning RC Badges:

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The <b>Total Points</b> only were there fe		The decline in Kumara Awards for Year 12 and the complete absence in Year 13 may reflect reduced engagement with the recognition system among senior students, who often prioritise assessments, external exams, or work-related responsibilities. Additionally, staff may place less emphasis on awarding Kumara points at senior levels, focusing more on academic outcomes. This could indicate a need to reframe recognitions in ways that resonate with older students, such as acknowledging leadership, mentoring, or pathway achievements.		n ess e on	
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old Badges receiving the prestigious RC Blue ark of well-rounded excellence.

student success more visible, values diverse greater motivation and ownership. It's about out building a culture where every student ed and celebrated in a meaningful, personal

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designed to re-engage senior students, where declined. By linking points to meaningful ship, academic milestones, service, and s in Year 12 and 13 will see their contributions om. The flexibility and relevance of the badge on to stay involved, work toward long-term ed for their growth as leaders and role models supports better engagement, attendance, tical senior stages of their education.



# Ruawai College

Next review: Term 1 2027

# Te Tiriti o Waitangi

This policy refers to **Te Tiriti o Waitangi** rather than **The Treaty of Waitangi** to align with the Education and Training Act 2020.

Ruawai College acknowledges that a purpose of the Education and Training Act 2020 (s 4) is to establish and regulate an education system that honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi and supports Māori-Crown relationships. We recognise our responsibility to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and are guided by the articles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in fulfilling this responsibility.

## • Article 1: Kāwanatanga | Honourable governance

We are committed to equitable partnerships and genuine collaboration. We undertake governance, leadership, and decision making that is equitable and collective.

## • Article 2: Rangatiratanga | Māori self-determination

We affirm tino rangatiratanga and mana motuhake. We honour the tikanga and kawa of mana whenua and ensure they are active participants in decisions that impact Māori in their takiwā (area).

## • Article 3: Ōritetanga | Equity

We seek out and remove barriers and bias from systems, structures, and processes. We give status and mana to all aspects of te ao Māori. We pursue equity for all. We actively revitalise te reo Māori and appropriately observe tikanga Māori.

## • Te Ritenga | Spiritual and religious freedom

We ensure people have the right to and freedom of their spiritual and religious beliefs. We honour Māori spirituality and integrate mātauranga Māori appropriately into school programmes.

We have particular regard to the National Education and Learning Priorities (NELP), which align with the education and learning objectives set out in the Education and Training Act (s 5.4). These objectives include instilling in each child and young person an appreciation of the importance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and te reo Māori.

## **Board responsibility**

Under the Education and Training Act (s 127), a primary objective of the board in governing the school is to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi by:

- working to ensure our plans, policies, and local curriculum reflect local tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori, and te ao Māori
- taking all reasonable steps to make instruction available in tikanga Māori and te reo Māori
- achieving equitable outcomes for Māori students.

The board also operates an employment policy that complies with the principles of being a good employer. This includes our responsibility under the Education and Training Act (s 597) to

recognise:

- the aims and aspirations of Māori
- the employment requirements of Māori
- the need for greater involvement of Māori in the education service.

# Engaging with mana whenua

Ruawai College is committed to establishing and strengthening our relationships with mana whenua. We seek to provide educational content that supports students to learn about the history, stories, and tikanga of our local hapū and iwi.

# **Community partnership**

We build relationships and partner with Māori to support rangatiratanga and Māori educational success as Māori (NELP Priority 2).

We engage regularly with our school community and we aim to include our Māori community in decision making by:

- creating opportunities for whanau Maori to meet together with school representatives
- having appropriate and accessible ways that whānau Māori can communicate with the school.

# See School Community Engagement Policy.

## Strategic planning

Strategic planning at Ruawai College underpins all school programmes and allows us to plan and evaluate how we are achieving our objectives and fulfilling our responsibilities. We seek to understand, consider, and respond to the needs and aspirations of our Māori community when developing our strategic goals.

- Our strategic plan includes strategies for giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- Our **annual implementation plan** includes how targets and actions will support Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations.
- Our **annual report** includes how the school has given effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

## See School Planning and Reporting.

As part of our strategic planning, we consider the aspirations our Māori community have for empowering their children to be successful as Māori. We seek to support the educational success of Māori students in ways that include, but are not limited to, academic achievement.

## See Māori Educational Achievement.

## **School programmes**

Ruawai College aims to instil in each child and young person an appreciation of the importance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and te reo Māori. We ensure our plans, policies, and local curriculum reflect local tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori, and te ao Māori (Education and Training Act, s 5.4 and s 127). Ruawai College works to localise our school curriculum and ensure school programmes reflect the identity and aspirations of our Māori community.

Our school curriculum aligns with Te Tiriti o Waitangi as a guiding principle of The New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. We engage with Ka Hikitia Ka Hāpaitia (Māori Education Strategy) as a framework to ensure Māori students achieve success as Māori. See **Ka Hikitia Ka Hāpaitia**

In support of the NELP, we work to meaningfully incorporate te reo Māori and tikanga Māori into school programmes (NELP Priority 5), and we support staff to develop their teaching capability, knowledge, and skills to meet the needs of Māori students (NELP Priority 6).

#### See Curriculum and Student Achievement Policy.

#### **Equitable outcomes**

As a board, our objectives include ensuring every student is able to attain their highest possible standard in educational achievement, and giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi by achieving equitable outcomes for Māori students (Education and Training Act, s 127).

We have high aspirations for every student and aim to identify and reduce barriers that prevent students from accessing, participating in, or remaining engaged in school. We partner with families and whānau to design and deliver education that responds to their needs, and sustains their identities, languages, and cultures (NELP Priorities 2 and 3).

Our school planning addresses how we can support students whose needs have not yet been well met. Ruawai College regularly reviews our progress towards achieving equitable outcomes, as set out in our strategic plan. We monitor achievement to provide support (including learning support) or extension programmes as required, and we are accountable and responsive to student and community needs through regular reporting and review.

#### See Māori Educational Achievement and Learning Support.

#### **Related topics**

- Board Responsibilities
- School Community Engagement Policy
- School Planning and Reporting
- Māori Educational Achievement
- Inclusive School Culture

#### Legislation

- Education and Training Act 2020
- Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975 (Schedule 1)

#### **Resources**

 Ministry of Education | Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga: The Education and Training Act 2020: Te Tiriti o Waitangi

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