



NORTHCOTE COLLEGE

Hē Pitopito Kōrero mō Te Whānau o Te Kākano

Te Whānau o Te Kākano is a form class for the Year 9 to 13 based on principles of tuakana teina. Over the years, the kaupapa of the whanau class has been revised with input from the whānau and community.

Te Kaupapa o Te Whānau o Te Kākano

Te Whānau o Te Kākano provides a Māori pathway for students and their whānau in Northcote College to draw from the strength of their identity to achieve their academic potential.

It provides students with an opportunity to be in an environment that embraces all aspects of Tikanga and Te Reo Māori. It allows students to flourish within Te Ao Māori and the wider school.

Celebrating and maintaining identity as Māori in Te Whānau o Te Kākano, enhances the development to become confident, connected educated Tangata Whenua of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Te Whānau o Te Kākano

The whānau class is made up of students from Years 9 to Year 13.

Year 9 and 10 students will travel with mainstream classes, known as the 'travelling class', in every subject area except in their half-year options. Years 11, 12, and 13 take individual options and therefore, where possible, are placed together for support. This structure enables students to study at levels appropriate to their ability.

The Whānau class consists of three kaiako and one student support worker.

Kaiako o Te whānau o Te kākano - Shaunee Hiha

Kaiako o Te whānau o Te kākano - Kelli Kawhia-Conrad

Kaiako o Te whānau o Te kākano - Tayla Smith - Tohu

Student Support Worker - Stan Conrad

Whānau staff work closely with all services involved in providing the appropriate support that meets the needs of each student for the best outcomes. Northcote College has a wide variety of support services that caters for all abilities to ensure students receive appropriate support and extension.

Year Level Deans for 2024

Year 9 Chadd Davis dvs@northcote.school.nz
Year 10 Fleur McGhee mg@northcote.school.nz
Year 11 Sophie Linfield ln@northcote.school.nz
Year 12 Aoife Cantwell can@northcote.school.nz
Year 13 Charles Wallace wa@northcote.school.nz

Te Whānau o Te Kākano aims:

- to encourage cultural pride among the students.
- to promote Te Reo Māori and Tikanga Māori within the whānau class and the wider school.
- to provide support for students in their wider subject areas.
- for students to value education and develop a sense of purpose and direction for the future.

We will provide students with opportunities to be involved in Marae noho, Kapa haka and historical and cultural events. The Whānau class will also provide a Turangawaewae that will nurture the students' sense of belonging and self-esteem.

Enrolment in Te Whānau o Te Kākano

All students enrolled in Northcote College are welcome to apply to be a member of Te Whānau o Te Kākano regardless of ethnicity. However, enrolment into Te Whānau o Te Kākano is not automatic. Each application is assessed and the following entry criteria applies.

- Student, parent/caregiver attends an entry interview with Matua Stan Conrad and the Whānau Form Teachers.
- Parents commit to attending at least four Whānau Hui per year in support of their taura.
- Students commit to working hard individually and as a group with dedication to achieving their true potential.
- A commitment to the kaupapa of the Whānau.
- A commitment to fostering Te Reo and Tikanga Māori.
- To be an active member of Kapa haka.

Application Process

- Year 9 and 10 taura are invited to apply for a place in Te Whānau o Te Kākano at the time of enrolment. You must submit your applications by emailing Renee our Enrolment Administrator at rr@northcote.school.nz no later than Friday 10 November.
 - Taura and their whānau will then be invited for an interview with whānau kaiako and the Year Level Dean.
 - During the interview, we will discuss the kaupapa and expectations for being in Te Whānau o Te Kākano, as well as the goals and expectations for whānau and taura.
 - Once all interviews have been completed, letters will be issued to the whānau informing them of the outcome of the application.
- Year 11 to 13 taura can apply to join Te Whānau o Te Kākano by completing an application form. Applications by Year 11 to 13 taura will be processed and families invited for interviews in Term 2 (for a Term 3 start) and Term 4 (for a Term 1 start the following academic year).

Te Whānau o Te Kākano Te Kura Tuarua o Onewa Application Form

Tēnā kōutou katoa,

Student Name:

I apply for my son/daughter to join the Te Whānau o Te Kākano class.

I agree that to be a part of this class, students need:

- the agreement and support of their parents and their commitment to helping their children to achieve by attending at least three whānau hui per year.
- to attend with a parent / caregiver, an entry interview with the Dean and Form Teacher.
- to work hard individually and as a group and be dedicated to achieving their true potential.
- a commitment to involvement in all kaupapa of the whānau.
- a commitment to Tikanga Māori.
- to be an active member of Kapa haka.
- a commitment to learning and developing Te Reo Māori through Northcote College Te Reo Māori classes.

Parent Name:

Signature:

Address:

Phone number:

Email:

Student Signature:

