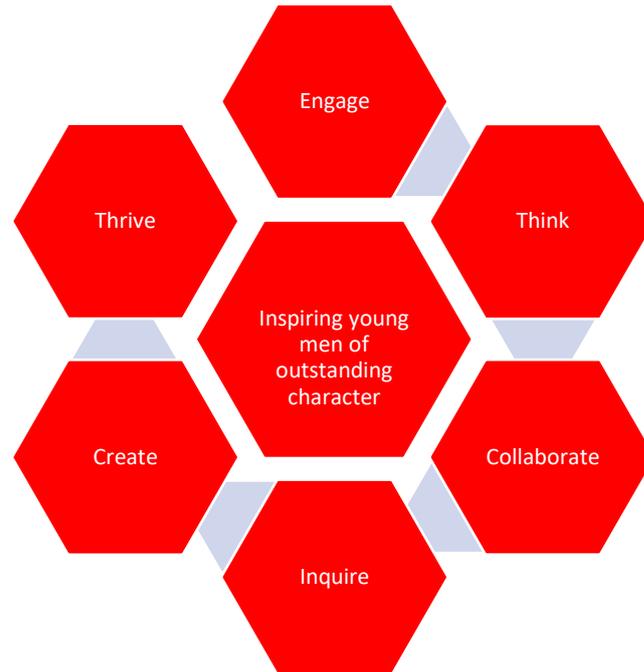


## INSPIRE

### A curriculum for every akonga.

In 2025 we are excited to embark on a new curriculum layout which will not only provide robust and comprehensive academic opportunities but will also encourage and promote personal growth of each boy. Boys will have the ability to participate in inspirational activities and further their learning in areas of their own choosing. Our curriculum will link to the Key Competencies of the New Zealand Curriculum and is a future focussed way to counter the complex issues faced by our students today.

Our curriculum is designed to inspire and engage every student in a personalised programme.



School starts at 8.20am for teachers and 9am for students.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 - 10	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
10-11	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
11 – 11.25	Interval	Interval	Interval	Interval	Interval
11.25 – 12.25	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
12.25 – 1.25	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4
1.25 – 2.05	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2.05 – 3.05	Assembly	Period 5	House Group Time	Period 5	Inspire

### **ASSEMBLY: (Period 5 on Monday)**

The assembly time will no longer disrupt any classes. The format for 2025 will allow more time to focus on celebrating the success of our students in all areas of school life along with allowing more student led presentations.

### **HOUSE GROUP TIME: (Period 5 on Wednesday)**

All full-time teachers will be required to take part in this process. As a result of this we estimate the numbers in a House group will decrease from the high 20's to the low-middle 10s. This will allow for much more individual attention.

There will be a programme in place school wide to support our Kahui Ako Challenges of Literacy and Numeracy (examples – silent/oral reading, Maths timetables etc). This is also time for pastoral care regarding attendance and other administration. The House Group teachers will be working closely with the Deans in the mentoring of individual students in each House group.

### **INSPIRE: (Period 5 on Friday)**

These activities will offer the boys opportunities not previously available within the school curriculum and which may lead them to discover new interests and abilities. Some activities that have previously been 'squeezed' into break times will now be available to students during an Inspire. This will benefit the boys' wellbeing as they become more involved in making decisions about their learning. A target number of students must be reached for an activity to run.

1. Each student MUST select an Inspire activity for Friday period 5.
2. Students who select SIX SUBJECTS will NOT take part in the Inspire activities and period 5 Tuesday and Thursday BUT they will be part of Assembly and House Group Time. The options for these students are:
  - a. If they selected similar subjects, then WBHS may be able to staff those courses.
  - b. They could enrol in their sixth subject through Te Kura Correspondence School. Teacher/s will be available for supervision.
  - c. There might be spaces available in negotiation with our sister school Waitaki Girls' High School.

**Listed below are the activities in alphabetical order. Please follow the link below as it will take you to the descriptions of each activity.**

If you require any further information, please contact the teacher in charge as listed.

Adventure Sports (IADVS)

Athletics (IATHL)

Basketball Academy (IBASK)

Computer Recycling (ICOMR)

Disc Golf (IDISC)

Football Academy (IFOOA)

Music groups (IMUSG)

Polyfest (IPOLY)

Racquet sports (IRACS)

Rugby Academy (IRUGA)

Russian History (IRUSH)

Sixth subject (ISIXS)

Tabletop Games (ITABG)

Toi Maori (ITIOM)

### **Adventure Sports (IADVS)**

For all the students who like to get out and enjoy our beautiful environment. Students will be in class learning skills or watching inspiring movies followed by outside practical skills such as snorkelling and kayaking in the school pool, rope work and rock climbing at the Waitaki Events centre and survival and bushskills around the school grounds.

Mr. Henehan: [samh@waitakibhs.school.nz](mailto:samh@waitakibhs.school.nz)

### **Athletics: Sprints/Jumps/Throws (IATHL)**

Learn the all-important skill of explosive speed needed for every sporting code and every athletics discipline. As well as sprints, we will work our way through the jumps and throws or focus on events the group wants to do. Plenty of scope to learn a new technique or build on your existing skill level.

Mrs Brydges: [sueb@waitakibhs.school.nz](mailto:sueb@waitakibhs.school.nz)

### **Basketball Academy (IBASK) – Y9 & 10 only**

Do you have a passion for Basketball? Do you want to take your game to the next level? Then the Junior Basketball Academy is the place for you. The academy is designed for juniors looking to develop their basketball skills in a fun and competitive environment. Our academy focuses on fundamental skill development, teamwork, video analysis and game strategy, under experienced head coach Mr Cathcart.

Mr. Cathcart: [ianc@waitakibhs.school.nz](mailto:ianc@waitakibhs.school.nz)

### **Computer Recycling (ICOMR)**

For students who want to learn how to completely rebuild computers and get involved in what is under the bonnet. How can you restore an old hard drive or replace a broken screen? If that interests you then that is the choice for you.

Mr. Robinson: [johnr@waitakibhs.school.nz](mailto:johnr@waitakibhs.school.nz)

### **Disc Golf (IDISC) \*Max 15 Students\***

Come and learn how to chuck a frisbee! A varied and straight forward game to learn but extremely hard to master. Covering a wide variety of technique, theory and strategy. Impress your friends and family with distance and accuracy. Alongside the technique we will look at skill improvement, video analysis and game theory/strategy as well as get out to the course for some rounds.

Mr. Ratcliff [joshr@waitakibhs.school.nz](mailto:joshr@waitakibhs.school.nz)

### **Football Academy (IFOOA)**

- This Football Academy is not an alternative to Football training which will continue as normal. **However, it is for School Footballers only**
- This programme will help develop players physically and mentally for the requirements of Football.
- During the course practical sessions will cover fitness requirements, Skill development, set plays and game play.
- During the Theory sessions we will cover systems of play, tactical analyses of matches and set play development.
- Through this course students will also have the opportunity of completing coaching courses, a referee's course and for the senior students we may access some achievement standards.

Mr. Lane: [andy@waitakibhs.school.nz](mailto:andy@waitakibhs.school.nz)

### **Music groups: (IMUSG)**

Aim to organise students into various musical groups, such as a rock band, chamber group, piano duets or duos, trios, etc to take part in a range of activities.

If you have a passion for music and would like to work with other students who have the same passion then this is for you. We can access music through traditional means and through more modern means with youtube and backing tracks.

Activities could include any of the following:

Rockquest in Timaru in June.

OR

Chamber Music competition in Timaru in June.

OR

Entertain at Resthomes throughout Oamaru.

OR

Simply just to enjoy playing a musical instrument with other people.

Mr. Hinds [stepheh@waitakibhs.school.nz](mailto:stepheh@waitakibhs.school.nz)

### **Racquet sports (IRACS)**

Learning a racquet sport can give students a healthy and life-long hobby. In this programme, students will learn and play sports such as Tennis, Squash, Pickleball and Badminton. It will be suited to both social and competitive players, with a mix of fun activities and structured training. There will also be chances to engage with the wider community through tournaments/match play, coaching or social events.

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Mr Wilson: [malcolmw@waitakibhs.school.nz](mailto:malcolmw@waitakibhs.school.nz)

## Rugby Academy (IRUGA)

### **Rugby Pre-Season Academy – Build Strength, Power & Mindset!**

Get **rugby strong** and game-ready with our **pre-season training academy!** This programme is designed for players of all levels who want to **build strength, boost endurance, and sharpen their mental game** before the season kicks off.

 **Strength & Conditioning** – Develop explosive power, speed, and agility

 **Skills & Technique** – Master tackling, passing, kicking, and decision-making

 **Mental Preparation** – Learn focus, resilience, and game-time confidence

 **Endurance & Recovery** – Push your limits while training smart

Led by experienced coaches, this academy is **open to all**—whether you're looking to dominate on the field or level up your fitness and mindset. **Train hard. Think smart. Play strong.**

 **Sign up now & start your best season yet!** #LightWorkNoReaction #RugbyReady

Mr. Mayhew: [scottm@waitakibhs.school.nz](mailto:scottm@waitakibhs.school.nz)

Mr. Filikitonga: [uatesonif@waitakibhs.school.nz](mailto:uatesonif@waitakibhs.school.nz)

## Russian History/language (IRUSH)

Come learn about Russian history and language in a class that will teach the basics of language and cover some of the great Russian history.

Mr. Vercoe: [mishav@waitakibhs.school.nz](mailto:mishav@waitakibhs.school.nz)

## Sixth Subject (ISIXS)

Catering for students wishing to do a sixth subject. The course will be structured around your requirements with supervision to help you achieve your goal.

Mr. Fifita: [aiseaf@waitakibhs.school.nz](mailto:aiseaf@waitakibhs.school.nz)

### **Toi Māori (ITOIM)**

This is an extension to Kapa Haka and is an opportunity for our ākonga to explore aspects of their whakapapa through art forms such as Korero tara, whaikōrero, carvings, art murals, pakiwaitara, waiata, haka and ma rakau. (Depending on the interests of the group).

The Kaupapa (intention of learning) is to have completed art pieces and adornments for the School, so as to bring alive the stories of Mana whenua and hapu of our tane who represent our school; Te Kura Tane O Waitaki. This course will also support (tautoko) boys who wish to aspire to be part of Ngā Manu Korero.

Mr. Winders: [benw@waitakibhs.school.nz](mailto:benw@waitakibhs.school.nz)

### **Tabletop Games (ITABG)**

Dive into the world of strategy, creativity, and friendly competition with our tabletop games option. In this course, you'll explore a variety of popular and classic card games and board games, from strategy titles to quick, fun party games. As you play, you'll enhance your critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork skills while engaging in healthy competition with classmates. Whether you're building alliances in Catan, outwitting opponents in Codenames, or strategizing in Ticket to Ride, this elective offers a fun and interactive way to develop key life skills like communication, planning, and adaptability. Perfect for anyone who loves games and wants to strengthen their strategic mindset in a collaborative environment!

Ms. Marshall: [margom@waitakibhs.school.nz](mailto:margom@waitakibhs.school.nz)

### **Polyfest (IPOLY)**

Any students who are keen to learn Pasifika music and dance.

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Pelitesi Kavatoe: [pelitisik@waitakibhs.school.nz](mailto:pelitisik@waitakibhs.school.nz)