





## **YOUR STAFF**



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## Nau mai, haere mai, ki Te Puna Wai o Waipapa Welcome to Hagley!

Te Puna Wai o Waipapa - Hagley College is a great place. It is an all age community college. It is a multi-cultural community with a **strong whānau** and a large number of international students. It is a co-educational community in which equal opportunity is valued. Staff are all addressed by first name. We welcome back students who have been part of our College before and we extend a very warm welcome to our new students. The good news is there are many new students so you don't 'look new' as you might at other schools. People come here from all parts of the city and all sectors of the community. We expect every person on the campus to make sensible use of their time, respect the opinions of others and care for the facilities provided. We aim to provide an adult learning environment.

Beginning of the Year

This can be a difficult time for both students and staff! Please be patient and anything you are unsure of, please ask. **If you are lost or uncertain - go to the main reception area.** 

Junior Graduating College

#### **Contract of Learning**

Your Contract of Learning was agreed to and signed when you enrolled. Below is a copy of the Contract of Learning which aims to provide you with the best opportunities to be a successful learner.

#### **College Goals**

#### Our goals for you are to:

- Feel safe, happy and supported at school
- Fully engage with your programme of study
- Successfully prepare you for further learning
  Emphasise student-centred learning and life beyond school
- Become a motivated and independent learner
- Live out the College values of Respect, Trust, Integrity and Responsibility.

#### Parent Goals

#### Our goals for you are to:

- Do your best in your learning programmes
- Feel safe and secure while at the College
- Enjoy your learning at Hagley
- Make the most of opportunities offered
- · Be proud of what you achieve.

#### Student Goals

#### My broad goals are to:

- Be a successful learner
- Take advantage of the opportunities at the College and make a genuine effort in them
- Feel proud of what I achieve.

#### **College Responsibilities** To support your learning we agree to:

- Provide a safe learning environment
- Provide expert teachers
- Meet the National Curriculum
- Assess your needs
- Support and extend your learning
- Monitor and report on your progress
- Measure your success.

#### **Parent Responsibilities**

#### To support your learning I/we agree to:

- Create a learning environment at home
- Encourage and supervise homework
- Be positive about your learning
- Be responsive to and supportive of the College.

#### **Student Responsibilities** To support my learning I agree to:

- Regularly attend my classes
- Be on time
- Be prepared with the correct materials
- Complete my work
- Positively participate in all my classes
- · Live out the Hagley values of Respect, Trust, Integrity and Responsibility.

The Hagley Junior College is a two year college for students at National Curriculum Levels 4 (Year 9) and 5 (Year 10). It is a learning facility that specialises in student-centred learning strategies. Its goal is to make students successful learners and prepare them for advanced study in secondary education and beyond.

## Te Putanga ("The Emergence")

This is the system we use in the Junior College to assess and report on your progress in the transferable skills:



### At Te Puna Wai o Waipapa - Hagley We Value



#### FOR HAGLEY STUDENTS, THIS MEANS

Accepting others for who they are

Understanding how others feel

Appreciating others

Being polite

Treating others and the environment with care

Treating everyone equally and fairly

Being kind

Showing gratitude

Helping others

Empathy

Acknowledging people

Being open minded

Standing up for others

Caring for others' personal space and property

Accepting people's differences

Mana is the relationship of mutual respect between the tuakana and taina. Whero (red) is the colour of the rangatira (leader), representing mana.

# **Tika** Integrity

#### FOR HAGLEY STUDENTS, THIS MEANS

Doing the right thing

Stepping out of your comfort zone

Not mucking around

Honour

Having high standards

Taking care of the moment

Self-belief

Sticking to your morals

Honesty

Doing what is right even when no-one is watching

Sticking up for friends

Being trustworthy

Being responsible

Doing something that benefits someone else rather than yourself

Perseverance

Tika is to be correct; when something is the way it should be. Pango (black) traditionally represents the workers, or in this case the day to day values that keep us grounded.



## Whakawhirinaki TRUST

FOR HAGLEY STUDENTS, THIS MEANS

Someone is there for you

Fulfilling promises

Believing someone will catch you when you fall

Knowing that someone will have your back

Respecting people's privacy

Keeping secrets

Being loyal

Communicating

Believing in those around you

Being faithful

Being reliable

Sharing

Friendship

Whirinaki means 'to lean upon'; the taina relies upon the tuakana to provide support. Kākāriki (green) is the colour of the taina (younger) fern's leaves as it grows upwards.



## Whakamarumaru RESPONSIBILITY

#### FOR HAGLEY STUDENTS, THIS MEANS

Respect for self and others

Looking after your own and others' property

Being ready

Owning up to your actions

Getting things done

Being a role model

Being on time

Being prepared

Self-management

Getting enough sleep

Making your own decisions with respect and integrity

Supporting others

Looking after yourself

Having a positive attitude

Whakamarumaru means 'to cause shade'; the tuakana protects the taina, helping it grow. Pounamu (dark green) is the colour of the leaves of the tuakana (older) fern as it shelters the taina fern below.

## **Student Activities**

#### Young Leaders @ Hagley

We run a Senior and a Junior Young leaders group. Students have the opportunity to participate in a range of leadership roles within Hagley and in the wider community. This provides you with skills & experience beyond the classroom and looks great on your CV too!

- Represent the views of students
- Inform students on matters that are of concern to them
- Establish networks to receive advice and evaluation from students via the Council
- Undertake projects that the Council will select each year.

Students interested in participating in the Young Leaders @ Hagley should contact Suzanne Waters.

#### **Clubs & Activities**

Sign up for clubs & activities in the cafe annex during orientation week.

#### **Sports and Recreation**

Sports teams at Hagley develop in response to student interest as well as staff expertise and availability. All students up to the age of 19 are encouraged to join a sports team.

Athletics and cross-country sport days are held annually.

We have a Sports Co-ordinator who supervises the gymnasium at lunchtimes and intervals for recreation or sporting competitions. Students can also borrow equipment for lunchtime use, e.g. touch rugby balls, volley balls, basketballs.

Adult students can participate in all lunchtime competitions. Check with the Phys Ed staff.

If you are keen to help with coaching or transport for adolescent students let them know that too.

#### **Student Representative on the Board of Trustees**



Lilly Anderson Student Rep

In September of each year elections are held for a Board of Trustees student representative. Students on the current roll under 19 and from Year 10 up are eligible to be nominated and to vote.

#### Your student representative for 2023 Lilly Anderson

You can read more about Lilly at www.hagley.school.nz/about/board-of-trustees/

#### **Clubs & Activities for 2023**

This list may change as new clubs & activities are added. Keep an eye on student notices for any changes.

You can sign up for these on orientation.

#### **Summary of Clubs and Activities**

Club/Activity	Teacher in Charge	Day	Time	Venue
Maths Tutoring	Angela	Tuesday	Lunch	403
Juggling Club	Angela	Monday	Lunch	Gym 2
Horticulture Club	Carol	Monday	Lunch	Hort Shed
Chess Club	Tony	Wednesday	Lunch	Rm 306
Junior Young Leaders @ Hagley	Tina	Wednesday	Lunch	Rm 302
Young Leaders @ Hagley	Rowan	Tuesday	Lunch	Rm 302
Creative Writing	Faith	Thursday	3pm	W3
Environment Group	Suhaylah / Dave	Thursday	Lunch	G4
Junior TheatreSports	Ciaran	Tuesday	Lunch	X8
Senior TheatreSports	Brendon	Thursday	3pm	X8
CV help	Kim	Wednesday	Lunch	Careers Room
Learners licence help	Kim	Thursday	Lunch	Careers Room
Anime / Manga Club	Tina	Friday	Lunch	Rm 302
Book Club	Liz	Tuesday	Lunch	Library
Textiles tutorials	Robyn	Friday	Lunch	H2
Rainbow Diversity Safe Space/LGBTQ+	Leanne / Lisa	Monday	Lunch	Simpson House
Sport Summer & Winter	Clint and Mikey	Mon/Wed		
Kapa Haka	Chantelle	Thursday	Lunch	Whare
Organised Recreation	Mikey	Tuesday	Lunch	Gym 1
Debating		Thursday	Lunch	Rm 103
Afghani Womens Biking Club	Sarah	To be confirmed		
Board Riders Club	Kim	Tuesday	Lunch	Careers
Choir	Chantelle	Monday Wednesday	2:45pm 8:30am	X4

Subject to student interest & staff availability

## **School Guidelines**

The primary purpose of these guidelines is to provide students and staff with a safe and pleasant learning and teaching environment.

#### Dress

While acknowledging the right of students to dress individually, it is expected that all clothes worn are clean and in good repair. It is expected that clothing worn is suitable to be worn in an educational institution. There is a requirement that clothing is not too exposing and does not have pictures, designs or language displayed that is offensive to others. Students need to be aware that while the College does not have a problem with students with body piercings, some course providers and employers do. If you intend seeking placements on courses or work exploration you need to be mindful of this. **Please note:** the wearing of long studs as worn accessories is not acceptable at Hagley, and students will be asked to remove them. Shoes must be worn at all times.

#### Boundaries of the College

The supervision area includes all of the College and the surrounding streets (both sides) as well as the area of Hagley Park immediately opposite the College up to the edge of the hockey/cricket field. The pathway around the park is to be kept clear at all times for joggers etc. We supervise this area for your safety. For the purpose of these rules, the supervision area is considered part of the College. Junior students must not leave the College grounds during the school day unless for a pre-arranged appointment approved by a parent.

#### Physical and Verbal Violence

Physical or verbal abuse or intimidation of staff or students will not be tolerated.

#### Racial, Gender Orientation and Sexual Harassment

Hagley Community College provides an environment where harassment is neither tolerated nor condoned. Sexual harassment contact people are available to deal with concerns you may have in that area. The College also has a racial harassment officer.

See under Student Services for who to contact if you are being harassed.

#### Alcohol, Drugs, Solvents

The consumption, possession, supply or being under the influence of such substances is prohibited on the College premises, within the College vicinity, for all students travelling to and from the College, at College functions, and on College trips. The College's Well-being Team have a zero tolerance policy for such substances.

#### Theft

The theft of any property belonging to the College or individuals is a serious offence. If you have to bring something valuable to school hand it in to Reception for safe keeping.

#### Movement about the College

All movement in the grounds and within buildings is expected to follow common sense rules, e.g. observing "left hand" system in corridors. Cycles should not be ridden so as to endanger or inconvenience pedestrians. This applies particularly near the Pre-School and on blind corners. Cars must observe speed limits set and must not be driven in a way that would endanger others. **Skateboards & scooters are not to be ridden on college grounds.** 

### **Emergency Procedures**

You should read the instructions posted on the wall close to the door of each classroom you use. These instructions give details of the evacuation route you have to take and show the area you have to meet in after leaving the building.

#### Fire:

#### A continuous alarm bell will ring.

- 1 Follow the directions of your teacher.
- 2 Use the evacuation route for the classroom you are in.
- 3 Move quickly do not stop or detour to collect personal items.
- 4 Stay in your class group at your assembly area. Sit on the ground at that point.

If the fire alarm rings at interval or lunchtime assemble on the front basketball court and wait for instructions from staff.

#### Earthquake:

#### Do not congregate near buildings where there is a danger of falling debris!

- 1 Take cover under a desk or reinforced structure.
- 2 Keep your back to any glass.
- 3 Crouch with your hands clasped on your head.
- 4 Stay inside.
- 5 After the earthquake follow the teacher's instructions and/or use the evacuation procedures posted on the wall.
- 6 If you are outside stay at least 30 metres away from the main block and make your way to the nearest assembly area.
- 7 Keep clear of broken or overhead power lines.

#### Lockdown

Follow the instructions of your teacher this is likely to involve:

- 1. Move in to the middle of the room and stay on the ground, stay still.
- 2. You will know the lockdown is over when a member of the college Senior Leadership team visit the room and tell you it is over.

## Attendance

#### As part of the acceptance of an enrolment into the College, students commit to full attendance in all of their programmes for the complete academic year.

The expectation of our students is that you will be in class at all times, unless illness or other important circumstances prevent this. If you are absent for any reason a phone call must be made to the College on the day the absence occurs.

Incentives and rewards such as Pizza with the Principal, run in Terms 2 & 3 to promote positive attendance within the College. Our Wellbeing Administrator, **Illa Russell** has responsibility for the College's daily attendance text system. She is located in Simpson House.

## Absence

**Adolescent students:** If you are absent from the College, your parent/caregiver is to ring the College Hot line (379 3090 ext 1) on the morning of the absence and give your name, reason and how long you will be absent.

\*If using the College App you can ring directly from the app or alternatively send the attendance administration an email.

**Adult students:** If you are an adult, you will be removed from a class if you are absent 20 consecutive days without notice. If you are absent from all classes for 20 consecutive days you will be considered to have left the College and will be withdrawn from the roll.

## **Information and Facilities**

#### **Student Cafeteria**

The Cafeteria offers a full range of hot and cold food and refreshments. It is open at interval & lunchtimes.

#### **Careers Centre**

The Careers Centre is a student information and resource centre situated in the Student Centre. Here you will be given information and assistance with:

- Career profiles and planning
- Careers information
- Study skills
- Career counselling
- Tertiary education information
- QUEST database/CareerQuest
- STAR courses
- Computer interest and ability assessment

- Curriculum vitaes
- Gateway
- Work exploration
- Job vacancies and applications
- Teaching and university applications
- Scholarships
- Youth Training and TOPs courses.
- Student Allowance

#### **Computer Access**

You will be issued with a user name and password to enable you to access your own file storage space on the College network. Your teachers will show you how to do this. All students have their own email account. Your email address is: Our IT staff located in the area behind Reception can assist if you are having trouble accessing your school accounts. firstname.lastname@student.hagley.school.nz.

The Library classroom is available for student use between 8.30am and 4pm Monday to Friday, before school, at interval, lunchtimes and after school.

#### **Digital Citizenship Agreement**

Every user of the College computers, devices or accessing the college network/wifi will need to agree to the terms of Hagley's Digital Citizenship Agreement. This agreement encompasses digital access, literacy, communication, security, etiquette, rights and responsibilities, commerce, health and wellness, and law. Appropriate behaviour is grounded in the values of respectfulness, accountability, positively representing yourself and the College, honesty and fairness. This is available from any College computer at log on.

#### **CANDO Cards**

#### Tuesday 15th Feb 9am-2pm \$10 cash Thursday 24th Feb 9am-12noon \$10 cash

The CANDO card is a student ID for full-time secondary school students which entitles the user to concessions. Students under 18 can use the card to get reduced fares on Christchurch Metro Public Transport Services. If you leave school or turn 18 the card becomes invalid for bus travel. Bus drivers have the right to confiscate the card if there is reason to believe that it is being misused. A student ID card is available for full-time Adult students.

#### **Daily Notices**

A daily notice is distributed each day. A copy is put on the main notice board and teachers read out the notices to each class. Remind your teacher if they forget! Listen for items of interest, assembly times, meeting times. If you wish to put an item in the daily notices hand it in at the Enrolment Centre by 3.30pm the day before. You can also email them to dailynotices@hagley.school.nz

#### **Disability Access and Facilities**

All areas have ramp and lift access for anyone with supported mobility needs. Accessible toilets are located in all blocks.

#### **Enrolment Centre**

Enrolment Centre staff will help you with timetables, payment of money, leaving certificates and many generalised enquiries where you just need help. Located in the main block, the Centre is open 9am-8.30pm Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm Fridays. EFTPOS and credit card facilities available.

#### **Gender Neutral Toilets**

These are located in the Wainuku and Auripo, on the ground floor in X-block, at the end of the 300 level corridor in the main building, in Simpson House and in the Gym 2 foyer.

#### **Lost Property**

May be claimed from reception. The daily notice system may be used to advertise the loss of an item. At the end of each term all lost property is displayed in the foyer of the main block. Any unclaimed items are given to charity.

#### Photocopier

A photocopy service is available in the Library.

#### Reports

You will receive a full report at the end of Term 2 and 3. There will a Meet the Teacher evening for parents and caregivers in Term 1 and a Report Evening in Term 3

#### Library

The Library is open from 8:30am to 8pm Monday to Thursday and 8:30am to 4pm on Fridays. You can borrow up to four books (books are issued for three weeks). It is important that you return your books by the due date as other students may be waiting for them. The Library staff are happy to help you locate the information you may need for your course work.

#### Liz Jones is the Librarian. If you cannot find what you need, please ask!

- fiction and non-fiction books
- ebook collection
- easy readers
- information file
- daily newspaper
- scanner

- graphic novel and manga
- email
- access to EPIC databases
- large variety of magazines
- children's books
- colour photocopier and printer.

#### Transport

#### **Bicycles & Scooters:**

All bicycles left in stands must be locked (hardened steel D-locks are recommended). Insurance against theft is strongly recommended and we suggest that you record the bicycle frame number so that it may be identified if stolen. Scooters must be locked into the stands provided.

#### Skateboards

These are no to be ridden in the school grounds and they are not allowed in class rooms. They are stored in the cupboard by the Principal's reception during the day.

#### **Learning Support Services**



All students deserve to experience meaningful success in their learning. Learning Support Services work alongside both students and teachers, so students with a wide range of learning needs can achieve to their full potential. These are some of the services we offer:

#### TEACHER AIDE SUPPORT:

We have a large team of highly experienced teacher aides, who support students in lessons or small groups. The work of our teacher aides includes supporting students to build their literacy, numeracy, social and organisation skills.

#### GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION:

Students who are working significantly above their age level in a particular area/subject can be identified for extension and enrichment options. This can include a tailored learning plan and individualised programme.

#### DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT:

Students who are struggling with their learning can be assessed by Learning Support Services, to identify where they may need further support at school. Students who are entered into NCEA subjects can also be assessed for eligibility for Special Assessment Conditions (SAC). Learning Support Services will also apply to NZQA for any assessment support senior students are eligible for.

#### TARGETED LEARNING:

A small, specialist class for students in Years 9-11, with significant learning and/or classroom adaptation needs. Entry to Targeted Learning is dependent upon available places and ongoing student need.

## **Student Services**



Anne Farrall Nurse

#### Health Centre

The Health Centre provides a service for accidents, injuries or illness while at College. Here you can get information on:

- medical conditions
- doctor and dental appointments
- assistance for students with special medical needs We can offer financial assistance for further medical consultation in cases of financial hardship.

### Counselling Services



Hagley is a diverse community and we support and encourage students to be their authentic selves. If you have worries about any issues facing you, your family or friends, such as anxiety, depression, stress, eating problems, alcohol and drugs, bullying, making friends, sexuality or gender related issues or anything else, we are happy to help you discover ways to resolve these in a safe and confidential environment.



Alana Whitcombe Social Worker Kāhui Ako

If you wish to see a counsellor, go to Simpson House between H2 and O blocks. If a counsellor is available they can see you straight away, or you can make a time with the Wellbeing Administrator who works out of Simpson House. You can also now text the counsellors on the following numbers to make an appointment time:

#### Michael: 021 1916 043

Leanne: 021 1939 705

#### Year Advisers' Administrator

Students who have concerns with any area of their schooling and wish to see a Year Advisor can make an appointment through Megan Johnston in the Student Wellbeing Area in the Main Block.

Megan Johnston Year Advisers'

Administrator

#### Harassment

The College provides an environment where harassment of any kind is neither tolerated nor condoned. If you are being bullied report this to a teacher, your Year Advisor, or the Director of Students, and your complaint will be dealt with.

Our Board has a policy on Harassment which protects everyone who works or studies at the College. This includes all students, teachers and employees. Harassment is unwelcome behaviour which can interfere with the teaching and learning processes or the work of employees.

No person has to put up with any bullying, harassment or discrimination because of their sexual orientation or identity. If this is happening to you, contact Suzanne Wood in Simpson House.

We have students from all over the world. No student should suffer any form of harassment because of their ethnicity, the colour of their skin, or their religious beliefs.

You do not have to feel unjustly treated at Hagley by another student, or staff member.

You have the right to feel emotionally and physically safe at all times. If you feel you are not being treated fairly we have a complaints procedure that can support you to resolve this. To find out the procedure contact either one of the counsellors, the Assistant Principal or one of the Year Advisers.

#### **Cyber Bullying**

We treat this bullying very seriously. If you are receiving abusive or threatening texts, messages on any social media site, please report this to Suzanne Waters Assistant Principal.

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	Dance for Everyone	Dance Magic Dance	Dance Your Heart Out
	Light Works	Light Works	Light Works
	How About Art?	How About Art?	How About Art?
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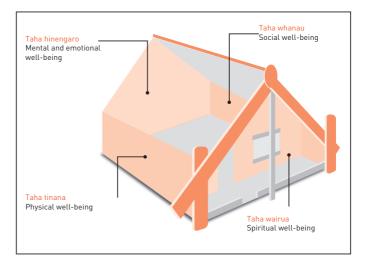
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#### TE WHARE TAPA WHĀ MODEL OF HAUORA

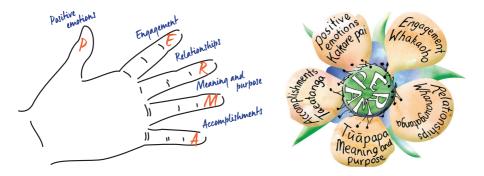
Mason Durie (1994) developed Te Whare Tapa Whā to show the importance of the four aspects of health where each wall is essential to making a sturdy and resilient house, all built on te whenua.

We can use this model to reflect both on individual wellbeing and the hauora of groups and communities we are part of.



#### PERMA THEORY OF WELLBEING

Martin Seligman (2011) developed a PERMA model for wellbeing.



We can use this as a way to quick-check the balance of different aspects of our lives, and identify where a shift in focus might be beneficial to our wellbeing. Using the framework of the PERMA model can be useful for reflection and goal-setting.

#### WAIARO WHAKATIPU - GROWTH MINDSET

Carol Dweck (2006) identified that adopting a growth mindset can have a significant impact on learning, motivation and achievement. A growth mindset is a belief that skills can be learned and intelligence can be developed.

A growth mindset may seem more familiar on the sports field, but research shows the benefits of transferring this attitude to academic and other areas. We seek to intentionally frame challenges as opportunities to learn rather than seeing them as threats, and to see failures as interesting, informative, and motivating rather than discouraging.

Motivation can be damaged when we have not had experiences of success

and we come to believe that failure at a task is a fixed state. Fixed mindset thinking can also be damaging for people who are used to easy success when they first meet a setback or challenge that requires hard work.

It can be helpful to reframe and embrace feedback, challenge, setbacks, hard work. You can promote a growth mindset by prompting your children to adjust their language:

#### **RATHER THAN**

#### TRY

I'm great at this. » I'm on the right track here.

I can't do this. » I'm going to train my brain to do this.

Tē taea. » Ka taea e au tēnei ako.

#### NGĀ PŪKENGA O TE TANGATA - CHARACTER STRENGTHS

We look at character strengths according to a framework developed by Christopher Peterson and Martin Seligman (2004). Their work outlines the benefits of focusing our attention on strengths rather than weaknesses. The approach is not about identifying fixed personality traits, but seeing aspects of character as similar to muscles that can be developed and strengthened. Research shows that both knowing and deliberately using character strengths to meet challenges can increase individuals' positive emotions and have a preventive effect on mental illness.

A strengths focus also helps to develop a positive environment and can contribute to feelings of happiness and building relationships, which in turn ties back to different aspects of the PERMA model.

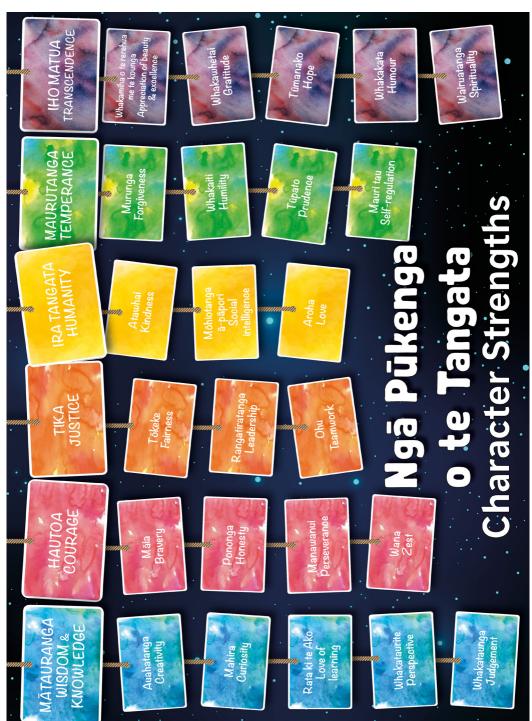
Some of the ways we use character strengths include identifying which strengths are currently our strongest (signature strengths), using signature strengths to gain leverage on meeting a challenge, choosing a lesser strength to develop, and recognising the use of strengths in ourselves and others. For example, being aware of overusing various strengths and reframing unhelpful habits is shown to be a strategy that enhances wellbeing and academic progress for students who struggle with perfectionism.

For a snapshot of your present strengths, you can do a VIA Character Strengths assessment through the <u>www.allright.org.nz</u> website.



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## 2023 KEY DATES WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Tuesday Wednesday	<b>01</b> FEB	Year 9 Mihi Whakatau & Orientation Day 1	
	<b>02</b> Feb	Year 9 Orientation Day 2	
Friday	<b>03</b> Feb	Year 9 Orientation Day 3	
Monday	<b>06</b> Feb	Waitangi Day (School Closed)	
Tuesday	<b>07</b> Feb	Normal Timetabled Classes Classes start from 08.30am for all students	
Thursday	<b>06</b> APR	End of Term 1	
Monday   Wednesday   Thursday   Tuesday   Monday	<b>26</b> APR	Beginning of Term 2	
Monday	<b>05</b> Jun	Queen's Birthday (School Closed)	

#### **WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

Friday	<b>30</b> Jun	End of Term 2
Monday	<b>17</b> JUL	Beginning of Term 3
Friday	<b>22</b> SEP	End of Term 3
Monday	<b>09</b> oct	Beginning of Term 4
Monday	<b>23</b> ост	Labour Day (School Closed)
Friday	<b>17</b> NOV	Canterbury Show Day (School Closed)
Tuesday	<b>12</b> DEC	End of School Year (Last day for students)



### Hagley College now has a School App!

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and **Search** '**SchoolAppsNZ'** to download the app onto your device.

Then enter 'Hagley College' to find your school's app.





## Mā te huruhuru te manu ka rere ai.

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