



Otumoetai College





**OTUMOETAI
COLLEGE**

The College Motto

The motto was designed by Mr. F. Graham and embodies three concepts.

The silver torch with its red flame standing on a forest green background, depicts the light of learning to be kept burning and handed on from generation to generation.

The star beneath the torch is the heraldic recognition of Otumoetai as the third college in the community.

The silver waves on the dark blue background represent the quiet waters of the estuary near the College. In former years the Māori people of Matakana Island regularly crossed the harbour to the estuary to set their nets and spend a quiet day on the shore. The peaceful serenity of the area is implied in its, Otumoetai 'Peaceful Waters'.

The motto "Doctrina Vitam Illuminet" (English translation: Let Learning Enlighten Life, Maori translation: He Akonga te Oranga) reminds us that education is not merely a process of obtaining qualifications for a job, but one which should bring us wisdom and so improve the quality of our lives and of the world in which we live.

The College motto is therefore more than an adornment for clothing; it embodies ideas which can be inspiration to us now and in later life.

Tauranga and Mount Maunganui



Powhiri - A welcome for ALL new students



When students start at Otumoetai College they will have a powhiri. A powhiri is a traditional Māori (the Indigenous culture of New Zealand) welcome to our College.

Orientation Day



A day for our students to get to know Tauranga. They are taken to climb Mount Maunganui, go for a swim in the saltwater pool afterwards and even an ice cream if they like.

International Office



Services provided from our International Department include two second language classrooms, the staff in the International office and a meeting area. This is an area where the International students can come if they need any help.

Otumoetai College Facilities



The college is a large school of around 2000 students which offers a range of facilities. A large number of classrooms, gym, squash court, field, basketball court, International Department, Career Department, Specialised subjects and more.

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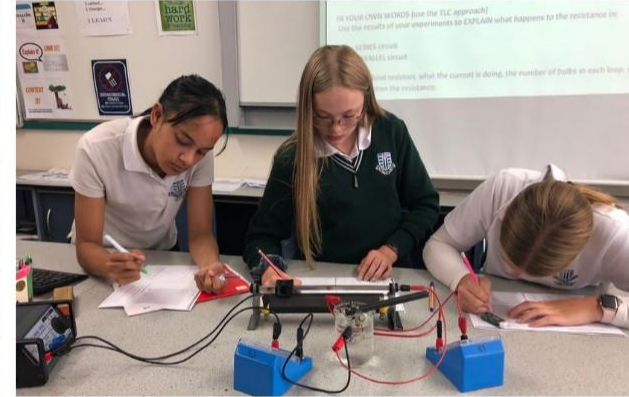


We have an extensive amount of classrooms available at Otumoetai College for learning.

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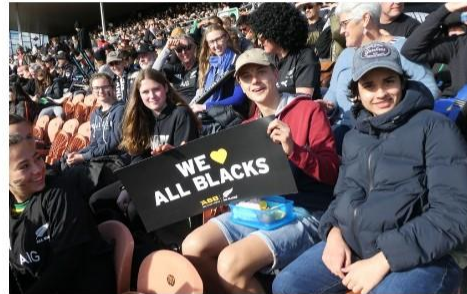


Mayoral Morning Tea



The Mayoral Morning Tea is held in Tauranga each year. We offer this to a select number of students who are hard working students in the classroom.

Annual International students rugby trip



Every year the International Office takes some of their students on a trip to watch a rugby game. This gives them an opportunity to see one of our most beloved sports whilst they are here.

Annual International students Rotorua trip



A yearly trip for our International students to see Rotorua, one of the best tourist destinations of New Zealand

Annual International students Waitomo Trip



Each year in term 3 we take the students on the Waitomo trip. They go to a Glow worm cave, a limestone cave and finally the Kiwi House where they have a chance to spot the elusive Kiwi bird and our many other birds that live only in our small country.

International Food Festival



Each year the Parent Committee holds a fundraiser for the school. This fundraiser showcases many different cultures and food available. Our International students get involved and run a stall from their own Nationality.

School field trips



Some subjects offer school field trips. All of the students are able to join a field trip if they are part of the right class. This is an extra cost which the students will need to pay but a great opportunity to get to know our Country.

Matariki Celebrations



Matariki is a special occasion for the indigenous people of New Zealand: Māori. This is Māori New Year and is generally a week long. There are different celebrations held both at the school and around Tauranga.

Athletics and Colours Day



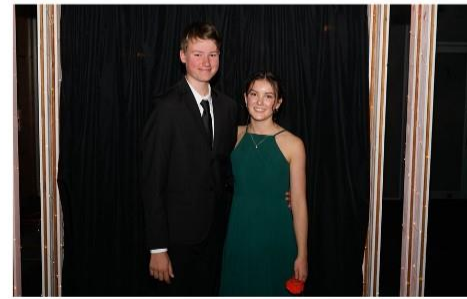
A day for the students to dress up in the colour for their year level and join in on athletics.

Music



One of the most inclusive after school activities is the music department. Students are able to learn an instrument, be part of a group, attend music camps, join in with the Orchestra and band groups available.

School Ball



As a Year 12 and 13 the International students are able to attend the school ball that all Kiwi students attend once a year. This is similar to the prom.

International Students Activity programme



The students who have been at Otumoetai College for the year and do not participate in exams at the end of the year will join in on the activity program organised by the school. This goes over four weeks and is full of different opportunities around the Bay of Plenty region.

Farewell Lunch



At the end of the year we run a lunch for our senior and junior International students. This is an opportunity for our students leaving at the end of the year AND our returning students to spend time together.

Nau Mai, Haere Mai ki



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