
Our Mission

**Growing connected, creative,
resilient, and engaged citizens.**

Our Whakatauki

He Manu e kai ana i te miro, nona te Ngahere.

He Manu e kai ana i te matauranga, nona te Ao.

The bird that eats the miro berry has the forest; the bird that eats of knowledge has the whole world.

Our why

- To prepare Upper Hutt youth for life as engaged, informed and educated citizens.
- To create connections and build meaningful relationships.
- Create a place in which it is safe for akonga to express themselves, think critically and to broaden their horizons.
- To make learning inspirational, enjoyable and enriching thus fostering life-long learning.
- To encourage our akonga to have confidence, to explore boundaries and to find their passion.

To prepare Upper Hutt youth for life; as engaged, informed and educated citizens.

- Develop resilience and self-awareness
- Integrate activities that promote social consciousness, global thinking and environmental awareness in learning programmes
- Encourage participation in community organisations, projects and events.

To create connections and build meaningful relationships.

- Strengthened relationships at various levels, underpinned by:
 - the principles of restorative practice,
 - pastoral and academic mentoring,
 - strong home - school - student connections supported by regular Kaiarahi involvement.

Create a place in which it is safe for akonga to; express themselves, take risks, think critically and to broaden their horizons.

Provide a learning environment where akonga feel safe to:

- Succeed
- Think deeply and aspirationally
- Try something new and to learn from mistakes
- Express cultural, sexual and gender identity
- Strengthen their mental health and wellbeing

To make learning inspirational, enjoyable and enriching, thus fostering life-long learning.

- Place students at the centre of learning; student agency is an integral part of authentic learning
- Programmes are designed to be challenging, engaging and interesting
- Teachers build capacity to actively model the skills of life-long learning

To encourage our akonga to have confidence, to explore boundaries and to find their passion.

- Contextualised curriculum and innovative programmes build students' motivation.
- Students are empowered to question and challenge ideas.
- Growth mindset fosters high expectations of students, staff and whanau.