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"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

— *Albert Einstein*



# The Ahurea Experience

**A rewarding, fun and life-changing cultural adventure camp  
in the heart of the Waihi gold mining district.**

## **I. Introduction & Ahurea Cultural Adventure Map & Team Unity**

The *Ahurea* (*Maori culture*) cultural adventure camp is a specially-designed 8 week programme for international students who wish to embrace and explore the English language through experienced-based learning programmes. The camp covers essential English skills including listening, speaking, reading and writing with a strong focus on New Zealand multiculturalism.

The primary purpose of the programme is to help participants integrate into local the environment and elevate their current English level through participating in and exploring New Zealand's unique multicultural society. Through this process, participants will learn practical English skills and gain the confidence to use them in a variety of situations of daily life.

Furthermore, the programme provides a golden opportunity for those who intend to sit IELTS (The International English Language Testing System) as this camp will not only enhance participants' English skills, but will also help them to turn their dreams of working or studying in English speaking countries, into reality.

We co-operate with local schools and use a variety of interactive approaches to prepare participants to be able to express ideas clearly and confidently in English (*oral and written*) as well as being able to participate in everyday social situations in the local environment. In this way, the acquired knowledge will not be limited to textbook theory.

The *Ahurea* Experience will enhance each student's comprehension and proficiency of English and will also provide a greater understanding of New Zealand multicultural diversity as well as a richer, broader global vision of our One World.

*Adventure*  
*Harmony*  
*Unity*  
*Responsibility*  
*Enthusiasm*  
*Appreciation*



*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Every day, everywhere I go, I'm going to let my little light,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

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## **"The Ahurea Experience "Cultural Adventure Camp length:**

**Day time: 5 days a week/ 8 weeks**

**Evening Time-Dynamic Activities : 5 days a week/ 8 weeks**

In the light of *Ahurea*, your NZ experience will exceed your expectation...

*Ahurea* wants you have many memorable cultural adventures in the land of the Long White Cloud...

*Anuria* is bringing students together from both New Zealand and other countries for the purpose of growing together and building friendship and mutual respect.

### **The focus of *Ahurea* include:**

- To allow participants to explore various cultures through arts, music, sports, culinary arts and other languages.
- To be a viable international multicultural family.
- To increase multicultural awareness, enhance family values, social responsibility, self-restraint, respect for ourselves, others, our environment and our past, and expose kids to other languages and ideas.

### ***Ahurea* Cultural Adventure Map :**



**We interact with four local schools to create an interactive learning programme tailor-made to meet our students' needs. Our Team Unity are:**

### **1. Whangamata Area School ([www.whangamata.school.nz](http://www.whangamata.school.nz))**

Whangamata Area School is a co-educational school which offers a unique educational opportunity with schooling from Year 1 right through to Year 13. The school has the advantage of having a range of specialist teachers and facilities, and also of being able to retain the flexibility and pastoral support individual students need. We are able to offer small class sizes throughout the school. Attending an Area School, our students enjoy advantages not offered in other schools:

- Continuity in their education avoiding the disruption of starting new schools at intermediate and secondary levels;
- Significant leadership opportunities for senior students and confidence building relationships for juniors;
- A small senior school giving our students the chance to construct 'tailor made' courses, with close and full support of highly professional staff - the success of which can be seen in our NCEA results

The school has recently installed a new computer server and access to wireless internet throughout the school grounds. This is to promote digital learning and our senior students are encouraged to bring their own laptops/tablets to school.

We are able to offer many additional courses to our students. These courses meet both their needs and interests and provide a wide range of cultural and sporting learning experiences outside the classroom.

### **Our School Vision**

Through a positive home school partnership our students will be confident, connected, actively involved and lifelong learners.

### **Our School Mission**

Whangamata Area School will provide for the personalised learning of all students so that they have the skills and attitudes that enable them to thrive in the future. Students will learn to understand and appreciate that mankind and nature are interconnected. We hope by acquiring these values, each student will grow and develop as a global citizen who is ready and able to connect meaningfully to the world.



## **2. Waihi College ([www.waihicol.school.nz](http://www.waihicol.school.nz))**

We pride ourselves on being a school that prepares the young men and women of the Waihi community for the future. Our aim is to develop confident, connected, life-long learners who are active contributors to the wellbeing of our community and to New Zealand.

Our students achieve excellent academic and personal success in a wide variety of endeavours. Our graduates understand the value of teamwork and self-realisation as well as being able to make informed and considered decisions that make them valuable contributing members of society.

Our school offers a broad curriculum (both in and out of the classroom) to meet the needs of our diverse range of students. Our students are challenged academically in a context of experience-learning centred education. Also, we encourage students, and provide appropriate support, to work on topics related to their personal areas of interest.

All students who come to Waihi College will be given the opportunity to excel in the many programmes and activities provided and to develop as well-rounded, balanced and productive citizens who will be able to play an important role in the New Zealand and world society.

It is our belief that students learn best when they understand the learning process and are able to participate fully in it. Our students are able to use their daily experiences to help them make sense of their knowledge and skills of different contexts in ways that are connected, real and relevant to their lives.

## **3. Paeroa College ([www.paeroacollege.school.nz](http://www.paeroacollege.school.nz))**



Paeroa College is a small co-educational school set in a lovely rural location that is famous for L&P. With a roll of approximately 300 students it boasts small class sizes and a friendly family atmosphere which allow them to provide quality learning opportunities and cater for each student's need. Our small school prides itself on the sound relationships formed between staff and students. All students who come to Paeroa College will be given the opportunity to develop into confident learners who: have a passion for life, demonstrate perceptive learning skills, show respect for others and develop independence.

We welcome you to explore our education programme and hope you find it useful!



#### 4. Katikati College ([www.kkc.school.nz](http://www.kkc.school.nz))

Our focus on education is about providing a quality learning environment. The College provides meaningful learning opportunities which inspire all students to reach their full potential as valuable members of society. As a result, we have a proud tradition of academic excellence and the backing of a supportive community. The school roll currently stands at 1000 and is expected to continue to rise as more people move into our catchment zone.

Given the nature of many industries based in Katikati, the town has an appreciation of internationalism and receives regular visitors from all over the world. Both the school and community regularly welcome international guests and enjoy the interaction with them.

The College has had an extensive international student exchange programme for many years. We have deliberately restricted the number of international students (a maximum of 20 international students each year) to ensure that those fortunate enough to enrol receive the best possible support. Because of our relatively small numbers, students are well served and receive comprehensive support. They are welcomed into the College by other students and are soon integrated into the school and quickly become very much a part of it.

#### 5. Waihi Academy ([www.waihiacademy.co.nz](http://www.waihiacademy.co.nz))

Welcome to the **Waihi Academy**. We pride ourselves on being a viable international and multicultural family primarily focused on sharing our vision, experiences and future goals with our friends, families, colleagues and communities. We hope that all our visitors and students will find their experience here both positive and enlightening. We are confident that our courteous, friendly professional programme and service will enhance each participant's personal and spiritual well-being.

Our mission is for the **Waihi Academy** to be considered a local community educational resource that promotes peace and harmony for all who visit.

**Mission statement:**

- To promote experience-based educational interaction between people of different languages, cultural backgrounds, age and health, personal experience, diet requirements and technical expertise.
- To promote peace and harmony through multi-cultural interactive-learning experiences that enhance personal and spiritual growth that respect the true essence of all living things.
- To promote human wellness in terms of body, mind and spirit.



## II. The *Ahurea* Experience Course

### ◆ Timetable

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Day	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	Koru Time	Koru Time	Koru Time	Koru Time	Koru Time
	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
	Interval				
	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
	Lunch				
	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
	Afternoon break				
Evening	<b>Period 4 Dynamic Activity</b>	<b>Period 4 Dynamic Activity</b>	<b>Period 4 Dynamic Activity</b>	<b>Period 4 Dynamic Activity</b>	<b>Period 4 Dynamic Activity</b>
	Free time				
	Dinner Time				
	<b>Period 5 Movie project</b>	<b>Period 5 Movie project</b>	<b>Period 5 Movie project</b>	<b>Period 5 Movie project</b>	<b>Period 5 Movie project</b>
	<b>On Duty Time</b>				
	Wind-down & Free time & Reflective journal-camp diary 15 mins				
	Lights out				

“**Koru time**” is an invention of our school and it’s a positive way to start the day and ensure that any issues are addressed and dealt with. It stands for:

- K**nowledge= what we all should be seeking including knowledge of others and knowledge of ourselves.
- O**rganisation= ensuring that we are organised for our day, week & future!
- R**espect= both for ourselves and others.
- U**nity= promotion of our collective vision that will benefit us all.

### Period 1, Period 1 and Period 3 :

Each day the students are at Waihi Academy they will have a lesson in: ESOL, History/Geography and PE/Outdoor Education.

Week 3 & Week 7 :

- The timetables will be different, students will be put into different schools and each school all have a different activity timetable.
  - **Buddy Program** —Participant will be paired with a local student to share both cultures and build a memorable friendship together.
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# The Ahurea Experience

## ◆ Course Outline

Week	Timetable	Topics A rewarding, fun, and life-changing adventure
1	Day  Evening	Contacting Kiwis Getting to Know You <b>Adventure</b> The art of succeeding in knowing yourself / in finding yourself.
2	Day  Evening	Making Friends <b>Harmony</b> The art of creating a beautiful life symphony.
3	Day  Evening	Learn about Kiwis and the Kiwi people <b>Adventure</b> Kiwi Homestay Experience
4	Day  Evening	Where shall we stay? <b>Unity</b> The art of being together in peace and harmony. Teamwork - The Power of Shared Vision
5	Day  Evening	Let’s go shopping! <b>Responsibility/Revival</b> Dreams begin when you shoulder your responsibilities.

		<b>Focusing on the processes and patterns of Circle of Life.</b>
<b>6</b>	Day  <b>Evening</b>	Let's play rugby! <b>Enthusiasm</b> <b>Enlighten their faith in believing in themselves and inspire endless potential.</b>
<b>7</b>	Day  <b>Evening</b>	Wow! NZ is so GREEN!/ It's Holiday Time! <b>Adventure</b> <b>Kiwi Homestay Experience</b>
<b>8</b>	Day  <b>Evening</b>	How to stay healthy?/ Could you please give me some advice? <b>Appreciation</b> <b>Share the joy of every moment's blessing.</b>

☉ Day: Period 1 、 Period 2 、 Period 3; Evening: Period 4 、 Period 5

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## **Whangamata Area School**

*“Uplift and foster mana”*

### **An outline of an action packed week for cultural adventure**

- Every day our visiting students will start with a **one hour** ESOL lesson which will concentrate on the vocabulary and concepts they will encounter that day.
- The **next hour** will involve the visiting students spending an hour with their home-stay buddy and taking part in a kiwi lesson.

Then each day there will be an exciting activity based on our local environment. These include:

- **A stand-up Paddleboard lesson:**  
This will involve a lesson from a professional coach and then a journey down the river to our local estuary. It's very safe and a beautiful journey with all the equipment supplied.
- **Cultural adventure:**  
A days shopping involving our cafes and boutique shops. A chance to get some presents for home.
- **Bushwalking:**  
A bush walk which includes a visit to a beautiful waterfall and a gold mine.
- **Ocean adventure tour:**  
A day on a charter ocean adventure boat which includes a lesson, all your bait and



lunch supplied. Our visitors will be able to supply their homestay with secret presents.

- **Kayaking adventure:**

A days sailing on the local estuary. Our visitors will be given a lesson by the local junior sailing and then explore our safe estuary. All the equipment will be supplied and our visitors love this experience.

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# **Waihi College**

*Lex Nostra Fides*  
*"Our faith is the law"*

## **An outline of an action packed week for cultural adventure**

Located in the Bay of Plenty on New Zealand's North Island West Coast, Waihi College enjoys huge grounds and spectacular natural scenery. We have our own kiwifruit orchard, farm unit, great facilities and outstanding sports, academic and arts courses. With Waihi Beach and Tauranga Harbour at our door step, we specialize in the outdoors. Our outdoor education and sports programmes are among the best in New Zealand and feature surfing, mountain biking, climbing and kayaking right at our doorstep. Our English language courses cater for learners of all abilities and our excellent homestay services ensure all international students receive the very best of care. If this sounds like you, please visit our website and Facebook page for more information.



Waihi College has been hosting international students for many years and regularly hosts students from many parts of Europe, Asia and South America. We welcome the variety and diversity these students bring to Waihi College and we are committed to doing what we can to make their time here the best that it can be. All this makes Waihi College an exceptional place and an excellent option for international students.







Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Learning Advisory</b> 8:50am-9:10am	Welcome Assembly	Students assigned to a LAG class with NZ buddy student	Students assigned to a LAG class with NZ buddy student	Students assigned to a LAG class with NZ buddy student	Students assigned to a LAG class with NZ buddy student
Period One 9:15am–10:45am	ESOL Lesson	ESOL Lesson	ESOL Lesson	ESOL Lesson	ESOL Lesson
Period Two 11:10am–12:10am	Class visits and joint activities	Special subject classes	Class visits and joint activities	Special subject classes	Class visits and joint activities
Period Three 12:15am–01:15pm	Special subject classes	Half Day Excursion in the local area Waihi	Special subject classes	Half Day Excursion in the local area Waihi	Special subject classes
Period Four 02:05pm–03:05pm	Special subject classes		Special subject classes		Farewell Activities
Notes	<b>Special subject classes</b> include Kiwi Sports, Maori Culture, Technology, Cooking, Drama, Art and Music. All periods are tentative and will depend on teacher availability and timetables.				

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# *Katikati College*

## *"Ever trying, Ever onward"*

### **An outline of an action packed week for cultural adventure**

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30am-8:50am	Arrive at school	Form period with buddies	Form period with buddies	Form period with buddies	Form period with buddies
Period One 8:50am-09:50am	Powhiri	Classes with buddies	Classes with buddies	Classes with buddies	Steel Pan lessons
Period Two 9:50am –10:50am	School tour & orientation with buddies	Classes with buddies	Classes with buddies	Classes with buddies	Steel pan lessons
Period Three 11:20am –01:20pm	ESOL with Mrs Green C8	ESOL with Mrs Green in B3 Cooking prep	ESOL with Mrs Green	Pacifica in B3	Esol in B3
Period Four 01:20pm –02:00pm	ESOL with Mrs Green C8	Cooking in T4	Meet in B2 for lunch before Museum Visit Museum Adventure	Pacifica in B3	ESOL with Mrs Green
Period Five 02:00pm –03:00pm	KaitiKati MURAL/ TOWN VISIT—Mrs Green	ESOL with Mrs Green in B3		ESOL with Mrs Green	Farewell party
3:05pm	Home with hosts	Home with buddies	Home with buddies	Home with buddies	Home with buddies



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# Paeroa College

## *“Excellence in Everything”*

### An outline of an action packed week for cultural adventure

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45am-9:00am	Students to Library	In form class with buddies	In form class	All students in form class with buddies	In form class with buddies
Period One 9:00am-10:00am	Powhiri in the Hall. Meet their buddies	Maori Culture/Taiwanese Culture exchange	In form class with buddies	In class with buddies	In class with buddies
Period Two 10:00am-11:00am	Go to class	Maori Culture/Taiwanese Culture exchange	In class with Buddies	In class with buddies	Gymnasium activities – basketball or touch
Period Three 11:25am-12:25pm	In class with their buddies	Maori Culture/Taiwanese Culture exchange	Bulls wool farm experience	In class with buddies	In class with buddies
Period Four 12:25pm –01:25pm	Handcraft session in workshop	Maori Culture/Taiwanese Culture exchange	Bulls wool farm experience	In class with buddies	Gymnasium activities – basketball or touch
Period Five 02:05pm-03:05pm	Handcraft session in workshop	Maori Culture/Taiwanese Culture exchange	In class with buddies	In class with buddies	Home Ec to make Choco-chip cookies
3:05pm	Home with hosts	Home with buddies	Home with buddies	Home with buddies	Home with buddies

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## ◆ Evening Course & Dynamic Activities Outline



Students who participate in the AHUREA Experience will enjoy the evening course's themes which changes from week to week. The activities are linked to a variety of different subjects; these subjects are linked to participation in a range of "Dynamic Activities" as well as formal classroom tuition and outdoor adventure. In addition, they will also be involved in a "Movie Project" related to their chosen theme. Each student will complete and present their artwork of a "Adventure map" to the group. The following activities are the key elements of the **AHUREA** Adventure Map.

1. Exploration Task
2. Treasure Hunt
3. Cultural Sparks
4. Flying  Team

**Play, Learn & Grow together!**

**"AHUREA** Adventure Map"

Evening Course & Dynamic Activities outline	Monday to Friday Period 4 Dynamic Activities Period 5 Movie Project
<b>Adventure</b> (Week 1,3,7) The art of succeeding in knowing yourself / in finding yourself.	<b>A1,A2,A3,A4,A5</b>
<b>Harmony</b> (Week 2) The art of creating a beautiful life symphony.	<b>H1,H2,H3,H4,H5</b>
<b>Unity</b> (Week 4) The art of being together in peace and harmony. Teamwork - The Power of Shared Vision	<b>U1,U2,U3,U4,U5</b>
<b>Responsibility / Revival</b> (Week 5) Dreams begin when you shoulder your responsibilities. Focusing on the processes and patterns of Circle of Life.	<b>R1,R2,R3,R4,R5</b>
<b>Enthusiasm</b> (Week 6) Enlighten their faith in believing in themselves and inspire endless potential.	<b>E1,E2,E3,E4,E5</b>
<b>Appreciation</b> (Week 8) Share the joy of every moment's blessing.	<b>Ap1,Ap2,Ap3,Ap4,Ap5</b>





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*New Zealand* 紐西蘭

***Koru***: *New life, Growth, Strength and Inner peace.*

***Koru***新生活、成長、力量和內心的平靜。