

Prospectus



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Principal's welcome

Kia ora koutou katoa

**Ko Tapuae-o-Uenuku te maunga whakaruruhau
Ko Pomahaka te awa o te rohe
I whānau mai au ki Crookston
Ko Mel Hamilton tōhoku ingoa**

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Māruawai College, a co-educational state school providing high-quality education for students in Years 7–13.

Māruawai College was established through the voluntary merger of Gore High School and Longford Intermediate, creating a vibrant, future-focused learning community that places ākonga at the centre of all we do.

We are committed to delivering an exceptional, learner-centred education that meets the expectations of the New Zealand Curriculum while reflecting the needs and aspirations of our local community.

We strive to ensure:

- Learners and their whānau are at the heart of everything we do
- Excellent educational opportunities and outcomes are within reach of every learner
- High-quality teaching and leadership make a meaningful difference
- Learning is relevant, engaging, and connected to life in Aotearoa today

At Māruawai College, education is about more than gaining knowledge - it's about building character, developing confidence, and becoming responsible, contributing members of society. We work hard to create a safe, inclusive environment where every student can grow, thrive, and make a positive impact in the world around them.

I am confident you will find Māruawai College to be a place where your child can achieve their full potential and build a bright future.

Thank you for considering our school. I look forward to welcoming you to our community.



Melanie Hamilton

Melanie Hamilton
Principal



Our identity

Our logo

The Māruawai College logo represents kotahitanga (oneness), embodying the essence of connection, unity and togetherness.

Drawing inspiration from harakeke (flax), it signifies the weaving together and connection between its two predecessor schools (Longford Intermediate and Gore High School), students, teachers, the community and the taiao (natural environment) of Gore.

The design element is also in the shape of a shield. This is to pay homage to the predecessor logo of Gore High School, acknowledging the whakapapa of the school and signifying continuity and resilience.



Rays of sunlight



Hokonui hills



Wai (water)

Our colours

NAVY BLUE

Symbolising stability, trust, and loyalty, navy blue represents the deep waters of the Mātaura (Mata Ura) which plays a significant role in the cultural narrative and history of the region. The river serves as a source of sustenance, a vital transportation route, and a symbol of the school's strong connection to its heritage.

GREEN

Symbolic of growth, balance, and connection to nature, green represents the lushness of the Hokonui Hills and the Mātaura Valley. These natural features hold great significance for the area, representing the bountiful resources of the land and the importance of maintaining a harmonious relationship with the environment for the wellbeing of the community.

GOLD

Representing wisdom, achievement, and excellence, gold embodies the rays of the sun, which is an essential element in Māori culture. The sun symbolises life, energy, and warmth, reflecting the aspirations of Māruawai College and its commitment to nurturing the growth and success of its students.



We value

Effort

Manawanuitanga

Respect

Ngākau Whakaute

Resilience

Manawa Kanakana/Manawa Titi

Our houses



HOKONUI



MATAURA



TUTURAU



WAIMEHA

Our motto

No Reward
Without Effort

Our vision

Exceptional Educational Experience

We are dedicated to shape exceptional learners who embody the highest standards of academic excellence and personal growth. We believe every student has the potential to achieve greatness, and we provide exceptional opportunities to nurture their talents and unleash their full potential.

We maintain an unwavering commitment to academic excellence, fostering a culture of intellectual curiosity and a thirst for knowledge.

We understand exceptional students are not only defined by their academic achievements, but also by their character.

We firmly believe in providing exceptional opportunities to our students, both within and beyond the classroom with the support of our community.

We are committed to unlocking your potential, fostering your growth, and ensuring you emerge as a beacon of excellence, ready to shape the future with confidence and purpose.

Join Māruawai College and embark on a transformative journey that will empower you to become an exceptional individual, equipped with the knowledge, skills, and values to navigate the complexities of the modern world.

Ākonga care

At Māruawai College we prioritise the well-being and personal growth of every student. We are committed to creating a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where students can thrive academically, emotionally, and socially.

Our staff work collaboratively with students, families, and the wider community to foster a positive school culture that nurtures respectful relationships and encourages responsible decision-making. We embrace restorative practices to resolve conflicts and promote healing.

From the moment students step foot on campus, our team is committed to their success. We offer comprehensive support services, across both campuses, ensuring a focus on well-being and enabling students to thrive on their academic journey. Students and their families have access to the college's guidance counsellor, social worker and career counsellor. Together with access to a wide range of community services.

Our Learning Hub facility caters for students with special learning needs and offers a unique blend of personalised instruction and integration into mainstream classrooms, ensuring students receive specialised support while also engaging in a diverse learning environment. This collaborative approach, led by a team of specialist teachers, facilitates multi-level teaching strategies that cater to individual abilities and promote inclusive education.



📍 JUNIOR CAMPUS

Year 7-8 curriculum

Teaching and learning in Year 7 and 8 at Māruawai College fosters holistic development, nurturing students' potential to excel academically, socially, and emotionally.

Our Year 7 and 8 curriculum fosters inquiry, independence, and a love for learning. Students are taught in a mixed ability 'homeroom' situation where one teacher delivers the learning areas of Mathematics, English, Science and Social Sciences, and Health and Physical Education. In home-roomed classes, students experience inclusivity, strong teacher-student relationships and collaborative learning. Our Year 7 and 8 students are also able to try a range of other specialist subjects.

The use of te reo Māori and mātauranga Māori in Year 7 & 8 home room classes promotes a more inclusive society.

Literacy and numeracy skills are deeply embedded in Year 7 and 8 teaching and learning, forming the foundation for academic success. Through comprehensive and integrated approaches, we prioritise the development of reading, writing, and mathematical abilities.

📍 SENIOR CAMPUS

Year 9-10 curriculum

The purpose of our Year 9 and 10 curriculum is to provide a well-rounded education that prepares students for further learning, employment, and active citizenship.

It aims to build upon the foundational knowledge and skills developed on our Junior Campus while offering a broad range of subject choices to cater to students' diverse interests and talents.

The curriculum fosters critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving abilities, empowering students to become confident, informed, and engaged learners ready to contribute meaningfully to society.

We have a school-wide literacy focus to strengthen students' reading and writing. By integrating literacy into every subject, we provide a comprehensive learning experience that promotes critical thinking, effective communication, and a deeper understanding of content.

In Year 9, students can choose from a range of optional subjects such as Arts, Languages and Technology, as outlined in the subject information booklet. These optional subjects run for one semester giving students the opportunity to experience specialist subjects.

In Year 9-10, te reo Māori and mātauranga Māori are integrated into each subject area, enriching the learning experience with culturally relevant content and perspectives.

In Year 10, students take a full year of English, Mathematics and Social Science, Health and Physical Education and Science. They can then choose two more optional subjects to study for the full year to suit their pathway and passions.

📍 SENIOR CAMPUS

Year 11-13 curriculum

Our Year 11-13 curriculum provides students with a comprehensive education that prepares them for higher education, employment, and life beyond school.

This phase of student learning focuses on deepening subject knowledge, honing critical thinking skills, and fostering independent learning. The curriculum offers a wide range of subjects, allowing students to pursue their interests and strengths while developing transferable skills. It aims to cultivate resilience, adaptability, and the ability to communicate effectively, ensuring that students are equipped with the knowledge and competencies needed for success in their chosen pathways, be it further education, vocational training, or entering the workforce.

We offer the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA), the main qualification for secondary students in New Zealand. NCEA comes in three levels: Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 which students usually work through from Years 11 to 13. In the senior school, students will study six full year subjects towards their NCEA qualification. In Year 11 this includes English and Mathematics

NCEA is well recognised by employers and used for selection by universities and polytechnics in New Zealand and overseas. Students can enter for the more academic Achievement Standards and or Unit Standards which assess a more vocational based skill. Students are assisted each week in their Hauora time to plan pathways and achieve their goals. The year level dean regularly checks that students are meeting these objectives.

Our Careers team meets with senior students to discuss their goals and explore tertiary and job opportunities available to them. In Year 13 students visit selected New Zealand universities for Open Days to enable them to make the right choices for their futures.



Courses of study

Compulsory subjects



Compulsory subjects in Year 9, 10 and 11.

There are no compulsory subjects in Year 12 and 13.

Year 7

Homeroom Learning

Year 8

Homeroom Learning

Year 9

English*
Mathematics*
Physical Education and Health*
Science*
Social Studies*

Agriculture
Design & Visual Communication
Digital Technology
Drama
Lego Technology
Music
Performing Arts
Technology Fabric
Technology Food
Technology Metal
Technology Wood
Te Ao Haka
Te Reo Māori
Visual Art

NCEA Level 1

Year 10

English*
Mathematics*
Physical Education and Health*
Science*
Social Studies*

Agriculture
Design & Visual Communication
Digital Technology
Drama
Lego and Robotics
Music
Technology Fabric
Technology Food
Technology Metal
Technology Wood
Te Reo Māori
Visual Art

Year 11

English*
Mathematics*

Agriculture
Commerce
Culinary Design
Design & Visual Communication
Digital Technology
Drama
Geography
Health Studies
History
Music
Physical Education
Science
Technology Fabric
Technology Metal
Technology Wood
Te Reo Māori
Tertiary High School
Visual Art

NCEA Level 2

Year 12

Accounting
Agriculture
Agribusinss
Biology
Chemistry
Construction
Digital Technology
Distance Learning
Drama
Design & Visual Communication
Economics
English
Gateway
Geography
Health
History
Hospitality and Service
Mathematics
Mathematics with Statistics
Music
Outdoor Recreation
Photography
Physical Education
Physics
Technology Fabric
Technology Metal
Technology Wood
Te Reo Māori
Tertiary High School
Tourism
Visual Art

NCEA Level 3

Year 13

Accounting
Agriculture
Agribusinss
Biology
Chemistry
Digital Technology
Distance Learning
Drama
Design & Visual Communication
Economics
English
Gateway
Geography
Health
History
Hospitality and Service
Mathematics with Calculus
Mathematics with Statistics
Music
Outdoor Recreation
Photography
Physical Education
Physics
Technology Fabric
Technology Metal
Technology Wood
Te Reo Māori
Tertiary High School
Tourism
Visual Art

Social and emotional learning enhances our students' capacity to integrate skills, attitudes, and behaviours so they can deal effectively with life.

Hauora - personal curriculum

Hauora time is a dedicated time that focuses on promoting well-being, holistic development, and learning for students. It encompasses a range of activities and discussions aimed at enhancing students' physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being. Hauora acknowledges the interconnectedness of well-being and learning, providing a space for students to develop essential life skills, social and emotional competencies, and habits to be successful and self-directed learners.

Our Hauora groups provide a caring environment for academic and pastoral mentoring and guidance, and ensures each student is following a robust, challenging programme.

On the Junior Campus, Hauora learning occurs in homerooms. On the Senior Campus, Hauora classes are small groups of around 15 students who meet regularly. These classes are made up of students from Year 9-13 with a teacher as their learning coach. The coach stays with them throughout their time at school and forms strong relationships with and works in partnership with students and their families.

The relationship between the Hauora teacher, child, and parent creates a collaborative partnership focused on the well-being and development of the student over time. Fostering a supportive and cohesive approach to their holistic growth. This relationship allows for effective communication, shared insights, and coordinated efforts to ensure needs are met.

Hauora classes, through the model of cross-school level buddy relationships, facilitate the interaction between older, more experienced tuakana and younger, less expert teina. This interaction provides guidance and support from older students to their younger peers but also fosters a sense of protection, creating a safe and inclusive environment where younger students feel valued and supported by their older counterparts.

Digital Technology

Digital Technology plays a pivotal role in our students' learning by facilitating access to information, promoting digital literacy, enhancing learning experiences through interactive educational tools, and preparing students for the technological demands of the modern world.

Year 7 & 8 students

Students will be allocated a school device when a laptop is necessary during school time. Students may bring their own device if they wish.

Year 9 -13 students

It is recommended that the students' devices meet the following specifications:

- Windows 10 or 11 (preferred operating system).
- At least an i5/2.2GHZ Processor or equivalent.
- 4GB of RAM minimum.
- 124GB SSD storage recommended.
- Wireless capability and keyboard.
- Laptop case or cover if carried in school bags.
- Headphones are also needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Students attending Māruawai College are eligible to receive free Microsoft products.

Students can be eligible for discounts, and it is recommended you ask when purchasing locally.

Uniforms

McKinlay shoes and all uniform items are available from our Uniform Shop, located at the **Senior Campus, 28 Coutts Road**

- Worn across Years 7-13
- Standard uniform options
- Optional items

Junior Uniform Year 7-10



SHIRTS

Navy Check Short Sleeve

- Fitted blouse
- 3-button pullover

Navy Check Long Sleeve *(not pictured)*



LOWERS

The following items are worn across Years 7-13:

- Skirt
- Shorts
- Trouser
- Le Faitaga *(not pictured)*



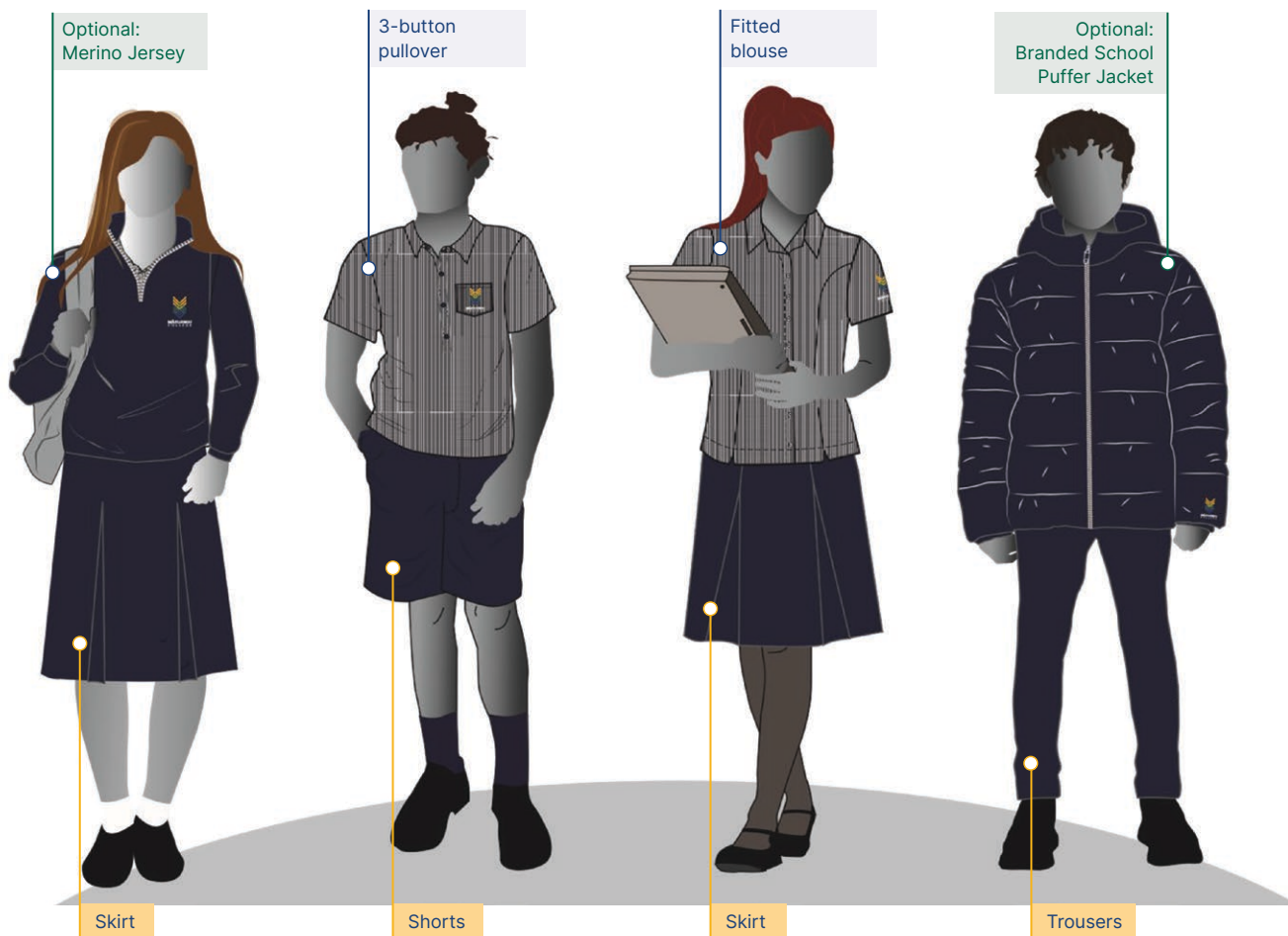
FOOTWEAR AND SOCKS

- Plain white ankle socks or tights (worn with skirt)
- Plain black crew socks (worn with shorts or trousers)
- Plain black shoes



OPTIONAL

- Merino Jersey
- Branded School Puffer Jacket



Senior Uniform Year 11-13



SHIRTS

Branded White Shirt with Navy Trim

- Short sleeve blouse or shirt
- Long sleeve blouse or shirt



LOWERS

The following items are worn across Years 7–13:

- Le Faitaga
- Skirt
- Shorts (*not pictured*)
- Trouser



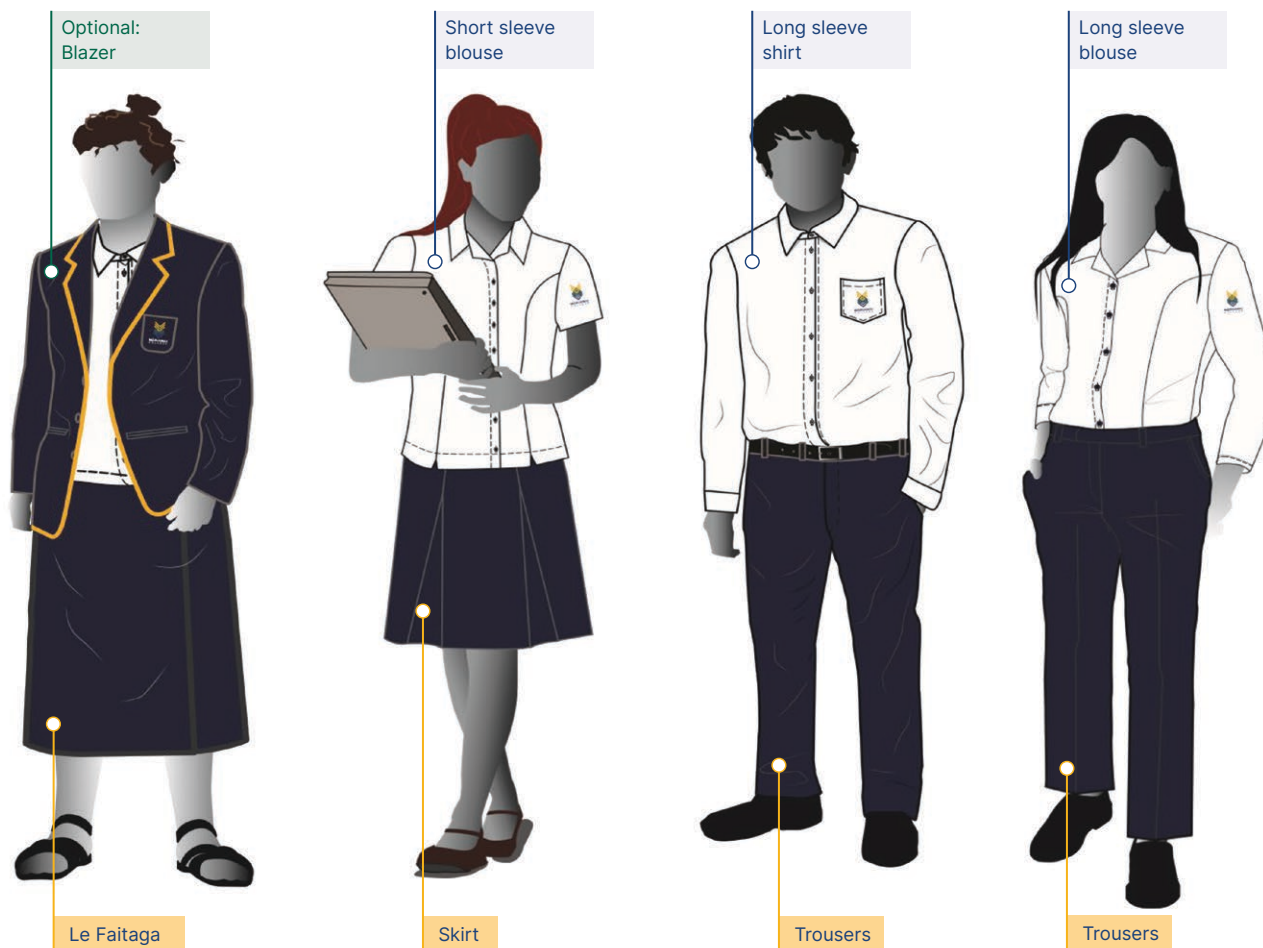
FOOTWEAR AND SOCKS

- Plain white ankle socks or tights (worn with skirt)
- Plain black crew socks (worn with shorts or trousers)
- Plain black shoes



OPTIONAL

- Merino Jersey (*not pictured*)
- Blazer



Facilities

Māruawai College currently has separate Junior and Senior Campus sites. In time we will move onto the Senior Campus site. We are currently planning new buildings and facilities that support our educational philosophy.

Year 7

Year 8

Junior Campus site

Our Junior Campus site reflects our dedication to providing an exceptional educational environment. We have a range of facilities to meet our students' diverse needs and aspirations.

Our modernised learning environments in the homeroom classrooms are thoughtfully designed to create an engaging and dynamic atmosphere for students. Each classroom is equipped to support interactive and collaborative learning. The use of digital displays, break-out spaces and flexible furniture arrangements promote student interaction - these classrooms foster a sense of creativity, critical thinking, and innovation. Effective lighting, comfortable seating, and aesthetically pleasing décor further enhance the learning experience, creating a welcoming and inspiring environment where students can thrive academically and develop essential 21st-century skills.

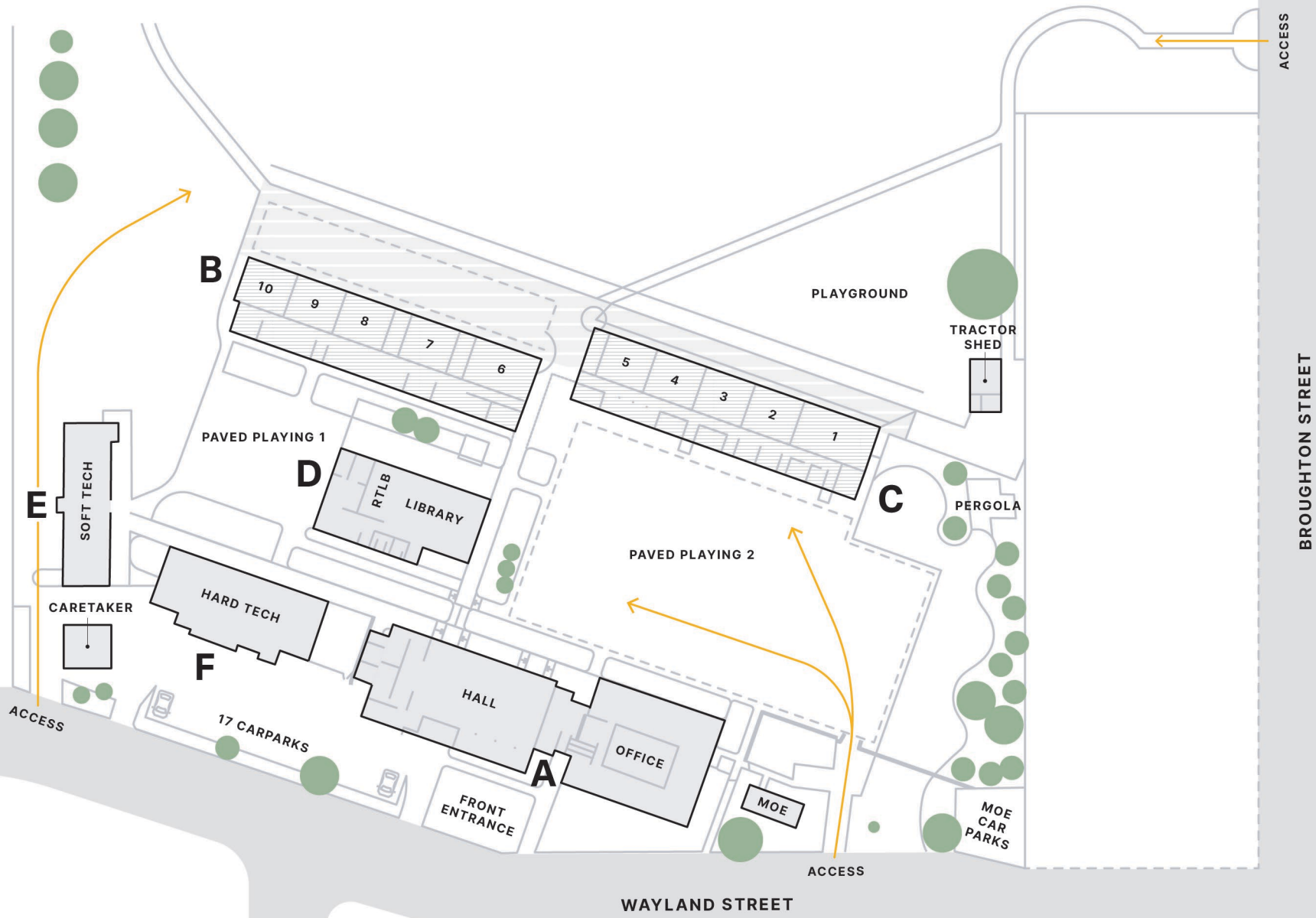
The materials technology room is a hub for budding engineers and designers, encouraging creativity and problem-solving.

Our spacious multi-purpose hall hosts vibrant assemblies and indoor physical education, fostering a sense of community during events and sports activities.

The well-stocked library invites students on literary adventures, serving as a tranquil sanctuary for stories and a hub for research. Library displays are kept up-to-date and relevant.

Outside, our sprawling courts promote teamwork and essential life skills through various sports and educational activities.

Our specialised food technology area allows budding chefs to experiment with flavours and techniques under experienced instructors.



JUNIOR CAMPUS
5 Wayland Street, Gore 9710



Year 9

Year 10

Year 11

Year 12

Year 13

Senior Campus site

Our Senior Campus boasts a wide range of exceptional facilities designed to support the varied interests and passions of our students. In the field of technology, we offer state-of-the-art metal and woodwork workshops, along with a dedicated design and materials technology area, complete with advanced tools such as laser cutters and 3D printers. Our foods room provides a practical space for culinary exploration and learning.

For the creatively inclined, we have well-equipped art and photography rooms where students can express themselves artistically.

Our practical agriculture and horticulture areas cater to students interested in agricultural trades, supporting our agriculture trades academy.

During break times, students can conveniently access our onsite canteen for a quick and nourishing meal.








We have a spacious hall capable of accommodating year groups and full assemblies.

Our campus also offers a variety of modern learning environments, including classrooms that are designed to foster an optimal learning experience.

Physical fitness and well-being are promoted through our gymnasium, providing students with a dedicated space for sports and exercise.

The music room and practice rooms are well-equipped to support musical talent.

Māruawai College makes use of the Gore Multisport Complex, which is within walking distance of both campuses. The complex consists of an indoor swimming pool, four indoor basketball courts, an Olympic short course-sized ice-skating rink, and a hockey turf.

-  BUS PICKUP POINTS
-  STAIRS
-  FIRE DRILL LINE UP
-  UPSTAIRS
-  DOWNSTAIRS
-  GIRLS TOILETS
-  BOYS TOILETS



Sports

We encourage our students to develop themselves, build their leadership and collaboration skills, express themselves creatively, and contribute to their community through a range of activities outside the classroom.

Whether it's competitive or purely for fun, sports play a big part of school life. Our students have plenty of opportunity to get involved – from lunchtime activities, after school and weekend competitions, right through to regional and national tournaments.

Our two campuses have a proud record of sporting achievement, from regional champs to New Zealand representatives, which we celebrate in many ways. We reward achievement with Sports Blue Awards, special merit awards for individual excellence and newsletter acknowledgments.

Sports available:

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Bowls
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Cycling
- Equestrian
- Football
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Ice Sports
- Indoor Bowls
- Kayaking
- Netball
- Rock Climbing
- Rugby
- Skiing
- Rifle Shooting
- Snowboarding
- Softball
- Squash
- Tennis
- Touch Rugby
- Triathlon
- Volleyball





Arts and culture

We recognise the immense value the arts and culture hold for our students. By engaging in artistic expressions, our students can authentically share their own stories while embracing a myriad of viewpoints that shed light on the world and their unique place within it.



The Arts

We have an extensive arts programme that extend and challenge our students to high levels. This includes an itinerant music lessons programme, a Junior and Senior Campus production held biannually, a Junior and Senior variety concert, Rock Quest and choirs.

We also offer a vast range of extra-curricular activities that extend beyond the classroom. These activities are tightly connected to our local community thanks to the many community members who share their skills, knowledge and time to support these activities.

Kapa haka

Kapa haka is an important part of cultural life at our school, on both the Junior and Senior Campus giving students from all year levels the chance to build connections with each other and experience te reo Māori and tikanga while having fun. This powerful combination of waiata, haka, and pūrakau gives our students a chance to develop their personal skills within a group context and contribute to important school and community events through their performance of the kapa haka.

Enrol today

Discover a world-class education that nurtures innovation, creativity, and academic excellence. We're a community of students, teachers, and parents dedicated to empowering our ākonga.

Visit **maruawai.school.nz** to enrol today!





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