



2023
EDITION

EDGEWATER COLLEGE

YOUR ADVENTURE STARTS HERE

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI KI TE KĀRETI O TE TAHAWAI

Welcome to Edgewater College

Edgewater College has a proud history of academic and co-curricular success in a caring and supportive environment. Our vision *Whaia te ara o Tainui | Follow the way of Tainui* speaks of the courage and vision of our ancestors and recognises the value of these attributes for our learners today and in the future. Our motto “Edgewater Cares” speaks of the genuine ethic of care that permeates our learning community, built on the highest levels of respect for one another.

We provide an inspiring and welcoming learning environment focused on academic excellence, innovation and a genuinely personalised approach. We support all students to be communicators, collaborators and leaders, to achieve meaningful qualifications, and to be actively involved in the arts, sports, culture and service to the community.

Our commitment to all learners means we support the highest levels of success – in the classroom, on the sports field and in a wide range of creative and cultural pursuits. We develop learners who change the world and many of our graduates are doing just that in a wide range of fields.

We are incredibly proud of the achievements of past and present members of the Edgewater College community and look forward to welcoming you to our school.

How our students describe Edgewater College:

- **RESPECT** – We respect ourselves, others, the environment and learning.
- **FAMILY** – Everyone can express themselves in a comfortable way and encourage each other to achieve. Students can ‘be themselves’.
- **EXCELLENCE** - We strive for personal excellence in all areas of school life. We achieve meaningful qualifications so we have multiple pathways in the future.
- **INNOVATION** - We make a difference in the world. Edgewater College is a place of innovation to inspire and engage learners in learning. We develop future leaders, learners and innovators.
- **LEARNING** – We take ownership of our learning and live our school values both inside and out of the classroom.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and our dedicated staff we look forward to welcoming your child to our school and experiencing the Edgewater difference.

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Louise Addison BA, BSc, Med (Hons)

Tumuaki | Principal

***“We cannot always build the future for our youth.
But we can build our youth for the future.”***

Franklin Roosevelt





OUR VALUES AND EXPECTATIONS

Our Edgewater College Values – the “3MCs”

Manaakitanga | Care: *We care for ourselves, others, and our learning.*

Māia | Courage: *We stand up for what is right and show perseverance and integrity.*

Manawa reka | Curiosity: *We are passionate and engaged lifelong learners.*

Our Edgewater College Expectations

At Edgewater College we meet the following expectations:

- **Showing EC Cares about ourselves, others, learning and the environment**
 - ✓ Be kind in and out of the classroom, and online. Be a tidy kiwi!
- **Being respectful and courteous**
 - ✓ Be polite and helpful, follow instructions, use appropriate language, encourage others.
- **Learning hard and doing our best**
 - ✓ Classroom time is learning time: Let teachers teach, let students learn. If you don't know, find out.
- **Being organised, on time and ready to learn**
 - ✓ Right time, right place, right equipment, right attitude.
- **Representing EC with pride**
 - ✓ Correct uniform or pass. Behaviour in the community / on the way to and from school.
- **Using technology for learning**
 - ✓ Collect device for use each morning and hand in each afternoon
 - ✓ Show appropriate care for your allocated device at all times
 - ✓ No phone use in lessons – they must be 'off and away'
- **Give it a go**
 - ✓ Get involved in learning in and out of the classroom.



LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

We have an attractive and well-maintained site with ongoing upgrades to meet the needs of the 21st century learner. In addition to modern classrooms and science laboratories, we have:

- A modern library offering an extensive range of books and learning resources, and a suite of networked computers.
- Two well-equipped gymnasiums and weights training area.
- Music Suite, including dedicated computer suite and a full range of brass, woodwind, stringed and keyboard instruments.
- A state-of-the-art digital recording studio.
- A modern technology block purpose-built to reflect the demands of the Technology curriculum.
- A Student Wellbeing Centre where students can connect with pastoral staff – deans, counsellors, youth workers and our nurses.
- Landscaped grounds, all-weather sports fields and AstroTurf courts catering for a wide range of sporting codes.
- We share our site with Te Tahawai Marae – a pan-tribal urban marae where people of all cultures come to experience and learn about Te Ao Māori.

OUR PASTORAL CARE PROGRAMME INCLUDES:

- A committed, professional guidance network.
- Peer Support Programme to help Year 9 students settle into our school.
- Mentor classes which support and guide students throughout their learning journey.
- A structured and thorough attendance procedure.
- A school-wide discipline and pastoral support programme.
- A strong, well-resourced Futures (Careers) Department offering up-to-date information on employment and tertiary education.
- Access to MyMahi app to provide NCEA and pathways information.
- A Health Centre offering nurse and GP advice and support, free dental checks, physiotherapy and counselling services.





A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN

Edgewater College is serious about the wellbeing of its students. We pride ourselves on being large enough to offer a wide range of opportunities but small enough to see each student as an individual. Open and honest two-way communication between parents and the school is vital. Education is about building skills and enthusiasm for learning, and parents' support and interest in their child's development is an essential part of this process. In order to give students, the best possible start we hold an interview with all Year 9 students and their parents or caregivers as part of the enrolment process.

Our Staff

We have a highly qualified and dedicated staff – here to inspire learning and achievement for all our learners.



Teaching and Learning

Our teachers:

Inspire passionate learners

- Spark learning
- Use engaging contexts
- Support intrinsic motivation
- Culturally sustaining

Encourage risk taking

- Let's try it!
- Growth mindset
- Reflect and refine
- Embrace change

Activate meaningful learning

- Notice, understand and respond
- Support learning to learn
- Measure progress in learning, linked to meaningful assessment
- Give feedback and feedforward

Reflect and Innovate

- Work together with our learners to meet their learning needs
- Integrate digital learning
- Are life-long learners

BYOD / One to one technology

All learners at Edgewater College have access to a laptop or Chromebook to support and enhance their learning. If you are not able to provide a device for your child then a school device will be provided.

Student Leadership

Building student leadership is a key feature at Edgewater – we have three student led committees with the following aims:

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE: To support all students to reach their full academic potential at Edgewater College.

PASTORAL COMMITTEE: To support all students to feel included and valued as members of the Edgewater College community.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: To enrich and enliven the student experience at Edgewater College.

Other leadership opportunities include: • Whānau Representative • BOT Representative • Junior and Senior Student Councils • Cultural groups • Enviro Committee • Peer Support • Student Whānau Leaders • Digiwise • Sports Captains • Music Leaders • Librarians • Peer Mediators • PSSP • Sound and Lighting Engineers •

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Future Focused Capabilities

We support all learners to develop these future focused capabilities:

	Te Ao Māori Mātauranga Māori	← related but distinct ways of thinking and being →	Pākehā Concepts
MĀIA COURAGE	Rangatiratanga	<i>Showing resilience, confidence and initiative with a focus on learning to learn and a growth mindset. Having a strong sense of self-determination / leadership.</i>	Character
	Kaitiakitanga	<i>Being a global citizen, understanding diverse viewpoints and ways of thinking, including leadership, service and guardianship.</i>	Citizenship
MANAWA REKA CURIOSITY	Auhatanga	<i>Creating, designing and innovating using flexible, original, perceptive and / or integrated ways of thinking. Seeing the world from a range of perspectives.</i>	Creativity
	Māramatanga	<i>Seeking and solving problems, and modelling situations that require critical and analytical thinking. Having a spirit of inquiry, questioning, examining and justifying.</i>	Critical thinking
MANAAKITANGA CARE	Kōrerorero	<i>Speaking, listening, reading and writing to tell stories / share knowledge / dialogue / discuss including using digital resources.</i>	Communication
	Whaka-whanaungatanga	<i>Building relationships, establishing links and making connections. Working and learning in teams and groups to learn with and from others.</i>	Collaboration



JUNIOR CURRICULUM

Key features of our junior programme include:

- The opportunity to settle into high school and build the skills and interests to continue to be successful learners.
- A broad and balanced curriculum to support all learners to try a range of subjects and activities to work towards further specialisation in the senior school.
- Students start and end each day with their Mentor teacher who is there to provide pastoral and academic support and guidance throughout their 5 years at Edgewater College.
- Ensuring students have the literacy, numeracy and learning skills they need to succeed in the National Certificate of Education (NCEA) from Year 11.

Year 9 Subjects

All students study English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education and Health, Technology and Arts (Music and Visual Art) and Languages (Japanese or Te Reo Māori).

Year 10 Subjects

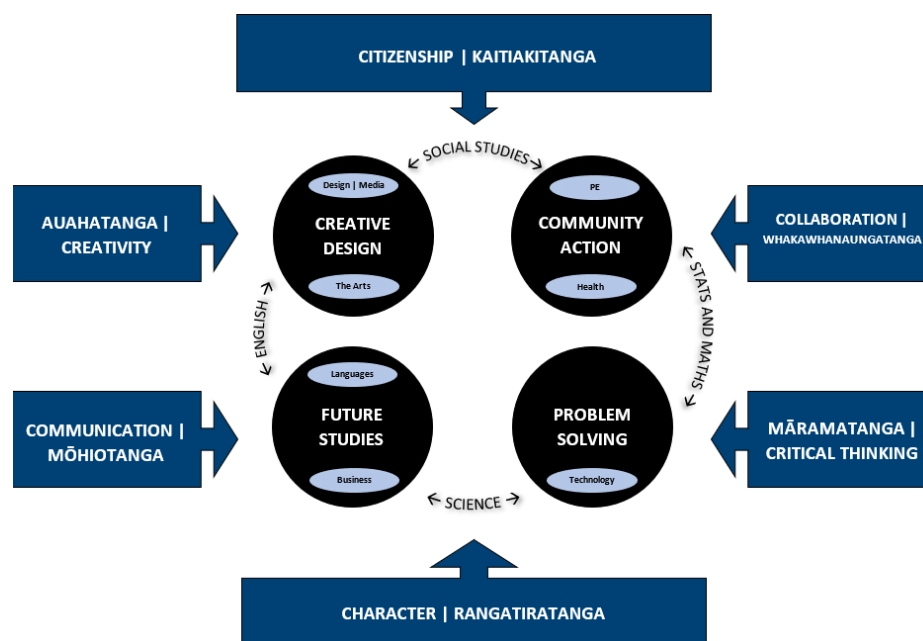
All students study English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Physical Education and Health, and select two options from a wide range of languages, art, music, business studies and technology courses.

EDGE INNOVATION PROGRAMME

This is an exciting initiative at Edgewater College for students who wish to be involved in an innovative curriculum based on developing learners, leaders and change-makers who use knowledge meaningfully across English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies, as well as in the Arts, Technology, Health and PE and Languages. The Edge programme is designed to focus on the following future focused capabilities:


New courses to engage and inspire

Students in the EDGE Programme will take four 'new' EDGE courses instead of the traditional core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The EDGE courses include the same curriculum content as for the traditional core subjects; however, the content is organised into the following areas: Creative Design, Community Action, Problem Solving and Future Studies.



CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Year 9 – 11 students are grouped in Mentor classes for their core subjects according to their passions and interests. They are invited to select from one of the following options:



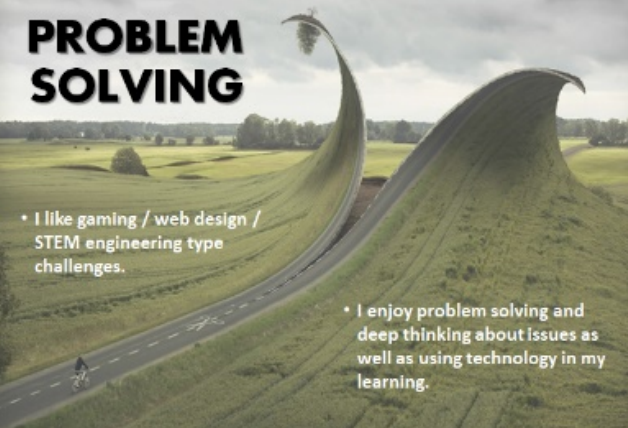
- I like learning in a whānau / family style atmosphere.
- I want to connect with Te Ao Māori and Tikanga Māori to support my learning.
- I am interested in learning Te Reo Māori and participating in kapa haka / Māori art and culture based activities.

KAUPAPA MĀORI



- I want to make a difference in the world and care about global issues like climate change, the environment and human rights.
- I am interested in being part of the school Enviro / Social Action type groups.

COMMUNITY ACTION



PROBLEM SOLVING

- I like gaming / web design / STEM engineering type challenges.
- I enjoy problem solving and deep thinking about issues as well as using technology in my learning.



TALANOA AKO

- I like working with others and discussion-based activities based around: Ofa, Mafana, Malie and Faka'apa'apa / Love, Warmth, Humour and Respect.
- I am interested in joining a cultural group / performing at Polyfest and learning more about Pacific languages and culture.



CREATIVE DESIGN

- I like creative thinking and designing / inventing / constructing / building / presenting my thinking in **NEW** and **interesting** ways.
- I like doing art / photography / design / musical / dramatic type projects.




- I like being active and participating in practical activities with a focus on both teamwork and competition.
- I am interested in getting involved in school-based sports / coaching.

SPORT LEADERSHIP



INTEGRATED SUPPORT

- I like choosing the topics I study and working with others as well as additional teacher assistance when needed.
- I would like extra support with my learning, including in literacy and numeracy.



EDGE INNOVATION

- I like creative and critical thinking and learning that connects across different subjects.
- I am passionate about the future and innovation and making a difference in the world.

- I am interested in studying my core subjects via the Innovation subjects: Future Studies, Problem Solving, Community Action and Creative Design.

SENIOR CURRICULUM

In the senior school (Years 11, 12 and 13) students are increasingly looking towards life beyond school.

Students select from a range of courses leading to an academic tertiary qualification, a vocational qualification or employment. Students are encouraged to participate fully in national internal and external examinations and local, national and international challenges and competitions.

As in the junior school, we recognise that senior students have differing learning needs and abilities. To meet these varying needs we offer:

- A full range of senior subjects across all areas of the curriculum.
- A personalised tracking system for each student to support excellence in NCEA achievement.
- A homework centre after school, with teachers available to advise / tutor.
- Innovative approaches to NCEA assessment including annual 'hackathon', holiday programmes, and opportunities to gain meaningful NCEA qualifications.
- Scholarship study opportunities for Year 13 students.

We also offer a range of vocational and employment-based programmes including:

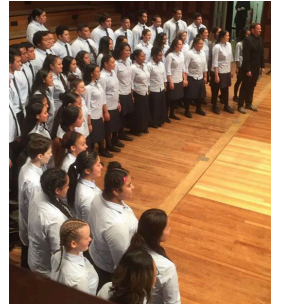
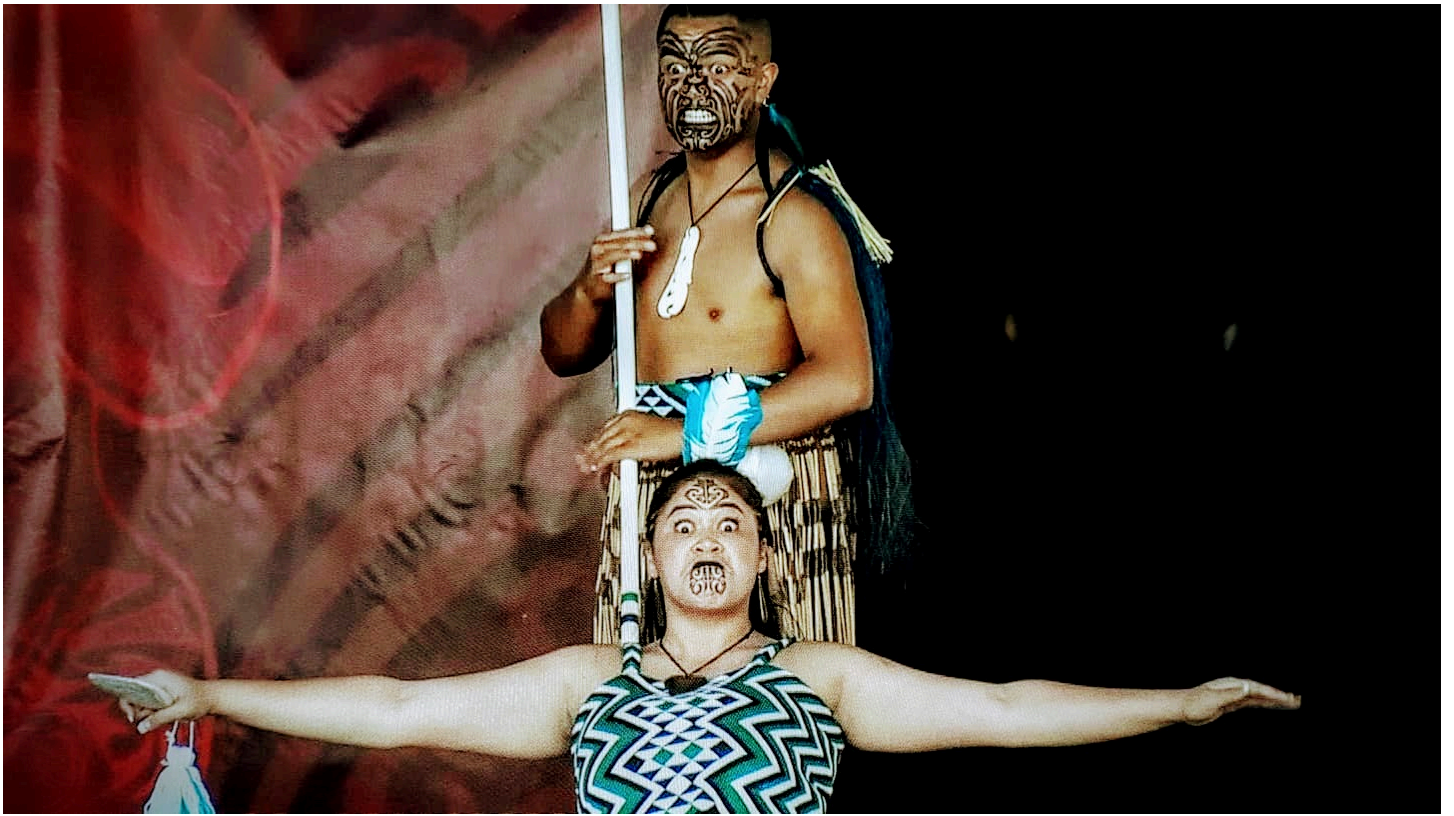
- The Gateway programme, which provides opportunities for workplace experience and learning in a school-industry partnership.
- An Employment Skills class (Year 12 / 13), leading to the National Certificate of Employment Skills. This programme links students with vocational tertiary providers and the workplace.
- Links to apprenticeship opportunities for students wishing to gain Trade qualifications.

Senior Subjects include:

- *Art Design • Art Painting • Biology • Business Studies • Calculus • Chemistry • Computing • Community Problem Solving • Design and Visual Communication • Digital Technologies • Drama • Early Childhood Education • Employment Skills • English • ESOL • Food Technology • Future Problem Solving • Geography • Health • History • Humanities • Industry Pathways • Japanese • Materials Technology • Mathematics • Media Studies • Music • Outdoor Education • Performance Music • Photography • Physical Education • Physics • Science • Sociology • Statistics • Te Reo Māori • Technology • Visual Art •*







LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

We offer an extensive range of musical, cultural, drama, sporting, outdoor education and community service activities designed to involve, motivate and challenge all students.

Edgewater College students have achieved regional and national honours in a wide variety of sports and cultural activities. Many others have made a wonderful contribution through the school and community interest groups.

Our achievements are credited to the strong commitment of our teaching staff, community coaches, and the enthusiasm and dedication of our students. We are proud of our many successes but equally proud of the high level of participation, both from students and from our staff.

CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

- Art Exhibitions • Big Sing • Chess • Kapa haka • Niuean Group • Basketball • Indian Group • Samoan Group • Badminton • Tongan Group • Japanese Group • Debating • MUNA • School Productions • Netball • Hospitality Club • Interact • Knitting • Librarians • Martial Arts • Jazz Band • Choirs • Athletics • Rock Bands • Chamber Music Group • Football • Instrumental Ensembles • Digiwise • Robotics • Sound & Lighting • E-gaming • Student Leadership Committees • Rugby • World Vision 40 Hour Famine • Work for Charities and Community • Book Club • Young Enterprise • Education for Enterprise Projects • 48-hour Film Festival • Student Volunteer Army • Orienteering • Readers Challenge • Volleyball • Table Tennis •



FIND OUT MORE

ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2023 ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Please enrol online at: at:

<https://kamar.edgewater.school.nz/index.php/enrolment>

or contact the College office for an enrolment pack on

Phone: (09) 576 9039.

For further questions please contact reception by email at enquiries@edgewater.school.nz or go to our website for important dates for in-zone and out of zone applications:

<https://www.edgewater.school.nz/students/enrolment>

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU IN 2023