



NAYLAND COLLEGE

TE KĀRETI O NEIRANA



PROSPECTUS

Nau mai, haere mai Welcome to Nayland College

Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu
Adorn the bird with feathers so it may fly



Welcome to Nayland College

E ngā mana
E ngā reo
E ngā karangatanga maha
Tēnā koutou katoa

Nayland College has now been serving the Nelson community for 60 years. Our focus from the moment students step through our gate is to ensure we prepare them to become adaptable contributors in an increasingly complex world. At Nayland College, we pride ourselves on the range of curricular and extra-curricular experiences offered and that these are taught in innovative, modern and relevant ways.

The quality of a school reflects the quality of its relationship with the community it serves. At Nayland College we strive to have a genuine partnership with whānau, as we know that this relationship is integral to improving the achievement outcomes of our students. One of the key features of our student wellbeing process is that we work hard to make the transition into school as smooth as possible. We quickly ensure that every child is known by name, that they settle into school routines, that they have mentors to support them on their journey and that they know who to turn to if they need support.

The Ministry of Education has implemented an enrolment scheme for Nayland College. For more information, please visit our website.

We are extremely proud of our school and the achievements of our students. We look forward to sharing with you our enthusiasm and excitement for learning!

Ngā mihi nui
Kenny Diamond
Principal

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Inspiring Learning Toitoia Akonga

Values-Based Education

Nayland College runs a relational, values-based positive behaviour system. We have extremely high expectations and standards of behaviour, backed up by a positive reinforcement system that values the good learning choices made by students. Our attendance systems are designed to promote and ensure that all students are in class, on time, all the time.

Our Values – SOAR

Success – learners who aim for personal excellence

Opportunity – learners who take every opportunity to reach their goals

Ako – learners who are engaged, collaborative and curious

Respect – learners who show manaaki (respect and concern for learning, for others, for themselves and for the environment) and whanaungatanga (connection and belonging)

Junior Learning Programme

Year 9 and 10 students study the essential learning areas of English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Art, Health and Physical Education and Technology. Particular emphasis is placed on literacy, numeracy and digital technology capabilities.

Year 9 students learn these essential subjects in core classes, while Year 10 students have the opportunity to choose from a range of core modules available across the curriculum.

In addition to the core curriculum, we offer an exciting range of challenging and enjoyable modules which ensure a well-balanced programme offering students a sound basis from which to make their subject choices as they move into the senior school.

Senior Learning Programme

Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 can study a wide range of specialised NCEA courses that build on and extend their learning across the eight learning areas. Students choose a course of study based on their interests, abilities and their future career direction.

Extension Programme

At Nayland College we offer an advancement programme that supports students to excel in their individual areas of academic strength. Our programme is broad and allows students to pursue their passions and excel in their strengths. Specific enrichment modules enable students to develop and hone their knowledge and skills in the areas that best align to their strengths, whether that is academic, cultural, sporting, musical, artistic, social or leadership based. To submit an expression of interest, please indicate this on your enrolment form.

Tutorials

Weekly tutorials for a wide range of subjects are open to all students throughout the year. Regular tutorials offer the chance for students to consolidate learning, revise for assessments or catch up after absences.

Learning Support

An extensive range of strategies are provided for students with additional learning needs. These include reader-writer assistance, specialised classes, one-to-one support and assistive technologies.

Institute of Sport (IOS)

IOS aims to build successful, well-rounded people, not just successful athletes. The programme includes goal setting, athlete and team development, principles and methods of training, skill development, event preparation, hydration and sports nutrition.

Specialist Music Programmes

We have several music modules offered at Year 9, catering for a variety of musical experience and interests. With specialist tutors, regular ensembles and highly qualified staff, our junior music programmes effectively prepare students to study NCEA music as well as offering opportunities for students to extend their talents beyond the classroom.

Nayland College has an “innovative curriculum that authentically engages students in their learning and is responsive to their place and culture.”

Inspiring Opportunities Toitoia Āheinga

A Broad Education

Nayland College offers students many opportunities to learn new skills, make friends and have fun through participation in sports, clubs and cultural activities. Our students are supported by a committed network of staff, parent volunteers and coaches. This involvement outside the classroom cements the sense of belonging and togetherness of the Nayland College community.

The Arts

Nayland College is a busy and creative hub offering programmes aimed at giving our Visual Art, Drama, Music and Dance students the opportunity to develop their talents in a rich environment resourced with specialist teachers. Opportunities for students include art exhibitions, Vast Dance Festival, Big Sing Choral Competition, Chamber Music Contest, Music Tours, Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival, Smokefree Rock Quest, Show Quest and many more. Our choirs have had national and international success including winning platinum awards at the Victoria Schools Music Festival in Melbourne. In 2026, the production of 'The Wizard of Oz' at the Theatre Royal was a phenomenal success with standout performances, stunning music, a professional set and amazing technical effects.

Sport

Each year, nearly 400 students represent the college in over 30 different codes, either as individuals or in teams. Throughout the year many of our teams travel further afield to experience the sporting opportunities on offer through national tournaments, annual exchanges and international opportunities. Our commitment to sport has been further highlighted with the development of our Institute of Sport and subsequent growth of numbers participating across all codes.

Outdoor Education

Outdoor Education aims to build self-confidence, teamwork, problem-solving and communication skills, as well as providing a genuine challenge in the outdoors. It is offered as an optional subject at all year levels and involves a number of outdoor pursuits including white water kayaking, rock climbing, mountain biking, tramping, basic mountaineering, sea kayaking and caving. *(Application required)*



"Students are considered central to all school decision making. Each individual is well supported through holistic academic and pastoral pathways for success."

Education Review Office Report

“Culturally responsive and relational strategies have ensured Nayland College is a safe, supportive and respectful environment for students, with learning now a true partnership between home and school.”

Prime Minister's Educational Awards Panel

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Inspiring Opportunities Toitoia Āheinga

Cultural Opportunities

Nayland College strives to be place and culturally responsive across our curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities. Kapa Haka has grown in strength and engagement with Pūaha Te Tai participating in various kaupapa around the top of the south, including the regional competitions. Our school actively promotes Māori leadership with senior Māori students sharing local stories and history with staff and students during our Year 9 marae visits. Nayland College students have also regularly represented our school at regional and national Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competitions.

Clubs and Groups

With over 25 different non-sporting extra-curricular programmes on offer, there is something for everyone – from Duke of Edinburgh Hilliary Award, Dungeons and Dragons, Spirit of Adventure, and Model Parliament, Chess, Film-making, Gaming and more. Our debating team has won regional competitions for five years running, with students selected to compete nationally and internationally. Our student filmmakers continue to win awards at the Briefs Short Film Festival and national competitions.

Leadership

In addition to our Kaitaunaki (head Māori students), head students, and student trustee to the Board, who are elected each year, we also have student committees, waka leaders, waka captains and peer mentors. These and other leadership opportunities enable students to gain valuable experience in event management and teamwork. Junior students have the opportunity to develop leadership strengths by joining and contributing to our school committees.



Inspiring Success Toitoia Angitū

Success at Nayland

Nayland College is proud of the success of our students and staff. Our NCEA results are outstanding at all levels and each year many students excel in New Zealand Scholarship examinations and gain tertiary study awards. In previous years students have received scholarships to attend overseas forums in the United Kingdom, Germany, Denmark and Japan. Our students also excel in Trinity, Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music and Performing Arts exams.

Curriculum

Nayland College focuses on delivering a relevant curriculum that inspires students to succeed. Engaging young people in their learning in both the junior and senior school is fostered through authentic contexts for learning and education outside the classroom. The range of subjects available to students at our school assists them to study in depth in an area and also offers a diverse timetable where they can make connections across learning areas.

Digital Technology

Nayland College has innovative and creative ways to integrate technology into teaching practice. Students use whichever tool, process or activity that best allows learning to occur. The advantage of this blended approach is the access to engaging resources, anywhere and anytime, enabling students to learn at their own pace. We are a BYOD (bring your own device) school, requiring all students to bring their own device every day. We can provide support for accessing devices if required.



Showcase School

Nayland College has been recognised by Microsoft as a 'Showcase School'. This is a significant acknowledgement of our successful approach to blended learning.



"Nayland College provided so many opportunities across a vast range of activities, instilling in me the confidence and motivation to pursue my dreams and help make me resilient to challenges faced throughout my life."

Liam Malone, Double Gold Medal Paralympian



Inspiring Connections Toitoia Hononga

Student Support

Each student is assigned to a tutor class with a dedicated Kaiarahi (Tutor Teacher) who will connect with them each day. The Kaiarahi's role is to provide academic and pastoral support during the year. The Puna Ako (Learning Spring) programme for juniors is delivered by Kaiarahi and aims to foster success through working with students to set appropriate academic and personal goals, to monitor progress towards these goals and to provide support and guidance when needed. There is also a focus on connection and belonging to the school as well as on managing individual hauora or wellbeing. Kaiarahi are the first point of contact for parents.

Tutor classes are grouped horizontally at all year levels. Year 9 tutor classes will have a number of Year 13 Peer Mentors associated with each class. Their role is to provide an extra layer of support.

Also available to support students are our Kaiarataki (Deans) and Ahorangi (Associate Deans), Guidance Counsellors, Careers Advisors, on-site Nurse, Youth Worker and our Senior Leadership Team.

Pūaha Te Tai

Any student in Years 9–13 can elect to be part of Pūaha Te Tai which, in addition to usual tutor class activities, has a tikanga Māori focus. Students participate in various activities and hui in the school and community. They are expected to either learn Te Reo Māori or Ngā Toi as a subject OR be an active and committed member of our school Kapa Haka. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the

Māori student leadership programme (Kaitaunaki Māori).

Waka (Houses)

Every tutor class is also connected to one of our four waka: Manukau, Ngā Whatu, Omaio and Waiora. The waka have been named to reflect our connection to whakapapa and our local environment. Our aim is to create a sense of belonging (tūrangawaewae) for all students.

Each waka has a Kaiarataki and an Ahorangi who are responsible for the overall pastoral care and academic progress of students. They provide advice to students in need of support and arrange meetings with parents. The waka system promotes a sense of fun and ensures that every student has a connection to a 'school within a school'.

Communication

Nayland College places a strong focus on connecting with families and gives direct online access to wide-ranging information about academic performance, attendance and other relevant details. Parents are encouraged to contact the school at any stage to discuss their child's learning.

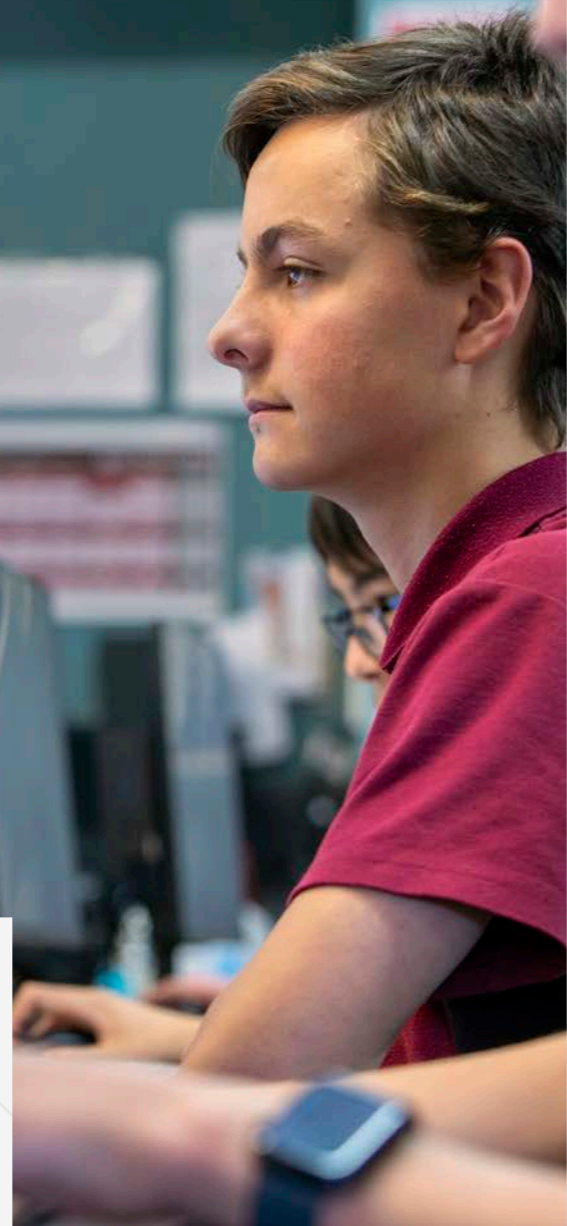
Regular progress reports are issued for all students, alongside interviews with Kaiarahi and subject teachers. Achievement updates for senior students are regularly emailed to parents and students are empowered to track their own learning.



"A range of effective communication strategies are used to connect with parents about their children's progress and engagement. Strong educationally focused partnerships increase opportunities for student learning and success."

"The school proactively identifies and draws on community resources to support student achievement, wellbeing and learning pathways. Positive, respectful relationships with parents, whānau, iwi, the community and local businesses have led to effective partnerships for reciprocal learning."

Education Review Office Report



Inspiring Futures Toitoia Anamata

Our co-educational college has all the advantages of size, yet offers all the warmth, encouragement and benefits of a small school. Nayland College has a reputation for setting our students up to succeed in all aspects of life. Regular career planning is undertaken at all year levels and is led by the Careers Centre staff.

Vocational Pathways

As well as offering NCEA through employment preparation programmes, Nayland College prepares students for specialist national certificates through pre-apprenticeship and industry-based training and our Gateway programmes.

Trades Academy

Nayland College is the lead provider of the award-winning Top of the South Trades Academy. Students in Years 12 and 13 have the opportunity to commence their training toward a trade of their choice while still at school.

Tertiary Study Preparation and Scholarships

Our Careers Centre provides a central location for students seeking information about tertiary education. This includes support to gain entry to universities and halls of residence, as well as applications for study scholarships to New Zealand and overseas universities.

Future Focused Facilities

Along with a high-performance, multi-sport turf and specialised performance arts centre, Nayland College has one of the largest Primary Industry facilities in the region with large numbers of students engaged in a variety of junior and senior programmes. The installation of a full commercial kitchen has enabled Nayland College to offer higher level hospitality credits and our technology workshops create opportunities for students to excel across a number of subjects. Our recently redeveloped learning facilities include our new culture centre Te Puna Manako (The Spring of Hope) and our new library facility Te Puna Maturanga (The Spring of Knowledge).

Nayland College is committed to providing state of the art facilities to effectively prepare students for successful careers in our modern and ever changing world.





Inspiring Leaders Toitoia Rangatiratanga



"I had a great time at Nayland. I was taught and supported by a series of excellent teachers and I also hugely enjoyed all the different extra-curricular activities. Nayland gave me a fantastic education and the confidence to try new things, both of which have stood me in great stead later in life."

*Kinley Salmon,
Sir Douglas Myers Scholar at the
University of Cambridge
Author – Jobs, Robots and Us*



"More than anything else, Nayland College helped me to find my confidence. This is a school where students matter as individuals, and where many great teachers encouraged me to make the most of an amazing breadth of subjects and extra-curricular activities on offer."

Kimberley Savill, Rhodes Scholar



"I loved Nayland for its acknowledgement that school isn't just classes. I loved the extra-curricular activities: the school show, senior ball, newspaper and the broader environment that allowed me to learn a range of skills and most importantly, how to work in a team."

*Carthew Neal,
Television and Film Producer
'Hunt for the Wilderpeople',
'Jojo Rabbit', 'The Breaker Upperers',
'BabyDone', 'Tickled', and 'Dark Tourist'*

Inspiring Creativity Toitōia Auahatanga

Educational Excellence

Nayland College teachers are creative practitioners providing modern, inspirational and innovative learning environments for our students.

Our curriculum is empowering, relevant and responsive to the individual aspirations and needs of each student, engaging them as active participants and collaborators in their learning.

Place and culturally responsive approaches underpin our curriculum design with strong, educationally focused partnerships increasing opportunities for student creativity, excellence and success. Our emphasis on incorporating Mātauranga Māori includes liaising with local iwi and involving whānau in supporting students and their learning.

Our Vision

As a community we are committed to our vision of 'toitōi manawa'. We work with our students to ensure our school is an inspiring and engaging environment where learners are empowered to reach their full potential.

Effective Teaching

Nayland College's visible learning strategies help engage students and ensure that they feel positive about achieving their goals. Staff are committed to developing responsive teaching and learning across the curriculum. Nayland College staff are well-qualified, highly-respected professionals who regularly represent us at a national level in curriculum development.



"The curriculum is enabling, relevant and responsive to the aspirations and needs of each student. Innovative curriculum design is underpinned by culturally and locally responsive priorities and is well informed by evidence and research."

Education Review Office Report

"Nayland College was a fantastic environment, instilling in me the values of taking responsibility and initiative to drive my own success, that ultimately prepared me to succeed in my career. The culture of self-responsibility seen throughout the school prepares students to take advantage of all that is offered as they grow in the world".



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“Nelson – the perfect place to live – an unforgettable exchange experience.”

Natalia (Brazil)

“Thank you for giving me opportunities to experience things I never ever thought I would get to do. The teachers are so friendly and helpful.”

Jing Li (China)

Inspiring Global Connections Toitoia Hononga Ao Whānui

Our student body of over 1350 students includes international students from all over the world. They come to our college for the high quality of education that is on offer. This includes a broad academic curriculum supported by sporting, social and cultural aspects of education.

Nayland College is nationally recognised for its pastoral care. Our students receive a world class education in a safe and supportive environment.

Nayland College has sister school relationships in Chile and Japan and with numerous links with other countries. These provide opportunities for our students to host international students and to travel abroad and experience different cultures.

“Thank you so much for an awesome four years at Nayland...you are all amazing. You have opened so many doors for me and now I will go to university in Tokyo.”

Momoko (Japan)



Inspiring You Toitoia i a Koe

Challenge by Choice

Nayland College believes strongly in a holistic education, placing a deliberate emphasis on a balance of academic, social, physical and cultural activities. As well as achieving top academic results, Nayland College students excel across an impressive range of sporting, cultural and leadership fields.

Why is Nayland College the Right School for You?

Nayland College provides a relevant education that engages students and prepares them for the challenges ahead. We want our students to know their strengths, feel valued and be determined to succeed in a rapidly changing world. All students are encouraged to aim high and extend themselves in all that they do.

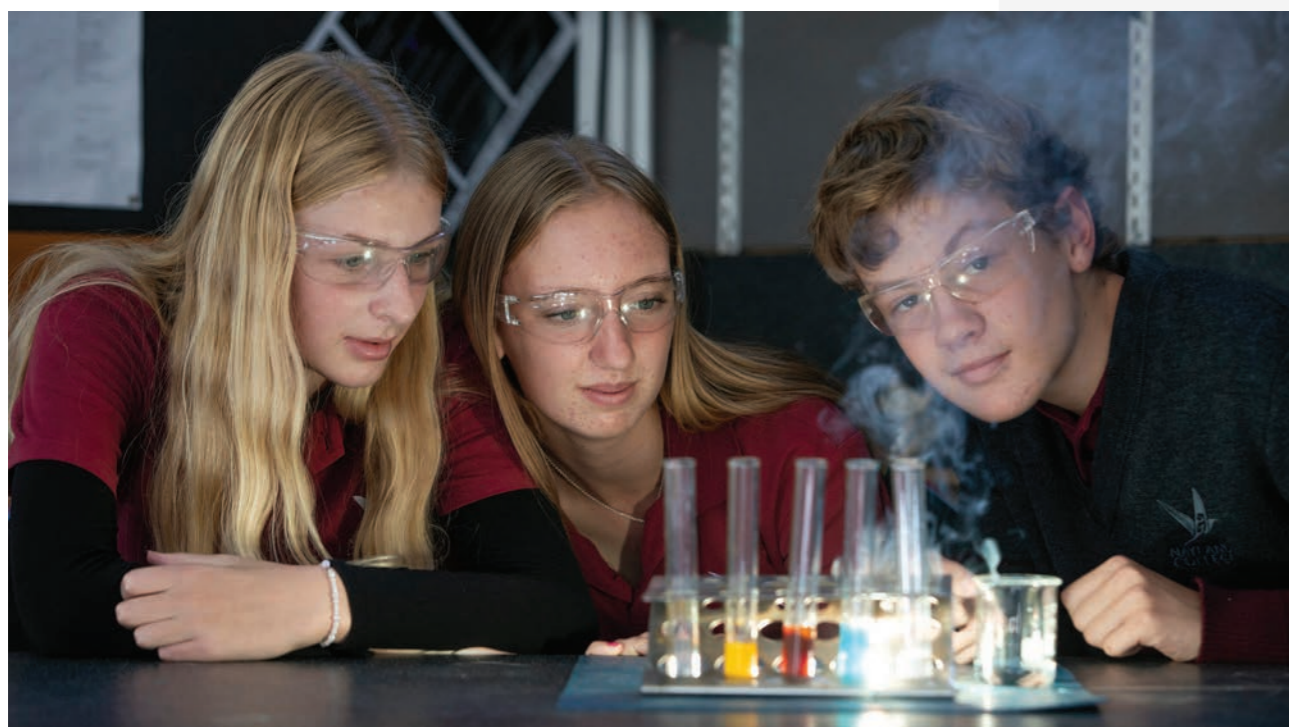
As you have seen throughout this prospectus, Nayland College provides:

- Outstanding academic results
- Great relationships within a safe, supportive environment
- A team of expert educators who care about students and their learning
- Exceptional state-of-the-art facilities
- Traditional learning pathways alongside innovative curriculum developments, such as the Nayland College led national award-winning Top of the South Trades Academy
- Huge opportunities to participate in a vast range of co-curricular programmes including sport, performance and cultural activities
- Strong student leadership development programmes

I invite you to join our school in 2027. Together we can ensure that our young people become confident leaders of the future.



Kenny Diamond
Principal





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