



BRIEFING NOTE: Visit to Huanui College, with Emily Henderson MP on Friday 13 August 2021

To:	Hon Kelvin Davis, Associate Minister of Education – (Māori Education)		
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Purpose

- 1 Your office has requested briefing notes for your visit to Huanui College on Friday 13 August 2021 at 10am with Emily Henderson, Member of Parliament for Whangarei.

Proactive Release

- 2 **Agree** that this briefing will be proactively released.


Jann Marshall
Pouwhakarae | Te Hāpai Ō Rāngai
Associate Deputy Secretary
Sector Enablement and Support


Hon Kelvin Davis
Associate Minister of Education

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree

11/8/2021

08/09/2021

HUANUI COLLEGE (620)

Principal: Philip Coombe
Contact Number: 09 459 1930
Address: 328 Ngunguru Road
Glenbervie
Whangarei

Key People

Presiding Member: Peter Ferguson
Principal: Philip Coombe
Head Prefect (girl): 9(2)(a)
Head Prefect (boy): 9(2)(a)
Ministry Official: Hira Gage, Director of Education for Tai Tokerau
9(2)(a)

Background information

Profile Information

Authority	Private - Fully Registered
School Type	Secondary (Year 7 – 15)
School Gender	Co-ed
Education Medium	English
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Electorate	Kaipara ki Mahurangi

- 1 The July 2020 breakdown of roll information is shown below. Between 2010 - 2015 the school experienced steady roll growth. After a slight decline in roll numbers during 2017 – 2018, roll growth has continued.

July 2020 Roll	Number	Percentage (%)
Māori	46	15.6%
Pacific	3	1.0%
Asian	27	9.2%
Other	12	4.1%
European/ Pākehā	199	67.5%
International	8	2.7%
Total	295	100 %

Visit & Event Information

2 Huanui College are expecting you to arrive at the school at 10am for a one-hour visit.

Time	Activity
10:00	Arrive at school to be greeted by the Principal. No formal welcome is planned, this is viewed as a low key, informal visit.
10:10	You will then have an informal meeting that will occur with the school Senior Leadership Team and Senior Prefects.
10:30	Walk around the school.
11:00	Minister and Member of Parliament depart

School Context

- 3 Huanui College originated from the vision of its founders, Evan and Anna Hamlet. Mr Hamlet, who is originally from Dargaville, established the College to provide "high quality independent education".
- 4 Huanui College was established on 8 February 2010. It was officially opened by Hon. Heather Roy and Mayor Stan Semenoff on March 10, 2010 at the College Opening Day and was blessed by the Reverend Hake Parata and he tangata o Pehiāweri Marae.
- 5 Philip Coombe, who started as the Principal towards the end of 2018, began his teaching career at Hamilton Boys' High School and then moved to Auckland Grammar School, and on to senior positions at Macleans College and King's College. He has coached sport, principally football and rowing, throughout his career; written subject textbooks; been a curriculum adviser; assessment adviser; examiner and a member of a scholarship trust. Mr Coombe replaced Peter Ackers who was the Principal of the school for seven years (since it opened in 2010 until 2018).
- 6 The Cambridge International qualifications offered at Huanui College are:
- **IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) Level (typically Years 10-11)**
- 7 Students take English and Mathematics along with three other subjects. Students are to apply to take an additional sixth option after discussion with the Careers Education and Future's Leader.
- **AS (Advanced Subsidiary) Level (typically Year 12)**
- 8 Students must select one English course along with a maximum of three other subjects.
- **A (Advanced) Level (typically Year 13)**
- 9 There are no compulsory courses for students in Year 13. It is expected that students will typically choose three or four subjects to study at A Level dependent upon their university entrance pre-requisites and/or other tertiary education requirements.

Education Review Office

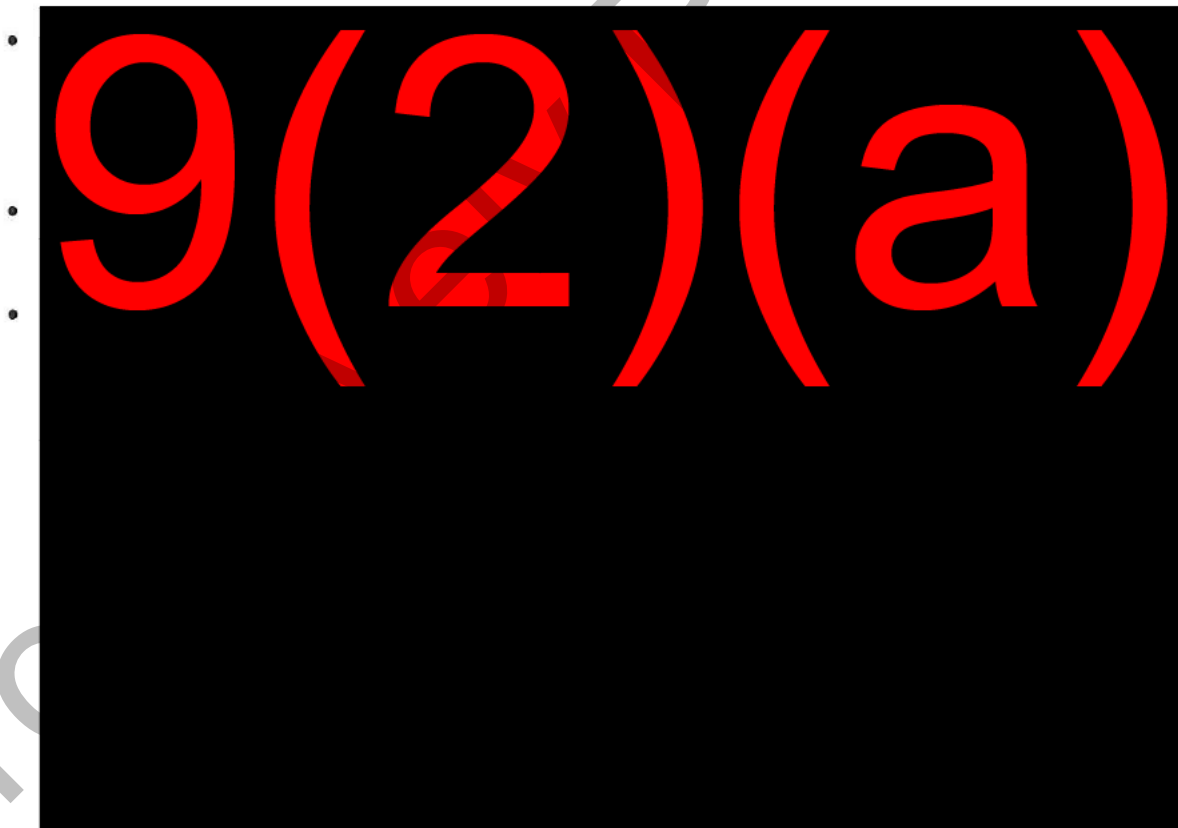
- 10 The school was last visited by Education Review Office (ERO) in March 2019.
- 11 The 2019 ERO report stated that, Huanui College meets the criteria for registration as a private school set out in the Education Act 1989. Students in Year 11 – 13 can achieve qualifications through Cambridge International examinations and Level 1 Numeracy and Level 2 Literacy NCEA credits. The school aims to provide a broad variety of senior options to cater for students' interests. Years 7 – 10 are guided by the Cambridge Middle Years' programme which includes elements of the Aotearoa New Zealand context. School data shows that overall, senior students achieve well in Cambridge Internal examinations.

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- 12 The school is not currently a member of a Kāhui Ako.

Teacher / Student and School Achievements

- 13 Academic achievements of individual young people.



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Property

- 16 Huanui College is a private school and therefore the property is maintained by the school.