



## SHARED VISION

*We look ahead to, and work towards, an Aotea College that:*

### **Excels in Learning and Teaching**

We value the pursuit of excellence in academic and co-curricular endeavours. We are recognised as a school where students achieve in a broad range of academic, sporting and cultural areas. All our students have mastered the basic literacy and numeracy skills that are the foundations for effective learning.

Staff and students have the skills, knowledge, innovation and creativity to thrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and are empowered to be bold in their learning. In our learning culture the school is a 'home for the mind' where students develop a love of learning, work hard with their teachers and take pride in their achievements.

### **Has High Quality Staff and Learning Environments**

We recruit, retain and value high quality teachers and support staff who see Aotea College as a great place to work. Staff are caring professionals who share their enthusiasm for learning through positive, innovative and relevant teaching.

We have developed and maintained high quality buildings, facilities and equipment that students and staff take pride in and respect. Our students are seen to be prepared for the 21<sup>st</sup> century knowledge world by the way they effectively use our quality ICT equipment.

### **Embraces Diversity**

We are a school that reflects all that is good about a diverse NZ society in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We are a caring community with a 'family culture' where diversity is accepted, valued and celebrated by all. This diversity includes physical, intellectual, financial and cultural differences.

We foster a climate of respect for; self, others, property and the environment. The school community demonstrates this respect through courtesy, good behaviour and looking after the school. We have clear behavioural expectations and settled classrooms.

### **Has Strong Relationships**

Our school has a strong focus on learning to relate to, and get on with, others so that students can thrive in life beyond school and be positive citizens in their wider communities. Our community and visitors can see that our teacher-student relationships are very strong and are recognised as critically important to learning.

Aotea College provides a warm and welcoming environment for visitors and parents. We have active parental involvement and participation in trips, sport and cultural activities, the College Association and the Board of Trustees. Our parents feel that the school keeps them well informed of their children's learning and achievements.

We work in partnership with a community that feels a sense of belonging and responsibility for learning with Aotea College.

This vision inspires us to **A**chieve, through **O**pportunity, **T**olerance, **E**ffort and **A**ttitude