



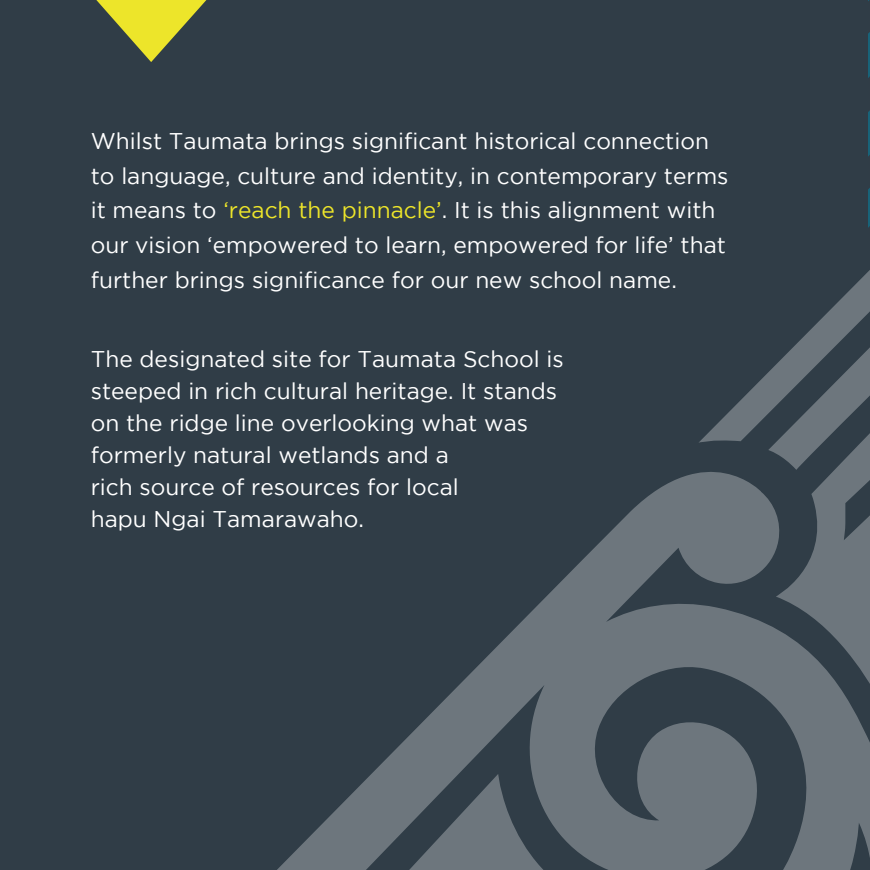
**Taumata  
School**

The Establishment  
Board of Trustees  
(EBOT) in collaboration  
with Ngai Tamarawaho  
are proud to present...

# Taumata School.

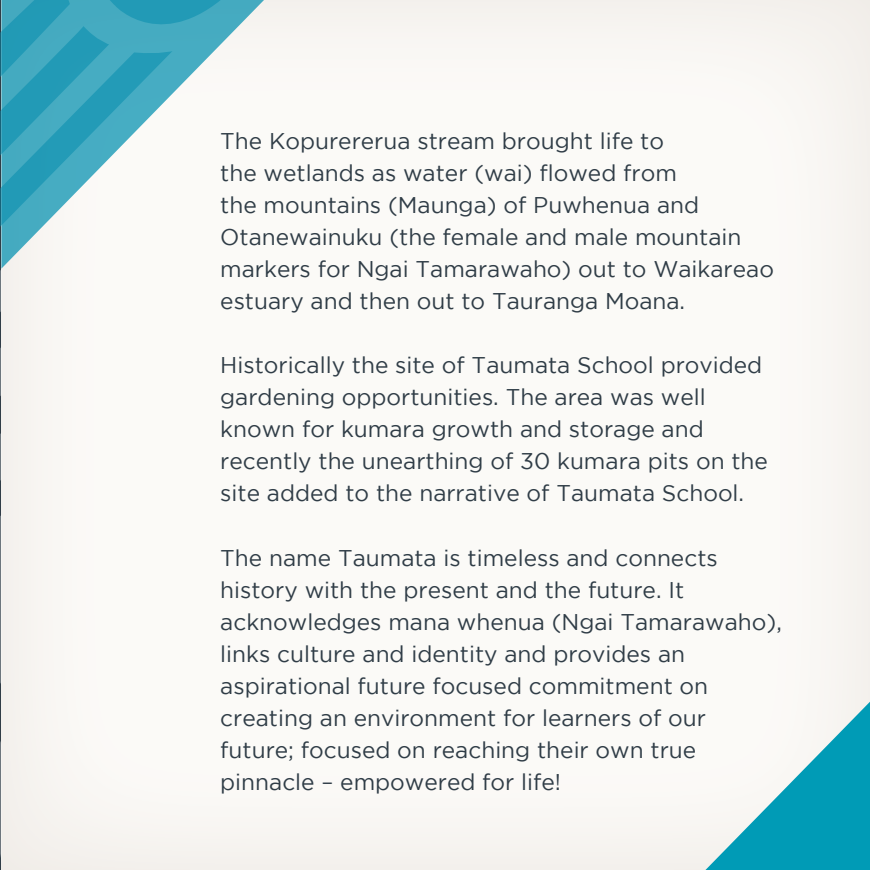
Taumata was a female ancestor (tipuna) with strong connections to Ngai Tamarawaho along with many other local iwi. Taumata was the revered wife of Tahuriwakanui, a prominent and skilled warrior. Today the carved pou of Taumata and her husband stand as sentinels at the main round-a-bout entry to The Lakes area.





Whilst Taumata brings significant historical connection to language, culture and identity, in contemporary terms it means to 'reach the pinnacle'. It is this alignment with our vision 'empowered to learn, empowered for life' that further brings significance for our new school name.

The designated site for Taumata School is steeped in rich cultural heritage. It stands on the ridge line overlooking what was formerly natural wetlands and a rich source of resources for local hapu Ngai Tamarawaho.



The Kopurererua stream brought life to the wetlands as water (wai) flowed from the mountains (Maunga) of Puwhenua and Otanewainuku (the female and male mountain markers for Ngai Tamarawaho) out to Waikareao estuary and then out to Tauranga Moana.

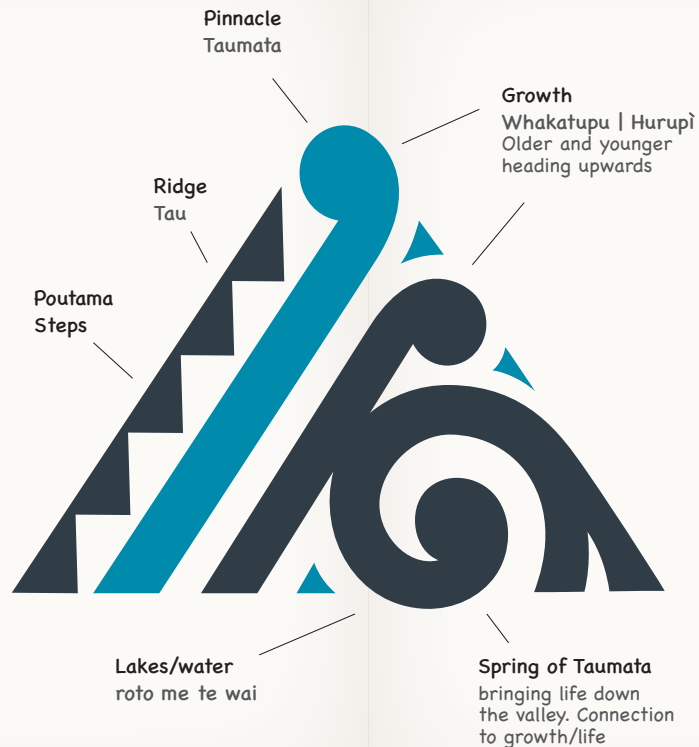
Historically the site of Taumata School provided gardening opportunities. The area was well known for kumara growth and storage and recently the unearthing of 30 kumara pits on the site added to the narrative of Taumata School.

The name Taumata is timeless and connects history with the present and the future. It acknowledges mana whenua (Ngai Tamarawaho), links culture and identity and provides an aspirational future focused commitment on creating an environment for learners of our future; focused on reaching their own true pinnacle – empowered for life!

# Taumata School logo explained:

## It symbolises:

Enduring connections between land, air and water. Aspiration for achievement and success (one's own pinnacle). The empowerment of learners for the local, national and global scene. Connections between all learners and the community. The adventure that is life.



The logo is based around a triangular shape which symbolises the concept of reaching the pinnacle. Within the shape there is connection to tuakana and teina (older and younger learning relationships) the life force of water (Kopurererua stream and Tauranga Moana) along with ascending stairs (the poutama steps towards profound learning).

An additional abstract connection that can be drawn is with the koru recognising the two Maunga (mountains Puwhenua and Otanewainuku); the stream resource and wetlands and four poutama steps recognising the four learning studios within the school.

The Taumata School logo has been designed through a consultative process by Coredesign.

Grit



Collaboration



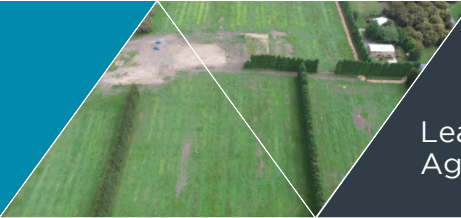
Creativity



Authentic Learning



Learner Agency



## Taumata School Pepeha

Ko Mauao me Puwhenua nga maunga  
Ko Tauranga te moana;  
Ko Waikareao te kete kai  
Ko Kopurererua te awa  
Ko Takitimu te waka  
Ko Ranginui te iwi  
Ko Tamateapokaiwhenua te tangata  
Ko Ngai Tamarawaho te hapu  
Ko Taumata te kura  
Anei matou, nga taura no nga hau e wha

Mauao and Puwhenua are our mountains  
Tauranga is our sea  
Waikareao is our food basket  
Kopurererua is our stream  
Takitimu is our canoe  
Ranginui is our tribe  
We are people of Tamateapokaiwhenua  
Ngai Tamarawaho is our whanau  
Taumata our school  
Here we are learners from the four winds



**Empowered to learn  
Empowered for life**