



**LOGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL**

*Te Kura Tuarua o Kapua o te Raki*



# Prospectus

*creative · inspiring · diverse*



# Haere Mai and Welcome

Kia ora koutou

Logan Park High School is a school unlike any other. There is no secret to our success. Learning is our focus and rather than running an education production line, we inspire individuals to be their best.

We are in the business of growing really good young people, assisted by all who can make a difference. We share a vision where all students are inspired by their future, confident in their culture, thriving and empowered to succeed in whatever pathway they choose. Our talented staff are able to ensure that all students discover the necessary knowledge and skills to place them confidently on the road to becoming successful life-long learners. Our teaching methods are based on evidence and research and our impressive results speak for themselves.

Logan Park High School has a well-deserved reputation for being the premier hub of creativity in the Dunedin secondary education sphere. It is certainly true that a disproportionate number of the city's high achievers in every field whether academic, creative, sport, music, leadership or service have been fostered and nurtured by the dynamic, supportive and 'blue sky' thinking our school embodies and encourages.

Our students continue to excel in NCEA qualifications. In New Zealand's premier academic exams, Scholarship, our students continue a 25 year tradition of excellent

academic performance at the highest level. Each year, Logan Park graduates collectively win hundreds of thousands of dollars in university scholarships.

Our ex-students have distinguished themselves in almost every area imaginable: medicine, law, film, theatre, music, gaming, programming, construction, sports, academia, trades, teaching, marketing to name a few.

Whether you are into Art, Chemistry, Maths, Languages, Building, Film-making, Technology, Music, Drama, Sports or the Environment we'll help you design a course that challenges and excites you. Whether you struggle with reading and maths or are already a high flier we will help you take your next steps.

Our staff and students work hard, knowing the value of high expectations, discipline and positive learning relationships.

Every year we welcome new students at every level to join us. We know that all students need to feel happy, safe and to belong in order to flourish. We work hard to make our school a caring, kind and inclusive community where everyone can find their place, make good friends and discover their potential.

We look forward to welcoming you to our kura.

Kā mihi nui

*Kristan Mouat and Peter Hills  
Co-Principals*



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# Kua mutu, kua timata

*“Kua mutu, kua timata”* - translated means “it is finished, now it is begun”.

The school’s motto since 1975 has more than one meaning - as a stone cast into a pond will generate many ripples.

As King Edward High School closed its doors, the students from that school, together with a new cohort, began a different learning journey at a brand new school called Logan Park High School.

For those founding students, as for our ākonga in the present day, these important years are a time for finishing and for beginning. For ending the time of childhood and moving confidently into the adult world.

And finally, our motto reminds us that our present is born from our past and from our place; that we stand on the shoulders of those who have come before, and carry their wairua with us.

Beneath the mountain of Kaupukataumahaka (Mt Cargill), the land on which Logan Park stands is Taunuunu Kapuaitearaki - the place where fountains of knowledge form.

The Waitaha people used to come to this place, where our school now stands, and be instructed in navigation, cooking and hunting - knowledge and skills important to students over 600 years ago.

Today, the nature of our mahi may have changed, but the kaupapa of learning and nurturing has not.

We come to the same kura beneath the same mountains and yet we are not the same. We are different. We celebrate our differences.

*“Community connections and collaborations contribute to enriching learning opportunities for students”*

All quotes from the latest ERO report

**We bring everyone into the Learning Journey.**

How do we do this? Through interviews, hui, strong links with our contributing kura, our membership in the Community of Learning (Kāhui Āko) and a belief that we need to listen at least as much as we speak, we are determined to hear and value the stories our ākonga and their whānau bring with them as they join the Logan Park community.

This strong culture of communication is a web with many strands, with its centre being the Group system, where students of different ages meet with their Group teacher and or House Dean each day. Students stay with the same House and Group Teacher for the duration of their time at school.

This ensures that a caring and trusting relationship can be developed and maintained between student, teacher and whānau.

Relationships are the key.

Weekly feedback from subject teachers, parent teacher interview nights, full written reports and daily attendance texts home, online learning technologies and emails are further ways that we maintain transparent, ‘no surprises’ lines of communication with home.

*Korihi ake ngā manu  
Tākiri mai te ata  
Tihei Mauri Ora*

The birds call, the day begins, and I am alive

# *creative* auahatanga

Our pride in being a creative school extends far beyond our considerable successes in a range of artistic disciplines. To be creative is to realise dreams and solve problems, and this takes discipline, support and a clear direction.

At Logan Park, we cater for all students on their learning journey as they construct the pathways that will carry them through their school years and out into a challenging and ever-changing world.

Whether it is improving in reading or maths, learning to manage the complex emotions of the teenage years or nurturing a talent, Logan Park's dedicated and caring staff are on hand to help make that next step.

*“Successful student achievement has been sustained over time. There are ongoing high expectations for student learning and engagement”*

Underpinning our school's creative pursuit of excellence, both inside and outside the classroom, is a strong ethos of participation and involvement. This holistic approach to education is emphasised in our Junior Diploma, which rewards extra-curricular involvement, citizenship and service, in addition to our primary focus of supporting all to achieve their academic potential.

For us, being creative often means asking the question 'what can we do differently?' One size does not fit all and we continue the longstanding Logan Park tradition of going the extra mile to meet the individual needs of our students.



*“The school's curriculum is highly responsive and has a strong focus on 'learning to learn' capabilities for all students”*



# *inspiring*

*hiringa*

*"A key feature of the school is the caring, collaborative and inclusive learning community. There is a cohesive and integrated approach to pastoral care and support"*

Logan Park is an inspirational school and its unique qualities are epitomised by its beautiful setting, nestled amongst birdsong and native bush and on the doorstep of Otago University and Otago Polytechnic.

The school environment features warm, colourful, inviting classrooms, covered walkways for those rare Dunedin rainy days, and a range of comfortable spaces for students to interact and socialise during intervals and lunchtimes. But it is our people – students, staff and whānau that are truly the custodians of what makes Logan Park a special place.

Our staff weave a rich fabric of educational experiences for every student, every day. The heights that Logan Park students reach can be clearly seen in our consistently impressive Scholarship results, while across the three levels of NCEA, our students continue to excel. And because we are growing good people, it is not all about grades: we want our students to achieve success in their sporting and cultural pursuits, their embodiment of our school RMI values (Respectful, Motivated, Inclusive) and in their most important mahi - building a strong and secure sense of their own identity.

The purpose of our school is to enable our ākonga to become future focused, caring and empowered young people.





# *respectful*

*whakaute*

Logan Park is a caring school. Our teachers teach students, not just subjects. A wide range of approachable staff are always available to listen and advise, from the classroom teacher to the pastoral care team to senior management and the support staff.

Logan Park provides students with the security of clear boundaries and explicit expectations for behaviour. Some students may require support with managing the workload of secondary school, while others may need help building self-esteem or managing their relationships with others.

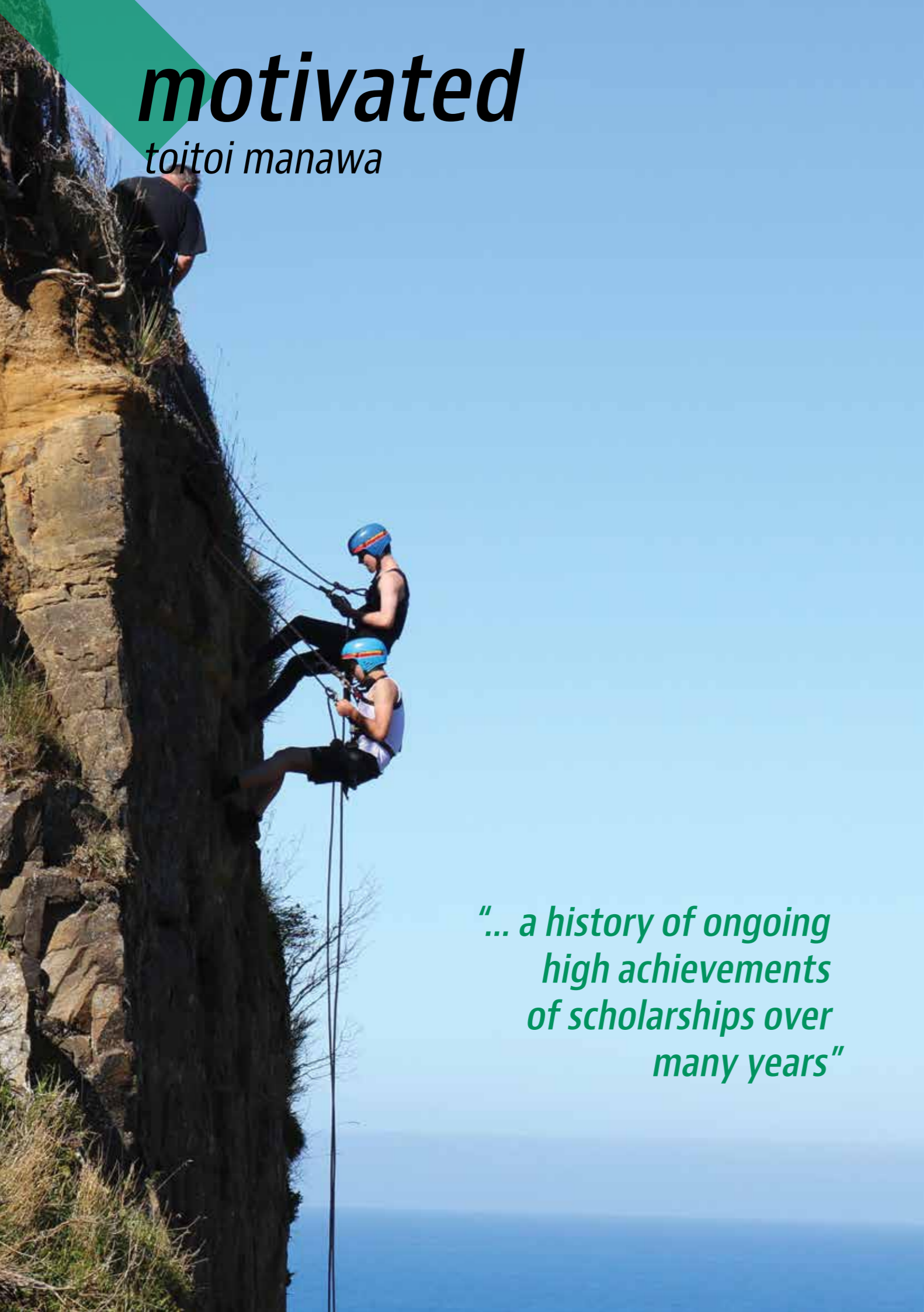
In all cases, we support students to play a positive role in our school, and highly value the partnerships we forge with whānau to this end. Respect is not demanded; it is given, so that it will be returned. Our peer support and peer mentoring programmes ensure that it is not just staff modelling our values but also senior students. Bullying of any kind has no place at Logan Park.

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# *motivated*

*toitōi manawa*



*"... a history of ongoing high achievements of scholarships over many years"*

*"The school has many effective processes that enable achievement of equity and excellence"*

We are focused on building internal motivation and self-management in our students as part of our vision to create independent, lifelong learners. Regular communication ensures that whānau are aware on a weekly basis of the efforts their tamariki are making.

For a new student to Logan Park, it may well be their fellow students as much as their teachers who provide that spark of motivation that can be life changing; our school culture is one where hard work and high achievement are held in high regard by the student body. In addition to our culture of academic, sporting and cultural excellence, student voice and student leadership are integral to the fabric of our school.

Through the Group system, Student Council, Prefects and Student Leadership, our students are constantly presented with approachable role models. With more than 25 largely student led clubs on offer, there is a vast network of possibilities for students to inspire, and be inspired by, their peers. Thus it is our amazing students who practise kaitiakitanga, upholding, reinventing and handing on what it means to be a Logan Parker.



# *inclusive*

*kanorau*

At Logan Park, we cherish the cultural identities of students drawn from more than 30 countries, whilst holding at the core of our kaupapa the special place held by Māori as tangata whenua.

Our annual Race Unity assembly, in which students represent their country of origin on stage, is a yearly celebration of the richness of our community, as well as serving as a reminder that our students leave us to become global citizens.

Manaakitanga, acceptance, tolerance and celebration of difference are so firmly embedded in the Logan Park ethos that diversity is our idea of normal – we wouldn't have it any other way. Our community consultation has been resounding in confirming that, whoever you are, you will find your niche at Logan Park. You will not need to change to fit the mould - you can just be you. And by embracing our school values, you will empower others to be just who they are as well.

*"Student wellbeing  
is prioritised"*

*Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti  
arahia ō tātou māhi*

Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work



# *diverse* *kanorau*

A diverse community is one that will build both kindness and resilience. Logan Park celebrates diversity not only through its people, but also in the sheer range of different experiences that are on offer. Extensive opportunities in sport, music and drama are complemented by outdoor experiences locally, nationally and internationally.

Whether it is kapa haka, futsal, hockey, badminton, joining a chamber music group, exploring a windswept beach in the Catlins, improving your French in New Caledonia or taking that selfie in Time Square, five years at Logan Park can include life shaping experiences that you may not have seen coming. Diversity is our heritage, our challenge and our strength as we continue to move forward, bringing everyone into the Learning Journey.

The question 'What is Logan Park?' is not easily answered, for we are many things to many people. But we are much more than our buildings, more even than our unique location in the midst of nature. And whatever the answer is for you, you will not be alone as you seek it, but surrounded and supported by all those who can make a difference as you walk with mana and pride towards your exciting future.



*“Teachers are flexible in the ways they plan to meet the needs and interests of individuals”*

*“A strong culture of inclusiveness and acceptance of diversity has been maintained over many years. This contributes to positive relationships and high levels of student engagement”*





## Student Testimonials

*"Within my first day, after I came from another school, I learned about 'respectful, motivated, inclusive.' All year levels are together and teachers talk to students without barriers."*

*"The vibe of the school is service to others."*

*"It feels good to be Māori here"*

*"[Here] we fit NCEA into learning rather than learning into NCEA."*

*"Now I'm excited about learning – I love it again."*

*"The teachers are really good and Logan Park gets a lot of scholarships for universities. And there is zero bullying."*

*"I actually wanted to go to Logan ever since I was in Year 2 so the Open Days just convinced me to come here completely."*

*"This school provides and gives many opportunities and teaching levels which will help guide you into university as well as life."*

*"The students look honestly happy."*

*"Incredibly friendly and welcoming environment where everyone can express who they are, but at the same time very well guided and controlled."*



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