

The Spotswood Way

Your Guide to Life at
Spotswood College



Nau mai, haere mai.

Welcome to Spotswood College | Te Kura Tuarua o Ngāmotu.

Every learner who joins our kura brings their own story, culture, strengths, interests and aspirations. Those differences make our community stronger.

Whether you are beginning Year 9 or preparing to leave in Year 13, you are an important part of our school community.

This guide will help you understand who we are, what we value and how we learn, grow and succeed together.



The Spotswood Way

At Spotswood College, we believe education is about more than gaining qualifications.

It is about discovering who you are, developing your strengths, building meaningful relationships and preparing for a future full of possibilities.

Every learner deserves to be:

Known

We know you as a person, your strengths, interests, culture, aspirations and potential.

Connected

You feel welcomed, valued and part of a community where everyone belongs.

Challenged

You are encouraged to think deeply, work hard, embrace challenges and continue growing.

Empowered

You develop the confidence, knowledge and skills to make a positive difference.

Ready

You leave Spotswood prepared for further learning, employment and life beyond school.

These aspirations shape every learning experience, every relationship and every opportunity at Spotswood College.

Our Kawa

Our Kawa brings The Spotswood Way to life.

**To Connect, Strengthen
and Inspire Each Other
to Achieve Personal
Excellence.**



This is more than our vision, it is our shared commitment to how we learn, how we lead and how we care for one another every day.



Our Values

Everything we do is guided by four shared values.

Manaakitanga

Care for yourself, others
and our environment

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- Show kindness
- Include others
- Respect differences
- Take pride in our kura

Whakawhanaungatanga

Build relationships that help
everyone belong

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- Get to know others
- Work together
- Value every culture
- Strengthen our community

Whakamana

Believe in yourself and
help others succeed

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- Challenge yourself
- Encourage others
- Celebrate success
- Keep striving to improve

Pono

Do the right thing, even when
no one is watching

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- Be honest
- Take responsibility
- Follow through on your commitments
- Learn from your mistakes

Our Hāpu

Every learner belongs to a Hāpu. Your Hāpu is your home at Spotswood College.

It is where relationships are built, successes are celebrated and support is always close by.

Your Learning Advisor and Hāpu leader will get to know you, encourage you, celebrate your achievements and help you navigate challenges throughout your time at school.

Our Hāpu leaders help every learner feel known, connected and supported.



Being a Spotswood Learner

Every learner plays an important role in creating a positive learning environment.

Being a Spotswood learner means making choices that help you learn, help others learn and reflect the values of our kura.



Every day I will...

Be Ready



- Attend school every day
- Arrive prepared to learn
- Be organised
- Make the most of every opportunity

Be Engaged



- Ask questions
- Give things a go
- Persevere when learning becomes challenging
- Celebrate progress

Be Respectful



- Respect everyone's right to learn
- Use positive language
- Value different opinions
- Care for our learning spaces

Be Responsible



- Own my choices
- Complete my learning
- Ask for help when I need it
- Keep improving

Learning at Spotswood

Learning is a journey.

Sometimes it feels easy
Sometimes it feels challenging
Sometimes you will make mistakes –
that is how we learn

Great Learners

- ask questions
- think deeply
- try new ideas
- accept feedback
- work with others
- persevere
- reflect
- celebrate progress

Learning isn't about being perfect.
It's about becoming better than
you were yesterday.

Be Here

Every day matters.

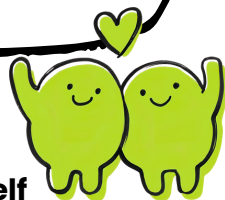
Coming to school helps you:

- learn more
- build friendships
- develop confidence
- take part in opportunities
- prepare for your future

**Small
steps
every
day**

If coming to school
becomes difficult, talk to us.

We'll work alongside you and
your whānau to help.



Look After Yourself

Looking after yourself helps you learn well.

Remember to:

- get enough sleep
- eat well
- stay active
- take breaks
- spend time with people who support you
- ask for help when you need it

Belong

Some of the best learning happens beyond
the classroom.

Challenge yourself to become involved in:

- Activities and Events
- Sport
- Kapa Haka
- Performing Arts
- Student Leadership
- Cultural Activities
- Clubs
- Acts of service
- Competitions
- Community Projects

Every opportunity helps you build
confidence, discover new strengths
and make lifelong connections.



Looking after your
wellbeing helps
you thrive.



Restoring Relationships

Everyone makes mistakes.

Sometimes relationships are damaged.
Sometimes learning is interrupted.

When this happens, we work together to:

- Listen
- Understand
- Repair
- Learn
- Move Forward



Our goal is always to restore relationships, repair harm where possible and help everyone return to learning.

Every day is a new opportunity to make things right.

You Don't Have to Do It Alone

Everyone needs support sometimes.

If you're worried about your learning, friendships, wellbeing or anything else, talk to someone.

You might speak with:

- your classroom teacher
- your Learning Advisor
- your Hāpu leader
- your Pouitiaki
- the Guidance Team
- another trusted adult.



Asking for help is a sign of strength.

Looking Ahead

Everything you do at Spotswood helps prepare you for your future.

- Take opportunities
- Challenge yourself
- Lead
- Serve
- Create
- Learn
- Believe in yourself



Your future starts here.

Our Shared Commitment

Our Commitment

Every day we will strive to create a kura where every learner is:

- Known
- Connected
- Challenged
- Empowered
- Ready



Your Commitment

Every day we ask you to:

- Live our values
- Respect others
- Take responsibility
- Support your own learning and the learning of others
- Make the most of every opportunity



Together,
we bring our Kawa
to life.

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Personal Excellence.



The Spotswood Way

Relationships First. Learning Always.

Known • Connected • Challenged
• Empowered • Ready

The Spotswood Way – Important Reminders

Cellphone Use



- Spotswood College has a phones away for the day policy.
- Mobile phones **must not be used during the school day**, including during class time and break times.
- If you need to contact your family, visit Student Services, where you will be able to use the school phone.



School Uniform



- Full school uniform must be worn correctly at all times while at school.
- Uniform is part of our school identity and should be worn with pride.
- If you have a genuine uniform issue, you must obtain a Uniform Pass from Student Services. They will direct you to your Dean for approval.

Staying on School Grounds



- Students are **not permitted to leave the school grounds during the school day** unless they have permission.
- If you need to leave school for any reason, you must sign out through Student Services and have approval from your parent/caregiver and the school.

If you are feeling unwell



- If you become unwell during the school day, do not leave school on your own.
- Go to Student Services, where staff will assess the situation and help you contact your parent, caregiver or homestay family if necessary.

Signing In and Out

- If you arrive late to school, you must sign in at Student Services before going to class.
- If you have permission to leave school during the day, you must sign out at Student Services before leaving the school grounds.

Bringing a Car to School

- Students wishing to drive to school must first obtain a Car Pass.
- Car passes are issued by Mr Shaw.
- Vehicles parked on school grounds without a valid pass may be subject to school action.

Remember...

Following these simple expectations helps keep our school safe, respectful and welcoming for everyone. If you are ever unsure about anything, please ask your Dean, Student Services, or a member of staff. They are always happy to help.



My Timetable

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Period 2					
Period 3					
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