



Te Puna o Hiwa-i-te-rangi

Te Puna o Hiwa-i-te-rangi (Te Puna o Hiwa) is a vertical whānau class for Years 9–13, based in our new whare, Te Manawa o Hine Kahukura.

It offers a safe, supportive space for ākonga to engage daily with te reo Māori, tikanga, and kaupapa such as karakia, mihi, waiata, and pōhiri.



Westlake Girls High School
Te Kura Tuarua o ngā Taitamawāhine o Ururoto

Whāinga / Goal

Our aim in Te Puna o Hiwa is to support ākongā to succeed by fostering purpose, leadership, and high expectations. Ākongā are expected to uphold key values:

- Manaakitanga – care, hospitality, and respect for self and others
- Whanaungatanga – inclusive, strong relationships with peers and teachers
- Kaitiakitanga – responsibility and fairness
- Pono – integrity, reliability, and striving for excellence.



To join Te Puna o Hiwa, ākongā must:

- Indicate interest on the enrolment form (new ākongā) or apply via form (current ākongā) dates to be advised
- Attend a Term 4 interview with Te Puna kaiako and whānau.
- Commit to kaupapa Māori – including kapa haka (competitive or non-competitive), whānau hui, and Māori events
- Study Te Ao Haka (Year 10) and Te Reo Māori (Years 9-11) and ideally through to Year 13.
- Meet and maintain agreed expectations.

Hononga / Joining

Places are limited. If you miss out, you're welcome to reapply next year or join the waiting list.

"As someone who has come from a culturally diverse intermediate, but with few Māori and Pasifika students, to transition into a more Māori space with girls who understand and value me, has really changed my life. When we come as one to sing waiata, it's more than just projecting our voices, it's the harmonies we create together that almost feels angelic."

- Avia Masaga

"Coming to Westlake it was nerve wracking and stressful but Te Puna provided me with a kind, supportive environment. Learning new waiata, karakia, and mihi was a great way for me to feel connected to my culture again after not having that much access to it at my old school. I'm so excited for what's to come in Te Puna." **- Ketia Hema**