

ERO Reports on Macleans College

Students receive a high quality education that prepares them well for future study and career pathways the Education Review Office states in its five page report about Macleans College.

Students experience an all-round education including extra-curricular activities designed to promote their well-being the report says.

The school's whanau house structure supports sound communication and positive relationships between students, their families and staff. The model of eight whanau houses provides a welcoming and supporting environment for student learning, pastoral care and collegiality.

The report describes Macleans College as a large multicultural secondary school that continues to provide a high quality education that successfully caters for the 55 different nationalities represented among its local and international students.

There are just over 300 international students attending the college from 20 different countries. The international students are provided with a highly effective educational programme which is well supported by a suitable number of specialist staff. In 2013 international students were awarded seven scholarships in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement.

The report noted that the school continues to be highly successful in NCEA and the Cambridge International Examinations.

(The school gained a total of 120 scholarships of which 16 were Outstanding Scholarships in the latest examinations).

Further, the report said the school is well governed and well led by a team of highly capable professionals. The Board of Trustees is very supportive of the Principal Mr Byron Bentley and staff and has a sound understanding of its governance role.

ERO is likely to carry out the next review in four to five years.

The purpose of an ERO review is to give parents and the wider community assurance about the quality of education that schools provide and students receive.

An ERO report answers the question *How effectively is the school's curriculum promoting student learning, engagement, progress and achievement?*

Macleans College is recognised national and internationally as the leading New Zealand co-educational state school. Examination results at NCEA and CIE are at the highest level with students at the school having achieved the highest number of Premier Scholarships. A Premier Scholarship is the top award offered by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority and only a few are presented each year.

Many former students have or are now studying at prestigious universities around the world such as Harvard, Princeton, Cambridge, Melbourne and Auckland University.

The college is located in the desirable seaside resort of Bucklands Beach with the campus commanding an expansive view over the Hauraki Gulf and the surrounding islands.