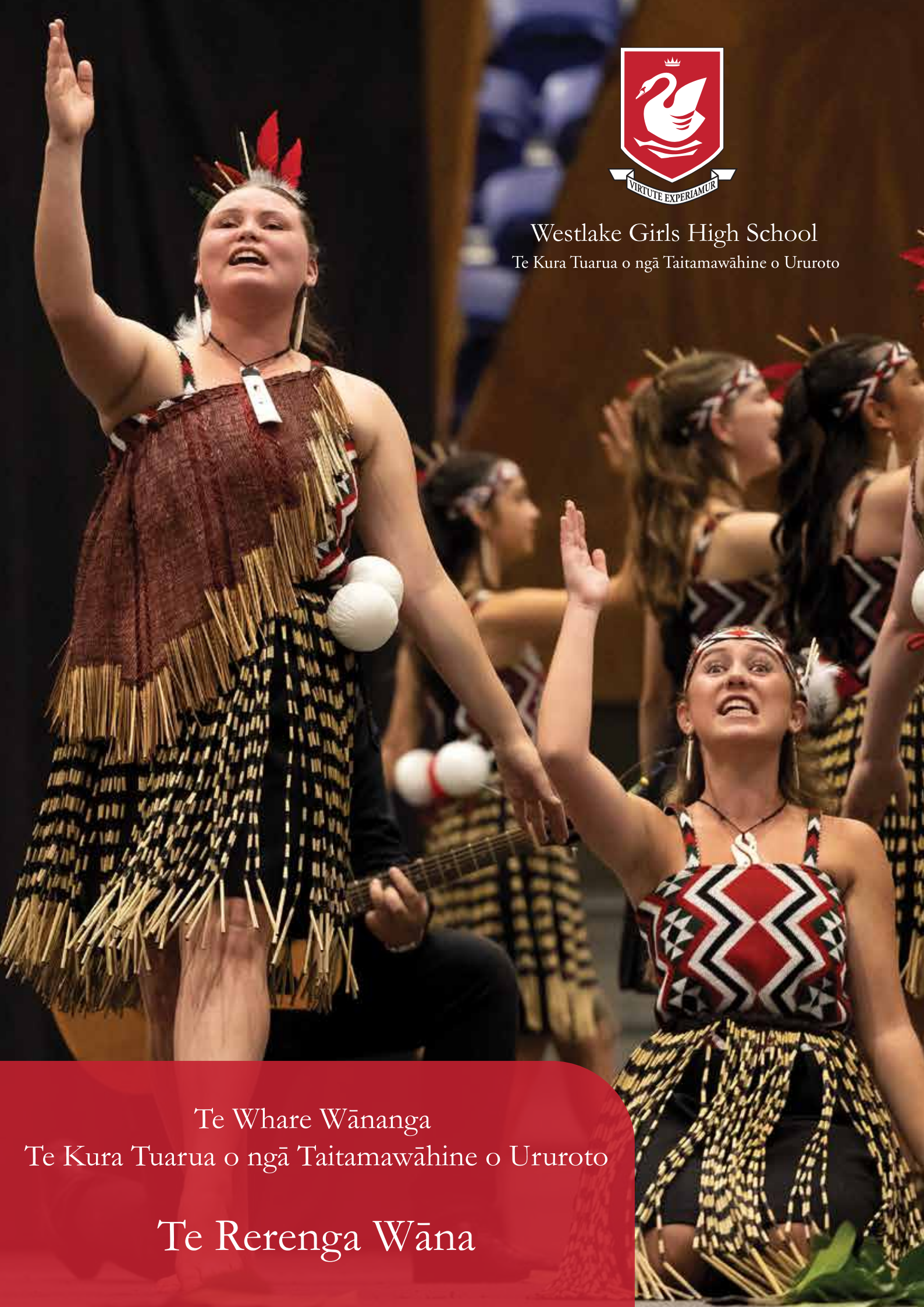




Westlake Girls High School
Te Kura Tuarua o ngā Taitamawāhine o Ururoto



Te Whare Wānanga
Te Kura Tuarua o ngā Taitamawāhine o Ururoto

Te Rerenga Wāna



‘Mā te huruhuru ka rere to manu’ (adorn the bird with feathers so it may fly), we want all our students to have the opportunity to grow and thrive and to leave us as ‘Confident, robust, optimistic, proud citizens of Aotearoa New Zealand, equipped for global success.’

Westlake Girls High School is renowned as a leading state girls’ school, with academic results that consistently track well above national outcomes. Our goal is to empower young women to achieve their potential in a dynamic and stimulating learning environment.

Our school offers a welcoming environment within which we are working towards our bi-cultural responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We plan to add a Whare Wānanga, our ‘Turangawāwae’ which will underpin and support our philosophy of ‘Te Mana Wāhine’. We envision our Whare Wānanga to be a place of learning and connecting, where our school values of Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga, Kaitiakitanga, Excellence, Respect, Integrity, Compassion, and Fairness are encouraged and nurtured.

We are proud that more students are learning te Reo Māori than any other language. Our goal is to create a Westlake Girls Whare Wānanga not only for our students but to serve the wider community on the North Shore and to contribute to the revitalisation of te Reo and tikanga Māori.





Whare Wānanga

The \$750,000 Whare Wānanga will be the realisation of a longed-for and much-anticipated space. Te Rerenga Wāna will represent mana wāhine. The front of the building will reflect a whare rūnanga (meeting house) on a marae. The inside will reinforce the whare rūnanga theme with pou pou, tukutuku and kōwhaiwhai.

The outside and inside dressings will be based mainly on contemporary style artwork similar to 'Te Hono ki Hawaiki' at Te Papa in Wellington with wall paintings, 3D pou pou (MDF), tukutuku and kōwhaiwhai (student based, cross curriculum) and the carvings of the Pou Tokomanawa, Maihi, Amo, Koruru and Pare done by Westlake Alumna, Emma Ormsby.

Te Rerenga Wāna will symbolise 'Te Mana Wāhine' reflecting 'te Ao Māori' by providing a learning space for our te reo Māori classes and a cultural hub for our wider communities.

Students will learn the process of a pōwhiri through performing karanga, waiata, whaikōrero, and kapa haka for important events.

We are excited to offer our students, neighbouring schools and the wider community a vibrant and welcoming space for connection and learning, that reinforces our commitment to Te Tiriti and to Ngāti Pāoa, the mana whenua of the land on which our school sits.



Design of the Whare Wānanga

Emma Ormsby (Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Porou), is a freelance artist currently studying a conjoint Arts (Maori Studies/Screen Production) and Fine Arts degree at the University of Auckland.

Emma, in conjunction with a talented group of our art students, has created Māori sculpture artworks which are prototypes of the planned inside panels of the Whare Wānanga. These prototype designs centre around Māori female atua and celestial whakapapa.

The school is funding the design and architecture, engineering and construction of the Whare Wānanga.

We are seeking funding to create the sculptural artworks which will form the pou and tukutuku panels of the Whare Wānanga.

Based on the prototypes developed, the cost to complete the interior is estimated to be \$350,000.00.

We welcome your participation and financial support of our vision and gratefully accept your donation.

For more information or enquiries please contact wharewananga@westlakegirls.school.nz

