**Linwood High School - Linwood College - Te Aratai College**

With the Aldwins Rd demolition now complete and the rebuild beginning, it is now an appropriate time to consider the school's name. Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga has gifted a new name to the school and it is one that the Board of Trustees whole-heartedly supports. The name is Te Aratai College. In English: pathway to the sea.

The Board has voted unanimously in support for this name change when we return to Aldwins Rd in 2022. The Board fully supports the information - the guiding reasons underpinning the name - outlined below. This information comes from Dianne Robinson on behalf of Ngāi Tūāhuriri. Dianne is a Mana Whenua Education Facilitator for Mātauraka Mahaanui:

*"Linwood College on Aldwins Road is adjacent to the direct pathway (now Linwood Ave) to Te Ihutai, "The Avon-Heathcote Estuary" which was part of a larger fishery used by Ngāi Tūāhuriri. Te Ihutai, was renowned for its abundance and variety of fish and shellfish, including tuna (eels), kanakana (lamprey), inaka (whitebait), pātiki (flounder), and pipi. Several nearby kāinga nohoanga (settlements) took advantage of the estuary's rich food resources, with caves along the base of the nearby foothills providing necessary shelter.*

*The estuary itself was the gateway to the vast comprehensive network of wetlands that once extended throughout the Canterbury region, with the Ōtākaro (Avon) and Ōpāwaho (Heathcote River) being the primary access routes. (*[*kahurumanu.co.nz*](http://kahurumanu.co.nz/) *– Ngāi Tahu cultural mapping project and atlas).*

*This name links the school to this significant route and this significant mahinga kai area (Te Ihutai) which was traditionally owned and used by Kaiapoi Ngāi Tahu (Ngāi Tūāhuriri) and this relationship is acknowledged as part of the Claims Settlement Act 1998.*

*The major waterways Ōtākaro and Ōpāwaho flow into Te Ihutai and the school's catchment zone includes schools located along these waterways."*

The Board's intention is that the school changes its name to Te Aratai College for our return to Aldwins Rd, 2022. This is a keystone for so much else for our redevelopment. Two immediate examples are: place-based curriculum - using our local environment in our learning; and learning pathways - our students' individual learning pathways from early childhood education, through primary school, into secondary school and out into tertiary study and/or employment. It also links with our two, at present, separate Kāhui Ako: Tamai (Linwood-Woolston-Bromley) and Aupaki (Heathcote and the Bays.) The Linwood Ave pathway is geographically Tamai; and Te Ihutai (the estuary) and the coast are geographically Aupaki. The name Te Aratai College unifies these.

We acknowledge the proud history of the name Linwood since 1954, the school's opening. 2022, and our complete school rebuild, is the opportunity to create a school name and identity that is open and inclusive to our wider community we serve, and is not just based on the actual location of the school. And, in a deep irony, Linwood High School-Linwood College has never been in Linwood. Our Aldwins Rd site is actually in Phillipstown.

We are very grateful to Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga for their gift to our whānau, to our community of this beautiful and appropriate name - Te Aratai College.