



Highfield School

Year 7 / 8

William Pike Challenge Award

2nd February

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Like last year, we at Highfield School we would like to offer the opportunity for our Year 7 / 8 students to participate in the William Pike Challenge Award. This participation is voluntary and while there is no expectation that your child has to do it, we do really hope you would consider it as a wonderful opportunity

The William Pike Challenge Award is a youth development programme that focuses on fostering personal development through participation in outdoor activities, community service and passion projects. There is a minimum number of activities and/or hours that each child has to do compete in order to receive the award i.e.,

- 5 outdoor activities (Some of these will be met through school activities)
- 20 hours of community service (the school may provide some of these but the expectation is that each child finds their own)
- 20 hours of a passion project (each child is responsible for their own but will be expected of provide evidence of what they are doing e.g., photos, completed projects, regular diary entries, etc as proof)

Information about the William Pike Challenge Award and what it offers to students is attached to this letter and further information can be found at <https://www.williampikechallenge.co.nz/>

If your child is going to complete the Award, the cost will be **\$40** and this will need to be paid by 26th Feb. There may also be some further costs depending on which outdoor activities are chosen to complete. We will make every effort to fundraise for these. Please fill in the form below and return this and the payment to the school office so full registrations can be processed to start in Term 2.

_____ would like to participate in the William Pike Challenge Award 2020.

- ☐ I will be paying by cash/eftpos at the school office
- ☐ I will be paying by Internet banking
Bank Account number 03-0855-0334487-00
- ☐ I will set up a payment plan in the office



Our world is changing fast, are your tamariki prepared?

At the William Pike Challenge, our vision is to prepare tamariki for tomorrow's world and ensure they are equipped with a bank of 21st-century skills and characteristics. Not just for their future, but ours and our planet's too.

What is the William Pike Challenge?

The William Pike Challenge is a structured, specialist programme that's run in a school and delivered by passionate educators.

Tamariki are given opportunities to develop positive wellbeing and 21st-century skills through:



5 Outdoor Activities



20 Hours Community Service



20 Hours Passion Projects

How does the William Pike Challenge work?

The WPC is a year-long programme that's run in a school and delivered by passionate educators. We provide the structure, resources and support to schools and the programme is tailored to meet the school's needs. It has been specifically designed for students in years 7, 8 and 9.

Students and educators track their progress in our easy to use, online portal called the Challenge Hub.

Outdoor Activities are organised by the school and students are required to complete these as a school group. The 20 hours of Community Service and Passion Projects can either be completed as a school group, or in individual time. This is decided by the educators who are running the programme in your school.

Doing the WPC throughout the year (5 Outdoor Activities and 20 hours of Community Service and 20 hours of Passion Projects) provides opportunities for tamariki to step outside of their comfort zone and experience extraordinary things. Positive wellbeing and 21st-century skill development at its finest.

For more information visit

www.williampikechallenge.co.nz

What are some of the 21st-century skills developed with the William Pike Challenge?

Some of the 21st-century skills that are developed when a young person does the William Pike Challenge are:

- Increased overall wellbeing
- Resilience, confidence and leadership skills.
- Perseverance, determination and commitment.
- A growth mindset.
- Self belief and a good work ethic.
- Connectedness and togetherness with whānau, school, communities and our precious land.
- Accountability and personal responsibility.
- Planning, preparation and organisational skills.
- Communication, critical thinking and problem solving.

Why do Outdoor Activities?

Outdoor Activities challenge our young people to step outside of their comfort zone and this is where the magic happens! 21st-century skills are developed and young people experience the extraordinary. This is instrumental for their wellbeing, mindset, resilience, confidence and self-esteem.

Outdoor Activity Requirements

Students need to do 5 Outdoor Activities. They could range from a bush walk to a challenging overnight experience. We will use our local resources and environment for low cost adventures! If you have any skills or ideas **please come and talk to us.**

To meet our Outdoor Activity requirements activities must be:

- Challenging with 2 or more hours of purposeful effort.
- Outdoors, off-site and take place over the school calendar year.
- Planned and facilitated by the school or a registered outdoor provider.
- Human-powered. (No quad biking, go-karting, or engine powered scootering etc.)



Why do Community Service?

Special things happen when a young person engages in Community Service. They learn how to think beyond themselves. It opens their minds and their hearts and strengthens their relationships with people, communities and our precious land. Positive outcomes that are imperative for their future and ours.

Community Service Requirements

Students need to complete 20 hours of Community Service. This could be a combination of different types from a beach clean-up to collecting money for a charity.

To meet the Community Service requirements they must be:

- Voluntary work done for free to give back to the community.
- Not done for a business who will make a profit.
- Approved by an adult supervisor on the Challenge Hub.

Why do Passion Projects?

Passion Projects are a wonderfully engaging element of the William Pike Challenge. They allow young people to explore their interests, set goals and work hard to achieve them! This does wonders for their confidence, pride and self-esteem levels.

Passion Project Requirements

Students need to complete **20 hours of Passion Projects**. They can choose one or more Passion Project to master and are usually done in their own time.

To meet our Passion Project requirements they must be:

- Something that is totally new to the student!

Challenge Hub

All the students work is stored and recorded on a custom built platform, the Challenge Hub.



If you have any questions or have a skill you would like to share please come and see us.

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