



NAVY CADETS

Te Taua Taurira o Aotearoa

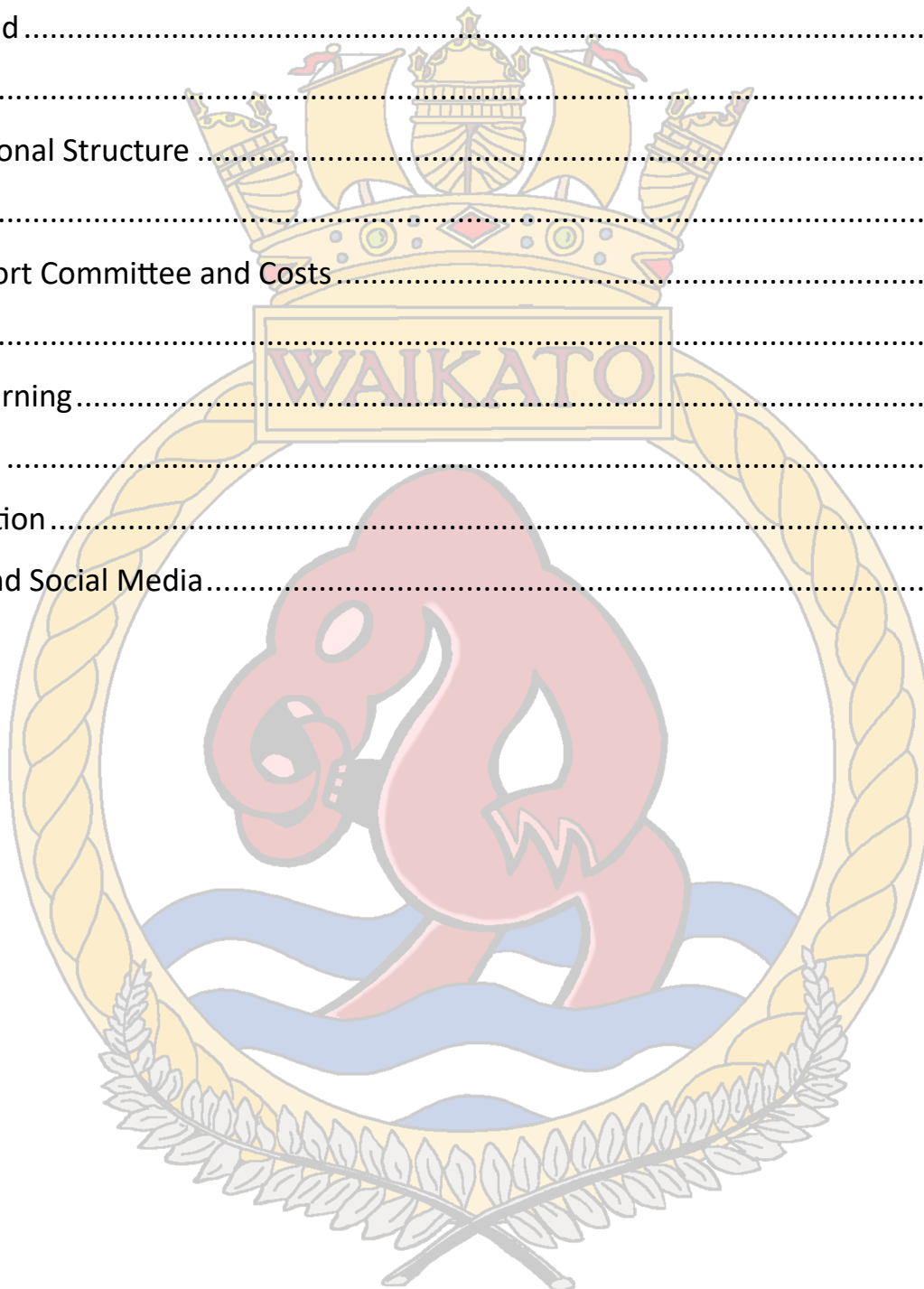
Training Ship Waikato

Information Book



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Our being



Aims

- To foster a spirit of adventure and teamwork, and to develop those qualities of mind and body essential for good citizens and leaders.
- To provide challenging and disciplined training activities, which will be useful in either Service or civilian life.
- To promote an awareness of the Armed Forces, and the role they play in the community.

Vision

- Preparing New Zealand's successful leaders of tomorrow.

Mission

- To develop and enable self-disciplined, confident and responsible young New Zealanders.



Core Values



TS Waikato being a military styled training organisation has the same Core Values as the New Zealand Defence Force. We link all that we do back to our values.

- **Courage - Tū Kaha**

Confronting challenges, both physical and moral, to overcome any adversity.

- **Commitment - Tū Tika**

Being reliable and loyally serving and supporting the NZCF, local communities and New Zealand.

- **Comradeship - Tū Tira**

Looking out for each other, having respect for all, and championing the benefits of friendship, teamwork and diversity.

- **Integrity - Tū Māia**

Having self-discipline and always being honest, trustworthy and responsible.



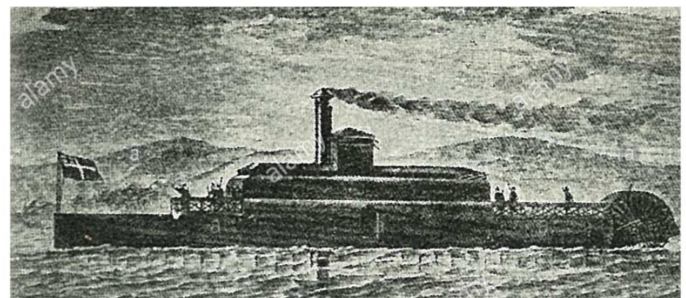
Background



- TS Waikato, formally known as TS Rangiriri has been a Navy Cadet Unit in the Waikato region since the 1980's. Hamilton was rapidly growing and there was an interest from locals in Navy styled training for youth. Originally based in Knox Street the Unit moved to Dey Street, now known as 6 Cambridge Road in the late 80's and moved in with the local Air Cadet Unit, 7 Squadron. In 2021 a second move occurred to our current location due to concerns around the safety of the Cambridge Road building.
- Being New Zealand's only inland Navy Cadet Unit doesn't come without its challenges but it is a title we are proud of. We lack easy access to large bodies of water and thus the unit had to quickly establish relationships with local councils to allow activities on the Hamilton Lake, Lake Rotoroa, and also in Huntly with Lake Hakanoa.
- The unit has a strong relationship with the Huntly Sailing Club which sees us store our Sailing Boats and equipment at their HQ in Huntly. We have become very mobile and often venture to Tauranga / Auckland to join other Sea Cadet Units for training something that gives the cadets in our organisation a great opportunity to meet people around the north island.
- In 2019 a formal name change from TS Rangiriri to TS Waikato occurred this was reflective of the changing of times and a move away from what previously occurred in society. In operation it's primary use was transporting pakeha settlers up the Waikato River to begin life in Hamilton. LTCDR Greg Dyer applied for a name change and this was approved to be "Training Ship Waikato" in recognition of the HMNZS Waikato which was decommissioned in 1998 after 32 years of service in the Navy, its anchor remains at Memorial Park in Hamilton.

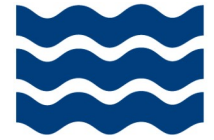


HMNZS Waikato



The Rangiriri Paddle Boat

Activities and Training



TS Waikato offer three to four years of formal training. This training will test cadets abilities to pick up new skills and use them across a number of activities we offer. This method of learning is great for future employment.

After this the learning continues as professional development takes over and cadets become instructors within the unit, they attend leadership courses and learning how to mentor others to grow as well. There is also an opportunity to staff national courses and get paid for the time away (this is typically when they are closer to 17—19 years of age).

Camps



- Sailing Camp
- Basic Recruit Camp
- Regatta's

Sailing



- Sailing Courses
- Weekend exercises
- Power Boat driving lessons
- Navy Ship visits
- Swimming Test

Community events



- ANZAC Day
- Poppy Day
- Fundraising Exercises
- Assisting Other Community Groups

First Aid



- NZQA First Aid Training
- Work based First Aid Certificate valid for 2 years.
- NZQA Credits from First Aid Training that count towards NCEA.

Shooting



- Target Shooting Practices
- .22 Marlin XT Rifles
- Supervised training
- Firearms safety training
- Competitions

Drill (Marching)



- Parade Nights
- Community Events (ANZAC Day)
- Courses

Organisational Structure



Cadet Forces

The New Zealand Cadet Forces is a national organisation with close to 4000 cadets across New Zealand. These cadets are spread across 100 units with 300 volunteer officers supporting them.

The current commandant (person in charge) is Wing Commander Mark Henderson who is in the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

This large network and close affiliation with the defence force provides members opportunities they wouldn't get anywhere else.

TS Waikato Staff



Sub Lieutenant Keegan Greenfield
Acting Cadet Unit Commander

Staff

Executive Officer

LTCDR Paddy Shannon

Training Officer

Vacant

Administration Officer

SLT Tony Suckling

Stores Officer

Mr Chris Cooper

Recruiting Officer

Mr Chris Cooper

Activities and Events and Brand Officer

FGOFF Raelene Spicer

IT Support

Mr Harry McCarthy

Being a Cadet



The NZCF is founded on a military styled structure. This means Cadets begin at the bottom and move their way up through the ranks. During their time they will be placed in charge of their peers and also required to lead subordinates who might be new to the unit. Setting a high standard is constantly tested through our regular parades / Uniform inspections and Camps.

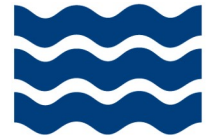


Parade (weekly gathering)

We parade on Monday nights from 1830 hours until 2120 hours. A normal parade night consists of 2 lesson periods, a briefing, a break period, and a Colours / Sunset parade on either side. We operate these during the school terms.

These nights are where the bulk of our training is undertaken. Our camps are an opportunity to put practice into play.

Uniform



We have two main uniforms, our Blues (Full/Half) and our General Working Dress (GWDs). Primarily we parade in GWDs and wear our Blues for formal occasions. Cadets are issued a uniform after being with us for one term. If you are in the process of joining, please come in tidy casual clothing (collared shirt and long pants) or School Uniform until we issue you your uniform.

Note: these uniforms are not yours to keep and remain property of the defence force.

Males

- Clean Shaven
- Hair must not be visibly protruding from the hat
- Short hair off the collar and ears
- Socks need to be black or navy blue



Females

- Hair tied up neatly in a bun
- One plain ear stud per ear is permitted
- For less formal occasions a Pony Tail can also be used
- If short, it needs to be off the collar
- Socks need to be black or navy blue



We do make exceptions for cultural requirements. We adopt diverse thinking and will do our best to make a uniform work for you. This includes working with cadets transitioning gender.

Unit Support Committee (USC)



Each unit is responsible for having a Unit Support Committee. These committees are required in order to function. They are responsible for managing our funding and assisting with our activities.

We need parent participation in order to operate. Every parent is automatically a member.

Unit Support Committee

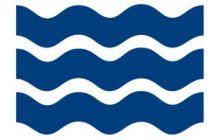
Role	Holder
Chairperson	Mr Richard Fisher
Secretary	Fran Rangi-Whaikawa
Treasurer	Mila
Grants & Sponsorship	Vacant

Costs and Commitment

Whilst there is some cost to attend the feedback we receive is that the biggest cost to being a cadet is time.

- Fundraisers / Camps Sailing exercises are held about once every two weeks
- A cadet can also expect to attend approximately 2-3 week long courses subject to how long they stay involved during the school holidays.
- It also helps if you as a parent can support us on average once or twice per year with activities.

Cost and Commitment



TS Waikato Costs 2021	
Fee (term)	\$50 Per Term
Uniform Fee*	\$140
Camps Average Cost	\$50 ~ \$70 a camp
National Courses	\$0
First Aid Certificate	Typically \$75

*The majority of our uniform is supplied by the NZDF. The uniform fee is a one time fee to cover the cost of an initial kit out of non-consigned items.

It includes: Boots, a hat, a unit shirt, a unit patch, a new Zealand flag patch, and a name badge for both sets of uniform cadets are issued with.

These items are the cadets to keep at the end of their time with us, we also run these items on a wear and tear basis, and will replace items for larger sizes for free. Lost or damaged items will incur a fee to replace.

We only issue uniform after one term of being with us, for the first term the cadets can wear comfortable and neutral every day clothing.

As we are a not for profit organisation and a registered charity if you would like to see more details of where your money goes you are more than welcome to our Unit Support Committee host regular meetings all parents can attend and contribute to.

If you work in an industry that can provide assistance or equipment then please get in touch with also;

Common examples include:

- Bus Hire / Van Hire
- Catering
- Clothing / Equipment Purchase
- Boating / Outdoor Equipment
- Funding and Grants

The Rewards



Moving forward within Cadet Forces and TS Waikato is a challenging but rewarding experience.

Promotion and Training Progression

We offer two key rewards; promotion which is move up the ranks and gaining responsibility, and training which will see cadets awarded badges for successfully completing a year of training.

	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five
Promotion	After Basic Common Training Camp Cadet Rank	End of Year Eligible For Able Cadet Rank	End of Year Eligible For Leading Cadet Rank	Eligible For Petty Officer Cadet Rank	Eligible For Chief Petty Officer / Warrant Officer Cadet Rank
Funded Courses	Nil	Area/National Regatta Competition	Regatta Junior NCO Course	Regatta Senior NCO Course	Multiple
Training	End of Year Achieve 1 Star Badge	End of Year Achieve 2 Star Badge	End of Year Achieve 3 Star Badge	Learning is professional on the job development	Learning is professional on the job development
Notes and examples	Cadets are beginning to learn our framework and practices they are coached by senior cadets.	Cadets are more experienced and able to start supporting other cadets to learn.	Cadets are beginning to earn rank and therefore become senior cadets / instructors / leaders.	Cadets are beginning to run activities and unit events using the framework taught	Cadets are running activities / organizing events

Trophies

We encourage hard work and effort and a yearly awards event is hosted to celebrate our best and those who are moving up the ranks. In some cases we share this event with other units and it becomes an opportunity to mix and mingle to get to know even more people.

Scholarships



The Chief of the New Zealand Navy offers Navy Cadets a university scholarship, this \$5000 scholarship can go towards any Navy Cadets University Costs once per year.

Cadet Exchange Programmes

Senior cadets within the Navy Cadets have the ability to apply for international exchanges, these are typically partially funded and provide cadets an opportunity to meet Navy Cadets from around the world.

NZQA Credits

TS Waikato offers NZQA Credits for selected subjects which count towards NCEA (School Achievement).

Spirit of New Zealand Voyage

Every year Navy cadets can apply for a heavily sponsored spot on the spirit of new Zealand.



CadetNet and Virtual Learning



- Once you decide to take the plunge (Join Us) you will be added into our national database of Cadets.
- Cadets will be issued an email `firstname.lastname@tswaikato.nz` and this will be used for them to access their online learning information plus any other online resources from the unit.
- Some of our training is completed via Moodle which is accessed via the CadetNet framework www.cadetnet.org.nz
- Cadets will be given training on how to use CadetNet once they join and a computer is available at the unit for those who might not have easy access at home. It is expected that a cadet will as they go on through cadets be given more responsibility and thus will likely require more regular access to the internet.
- It's important to note that we are training the cadets and not the parents. We expect the cadets to be the ones facilitating their own experiences and learning. As a result Parents are not able to access Cadet Net and apply for exercises on the cadet's behalf however do need to approve their applications.
- If you have any special requirements regarding access to the internet we need to be aware of for your cadet please let us know.



New Zealand Cadet Forces Intranet

Preparing New Zealand's successful leaders of tomorrow.

Common Forms

NZCF 2 & 2a

Cadet [enrolment form](#) joining terms and conditions.

NZCF 21

A small copy of a cadet's record like a cadet passport. It must be carried by the cadet to all activities and exercises especially Defence Force bases. Once issued it is important the parents of the cadet sign it.

Other info



Glossary

LTCDR	Lieutenant Commander	NCO	Non-Commissioned Officer
LT	Lieutenant	RNZN	Royal New Zealand Navy
SLT	Sub Lieutenant	NZDF	New Zealand Defence Force
ENSIGN	Ensign	NZCF	New Zealand Cadet Forces
OFFCDT	Officer Cadet	SCC	Sea Cadet Corps
WOCDT	Warrant Officer	USC	Unit Support Committee
CPOCDT	Chief Petty Officer Cadet	PSC	Parent Support Committee (Now USC)
POCDT	Petty Officer Cadet	HQNZCF	Headquarters New Zealand Cadet Forces
LCDT	Leading Cadet	SEACANZ	Sea Cadet Corps Association of New Zealand
ACDT	Able Cadet	NCEA	National Certificate in Educational Achievement
CDT	Cadet	NZQA	National Zealand Qualifications Authority
CDTUT	Cadet Under Training	GWD	General Working Dress
A/*	An acting position	NCO	Non Commissioned Officer aka Rating

Frequently asked Questions

[If I join will I go to war?](#)

Definitely not.

[When do I get my uniform?](#)

We generally issue a uniform after one term of being in cadets to enable people if it's not for them to make that call without needing to come in. The uniform is the same as the New Zealand Defence Force so it is very important that cadets do not wear it unless they are attending a Cadet Activity.

[Do I have to attend every event?](#)

It is recommended to attend as much as you can to get the full cadet experience. If you have something on that is a one off then normally we can accommodate this but it is definitely recommended that you attend all of our camps.

[What if I want to change to another Unit?](#)

You can transfer to another unit if you are moving or feel they are do more of what you are into. Come and talk to our staff if you would like to move.

[How long until I move up?](#)

You can expect to be a cadet for around 2 years before moving to a new rank. You will move up a training year every year so long as you pass your assessments.

[I'm getting bullied or don't feel safe at cadets.](#)

The NZCF takes anti-bullying very seriously. If you feel unsafe or are getting bullied please contact the staff immediately. The duty officer is available on . If you would prefer to talk to our Unit Commander please email him directly cucdr.tswaikato@cadetforces.org.nz

[How do I get involved with the Unit Support Committee?](#)

All parents are automatic members and can attend any parade night in this capacity. Our support committee also have monthly meetings which are advertised. To find out more email chairperson@tswaikato.nz

[What will I be doing in the Unit Support Committee?](#)

Our USC is a vital component and mostly assist with our camps and activities. They are responsible for logistics of food at a camp, managing the unit's finances and organising fundraising. If this is something you think you could help with please come along and offer your support.

Safety and Privacy



In the New Zealand Cadet Forces, Safety and Privacy are very important. To ease your mind please note the below.

- All of our volunteers are Police vetted before being allowed to assist with Cadets.
- All activities are documented and risk management / assessment is undertaken to identify and manage any hazards.
- A trained Officer will be present at every activity. They also hold a duty of care for your child whilst they are under their control of which is legally binding and breaches taken very seriously.

What is your approach to COVID19?

The New Zealand Cadet Forces are an inclusive organisation and do not exclude based on COVID19 Vaccine status.

Members are going to have a restricted experience as outside pressures including government policy restrict what we can offer to an unvaccinated member.

It is not a requirement to share your vaccination status but choosing not to will mean we treat you as unvaccinated.

We will always follow the rules and guidelines set by the Ministry of Health but where possible ensure all members are included.

Unite
against
COVID-19

Contacting us and more information

It is very important as an organisation to stay in touch. We have a number of social media presences and it is likely that during your child's time they will be published on one of these forums.

If you see a post that you feel is unfair, portrays your child negatively, or you simply do not want it online, please send us a private message via the forum in which it is present on and we will remove it.

Physical Address

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Post Address

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Instagram

@tswaikato

Facebook

www.facebook.com/tswaikato | www.fb.com/nzcf1/

Parent and Cadet Facebook Forum

www.fb.com/groups/203080003119878

Website:

www.tswaikato.nz

Contact the Unit Commander

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