



*Invest in  
Our Future*

**Pinehurst Theatre:  
our new auditorium**

# Pinehurst School: Thirty Years (so far)

Pinehurst School's journey began in 1991 when Albany was full of fields and orchards. The first three classrooms arrived in time for the start of the school year, and the primary school grew quickly. College classes started just a few years later, and the school environment developed steadily, year after year, carefully managing the space, ensuring that we kept the green, open feel of a Kiwi school.

The Primary school has now expanded to twenty-two classrooms. Junior College houses 10 classrooms and music practice rooms. Our first College building, it set the template for light, bright spaces that you now find throughout the school. The Village, College 1, College 2, College 3 and College 4 followed over a period of 15 years, and of course we have our community spaces: the Gym, the Arena and our new Library.



# Pinehurst Theatre and College 5

Over the past few years, we have built some wonderful new facilities at Pinehurst School. Our evolution has been well-managed for three decades, and thanks to the support of our community, we have been able to accelerate the development of our College buildings in recent years. In 2018, we completed 'College 4', an airy, bright classroom and study block that our students love. At the start of 2020, our new Library and dance studio was completed.

The time has now come to replace our 'Village' classrooms with a new building that will enable every student in the school to learn in modern classrooms, and to perform in our own theatre. We have so much musical and dramatic talent in our school that it is time for us to have our own space for our amazing young people. Our new block will have two purposes and two names: the classrooms will form 'College 5' and they will be connected to the 'Pinehurst Theatre'.



The Pinehurst Theatre will have 240 comfortable, permanent, raked seats, expandable to 440 for when the need arises. Designed with music, drama and dance in mind, it will have great acoustic performance, and flexible staging to ensure that we meet the needs of our students and teachers, today and in the future.



# The Future



Our new Theatre will be elegant but practical. High quality materials bring a modern sense of understated comfort; but at the same time, we have made sure that our Theatre will endure. The finish will be hard-wearing, and the theatre has been designed with flexibility in mind. The seats are being constructed with foldaway desks, so we will be able to use it as a lecture theatre as well as a performance space.



Our classrooms are to be built to the same standards, and following the same principles, as those in College 4. This means they will be bright and colourful, and a little larger than average. There will be space outside the classrooms to spill into if students and teachers want a little flexibility.



Our Theatre will also be equipped with the latest technology. We will install professional quality sound and lighting equipment that is also ideal for students' learning.

This project will start at the end of 2021 with a projected completion date of April 2023.

Pinehurst Theatre and College 5 will offer our students so much more than a space to perform.

- The seven classrooms are a replacement for the seven Village classrooms, which means that all of our children will now be learning in what we feel are perfect, permanent learning spaces.
- Pinehurst musical performances will be more regular, and more wide ranging. These can range from full orchestral performances and rehearsals, Gala Concerts, or small chamber events.
- Student groups will also be able to book the Theatre: we're looking forward to hearing our rock groups take the stage!
- Pinehurst productions in Primary and College will take place in our Theatre, giving us the chance to improve our rehearsal, tailor our spaces and our shows, and involve students in all aspects of the technical support as well as the performances.
- Our larger presentations and smaller prizegivings will also take place in our Theatre.
- Teachers will be able to book the space during the school day for class performances, lectures – bringing classes together on special occasions – or visiting speakers and events.
- Many assemblies will be able to take place in our Theatre too.
- Other schools and community groups will be able to book the Theatre at certain times of the year as well. The function space in the Lobby of the Theatre may also be a great space for outside groups to book.



The new Theatre will be a place where our children's imaginations can roam, and where our dedicated, talented staff can find inspiration.

# How you can support us

Pinehurst School has carefully managed its resources throughout its journey to becoming one of New Zealand's leading independent schools. We own all of our land and all of our buildings. We have a history of bringing in our developments on time, on budget, and to a high standard, and it's a history we are proud of and have continued to sustain.

We are also very proud of the way we ensure value for money, and of the way we have managed to keep our fees to very reasonable levels, well below those of other independent schools despite running smaller classes and offering a world-class curriculum.

Pinehurst Theatre and College 5 is our most ambitious building yet. It offers so much that we would love to share the journey with our Pinehurst community and so we have offered a number of ways in which you can support.

## To make a donation:

To sponsor a seat, to be placed on the donor wall, or to contribute up to \$2000 towards the Grand Piano, please complete the form available on our website at [pinehurst.school.nz/contact-us/donate/](http://pinehurst.school.nz/contact-us/donate/). You will be contacted by our Marketing team when we receive your form. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Reed at the school.

If you are interested in making a more substantial donation, please contact Peter Davies at [chairman@pinehurst.school.nz](mailto:chairman@pinehurst.school.nz).

**As we are a charity you may be able to claim a donation tax credit for up to one-third of the donation made.**



## Sponsor a Seat

Each of our 240 Theatre seats is available for students, parents and families to sponsor. For a donation of \$500, your name or names will be placed on a plaque on the rear of a seat, support.



## The Donor Wall

In our Lobby and function space outside the Theatre, there will be a 'Donor Wall'. For a donation of \$1000, you will be able to have a space on our wall, where you will be able to have your family's name to recognise your support of the Performing Arts at Pinehurst.



## The Grand Piano

We would like to buy our first Pinehurst Grand Piano. We have in mind a cost of up to \$100,000, and there are two ways to contribute towards this. The first is with a small donation of any size up to \$2000: your name will be included on a decorative stand next to the piano in the Lobby. If you are interested in making a more substantial contribution, please contact Peter Davies at [board@pinehurst.school.nz](mailto:board@pinehurst.school.nz).





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