

Sisters United Academy

Sisters United is a Pasifika girls' charter school that aims to give its students the digital skills, leadership pathways, and creative opportunities they need to succeed and shape the future world, while staying true to their culture, values, languages, and traditions.

Chief executive Kendal Collins says the learning environment at the Manukau, Auckland academy is culturally responsive and future-focused, designed to empower Pasifika girls to achieve academic excellence and personal growth.

“Founded and led by experienced, educated, and creative Pasifika women, Sisters United Academy brings a bold, authentic voice for Pasifika youth, inspiring students to embrace their identity, express themselves with confidence, to dream big and pursue excellence in every path they choose,” Ms Collins says.

It will be delivered through:

- daily wellbeing, physical movement, and Talanoa (storytelling and connection) sessions to build focus, joy for learning, energy, cultural pride, and readiness to learn - weaving Pasifika traditions, language, creativity, and spirituality into the rhythm of each school day
- use of personalised AI tools working alongside teachers each morning for focused 2.5-hour academic learning blocks, tailoring lessons across literacy, numeracy, science, and social studies with students working at their own pace
- passion and purpose-driven modules in the afternoons focusing on project-based learning and life skill modules including financial literacy, digital innovation, creative industry experiences, entrepreneurship, leadership development, sports teams and community impact
- a hybrid model of learning for Years 12 and 13 students offering flexible combinations of school-based learning, internships, tertiary study, overseas opportunities, or work experience, aligned with each student's individual goals and learning pathway.

AI Technology is integrated into the delivery of education through the use of AI learning tools for students which will personalise academic learning, helping students master concepts at their own pace, identify gaps early, and receive instant feedback. Through AI

dashboards, teachers will monitor academic progress, project engagement and personalised student wellbeing indicators.

The school opens in term 1, 2026.