

## Message from the Principal

*"Takapuna Grammar School purposefully offers a choice of qualifications to stimulate diversity and enhance the individuality of our students. The school has a proud record of academic success at all year levels. The foundation learning fostered in Years 9 -11 provides excellent preparation for students to then choose which of the dual qualification pathways that best suits their aspirations and personality.*

*Takapuna Grammar School offers two highly acclaimed qualification pathways; the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB) and the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA). The IB Diploma is a two-year programme done in Years 12 and 13. It focuses on developing specific skills and qualities for success in a global world.*

*The IB Diploma offers personal selections within a structured programme. The programme covers a wide range of set subjects including studying the sciences, arts, mathematics, language, literature and about societies. Students also learn about thinking and creativity, undertake research and contribute through activities. The Diploma is designed to develop a student's ability to learn in a variety of disciplines, make connections between these and contribute to the community. This sets students up well to function effectively in a fast changing world. They develop a broad range of skills and emerge as resilient, open-minded and internationally focussed people who can easily access a raft of career pathways.*

*The IB programme suits students who are engaged in learning, who are curious about the wider world and global issues and who want to find out more about different cultural perspectives. Takapuna Grammar School has a growing number of alumni who studied the IB and are now thriving in life beyond school and contributing positively to make the world a better place."*

**Mary Nixon**  
**Principal**

