

# SPOTSWOOD LEGACY

“Humble in victory, gracious in defeat!” This is the code, the mantra that the Spotswood Legacy Esports students honour when they participate in our kaupapa. This semester we had 15 students in our role that took part in the first intake for the Te Papatipu Matihiko ki Taranaki Esports programme.

The course is a 20 week programme that focuses on:

- Increased digital fluency through competitive gaming
- Increased social interaction and engagement
- Improved confidence and self esteem
- Improved self awareness and well-being
- Skill development and strategic thinking
- Improved cultural awareness within the digital space



Mātauranga Māori, Te Reo Māori and Tikanga play an important role in the esports programme. The hauora/well being of our students is paramount in a competitive environment. By conducting karakia before our learning sessions start and end, we are able to maintain a focused mindset, making it easier to control our emotions and enhance our overall performance.

Spotswood College in collaboration with Te Papatipu Matihiko have provided opportunities for students who are challenged with traditional education systems to engage in a space that is familiar and comfortable for them. We have managed to address issues such as anxiety, social-discommunication, institutional inequities and behavioural management through the Esports programme. We incorporate manaakitanga, whanaungatanga, rangatiratanga, wairuatanga and pukengatanga into our programme, enhancing overall student performance in digital technologies and promoting well-being for rangatahi in the digital space.

Spotswood College will continue to work with the partnerships that have been established with leading organisations in Digital Technology to continue working towards reducing digital inequities for marginalised groups, providing a safe and enjoyable learning experience for all students.

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