



CHARITABLE TRUST
NEW ZEALAND

NAVIGATING TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE

2024 Annual Report
Te Pūrongo o te tau

Our Mission

I Have a Dream inspires dreams and enables bright futures for Tamariki (children) and Rangatahi (youth) through education support, life skills development and interest focused opportunities.

I HAVE A DREAM

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Ngā Wāriu

Our Values



Ako (Learning)

Mastery and Academic Competence

We acknowledge mātauranga Māori and also the prior knowledge our Dreamers bring with them. We encourage problem solving and reflection through shared experiences, all towards developing a love for learning.



Aroha (Love)

Generosity and Civic Engagement

We explore emotions to encourage the development of empathy and compassion towards building trust, respect and appreciation for oneself and those around them.



Tūmanako (Hope)

Aspirations and Experiences

We help to inspire aspirational attitudes and provide a range of life experiences to encourage future opportunities.



Rangatira (Empowerment)

Influence and Responsibility

We develop and encourage leadership, preparedness, motivation and trust to set our Dreamers up for future success



Whānau (Relationships)

Connection, Belonging and Identity

We develop meaningful relationships across kura (school), community and whānau (family) to stimulate growth and confidence.



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I love I Have a Dream,

My favourite part was doing Boxing and pushing through when I felt it was too hard. I am proud of me!

Griffin
Year 5
Dreamer

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Ngā Kaupapa Kōrero

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Tumu Whakarae me te Heamana

CEO & Chairman Letter

The year 2024 has been one of reflection, realignment, and renewed commitment to the kaupapa (purpose) of I Have a Dream. We have navigated both challenges and opportunities that have served to reinforce our foundations and prepare us for meaningful, sustainable growth.

As the incoming Chief Executive, I have been humbled by the aroha and passion that surrounds this kaupapa. At the heart of our mahi (work) are our incredible Navigators, who really are the 'secret sauce' of I Have a Dream. Their tireless dedication to helping achieve positive outcomes for our youth is endlessly inspiring.

Together, our team remains steadfastly committed to ensuring I Have a Dream continues to serve as a source of empowerment and positive long-term transformation for our Dreamers.

Our priority in the year ahead is to deepen the foundations of our whare (house) by investing in our kaimahi (staff), refining our programme, and strengthening the systems that ensure our long-term sustainability.

This important work is already underway and will form the foundation of our strategic direction going forward.

Our vision is for Whangārei to become a centre of best practice, serving as a training and support hub for the I Have a Dream operation in Upper Hutt and future programmes to be established in communities across Aotearoa (New Zealand).

Ultimately, our vision remains clear: to unlock potential and enable brighter futures for our tamariki and rangatahi through education, opportunity, and an unwavering belief in their moemoeā (dreams).

Looking ahead, we have been working on galvanising a strong leadership vision and direction.

Currently, over 200,000 tamariki in Aotearoa live in material poverty, facing persistent inequities in education, health, and justice. Our vision entails embedding our locally led, nationally supported, and data-informed model into more communities, with the ambitious goal of reaching 50,000 Dreamers by 2050 and fostering generational change.

50,000 Ākonga Moemoe hei te tau 2050

50,000 Dreamers by 2050



Realising this vision demands deeper partnerships with communities, iwi, and the government. Even with billions invested in social sector programmes, persistent disadvantages in education, health, housing, and employment remain.

The distinct advantage of the I Have a Dream model is our commitment to walking alongside tamariki and their whānau over a 15-year journey, enabling us to foresee challenges early, activate essential supports, and prevent crises - bridging gaps across sectors in ways few other programmes can.

We aspire to a future where Dreamers hold roles of leadership and decision-making - where the next Chief Executive of I Have a Dream, the Mayor of Whangārei, or the Prime Minister of Aotearoa is a former Dreamer. This is the pathway to true generational change.

The work we do would not be possible without the generosity and kindness of our donors. We wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation and thanks to each and every one of our supporters acknowledged on page 26, and we look forward to continuing to work towards a brighter future together.

Ngā mihi nui

Shane Gorst
CEO

Scott Gilmour
Chairman & Founder



50,000
Dreamers
by 2050



200,000
Tamariki in
need today

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I love how we get to experience things in the community like Garden to Table and going to boxing. Boxing was the hardest but made me feel better.

Rob - Year 6 Dreamer

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I liked doing the chalk drawings - they were cool. It made people feel good about themselves. I feel excited to come to IHAD because I can't wait to see what is going to happen.

Carter
Year 4 Dreamer

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It was fun and I loved it (horse riding).

My horse was the lead and sometimes it wouldn't listen. I want to go horse riding again.

Jinny
Year 8 Dreamer

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Freediving was the best. We learned how to hold our breath better and we got to see stingrays and other cool fish. I can't wait to get lots of kaimoana for my Whānau.

Ezel
Year 11 Dreamer

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Outcome-focused programme refinement



The I Have a Dream Outcomes Framework plays a vital role in guiding Navigators as they design programmes, create learning opportunities, and engage with whānau to support Dreamers in developing key capabilities and achieving long-term success.

Over the past year, the team has placed a strong focus on reviewing and strengthening this framework to ensure it continues to deliver meaningful impact.

Programme Coordinator and former Navigator, Laura Griffin, has led this important mahi, collaborating closely with members of the Senior Leadership Team and facilitating interactive workshops with Navigators.

Together, they have refined the medium and long-term outcomes and explored meaningful ways to measure progress. This work is laying the foundation for deeper insights and more robust data on the long-term impact of I Have a Dream on Dreamers, their whānau, and communities.

I Have a Dream Medium Term Outcomes



Attendance at School



Success in Numeracy and Literacy



Attainment of NCEA and UE



Future Pathways



Development of Skills and Interests



Strong Sense of Self



Community Involvement



Healthy Boundaries and Expectations



“It’s been a really creative, collaborative and enjoyable process.”

Laura Griffin
Programme Coordinator

Framework fit for scale

As a result of Laura's work, I Have a Dream has a refreshed and more structured Outcomes Framework that clearly defines medium and long-term goals, better represents the Navigator role, closely aligns with the New Zealand curriculum, and has a strong focus on numeracy and literacy which has been well received by partner kura (schools).

This updated Outcomes Framework provides a solid foundation for I Have a Dream's plans to expand and reach more communities across Aotearoa. It guarantees that programme activities are intentional, measurable, and aligned with key educational outcomes, particularly in literacy and numeracy.

Most importantly, it signifies a shift from a broad, holistic approach to a more strategic, outcomes-focused model - one that helps Dreamers thrive at every stage of their journey.



General Manager Mo Matautia-Tepania (5th from right) with the team in September 2024.

Mai i te Kaiarataki ki te Tumu Whakahaere

From Navigator to General Manager

At the heart of the I Have a Dream team is General Manager Moana (Mo) Matautia-Tepania. Her humble, inclusive, and encouraging leadership style and ability to connect deeply with people, empowers those around her to reach their full potential.

A proud Tikipunga local, Mo brings a heartfelt passion for her community to everything she does. Since joining I Have a Dream in 2018 as a Navigator, her natural ability to build strong, trusting relationships and uplift others quickly became evident. Just two years later, she was promoted to Navigator Manager, and in 2024, she stepped into the role of General Manager.

A dedicated lifelong learner, Mo leads by example. She completed the New Zealand Leadership Programme and, in 2024, earned a Bachelor of Applied Management through Capable NZ at Otago Polytechnic – Te Pūkenga. She actively encourages her team to prioritise their personal and professional development through ongoing education and learning opportunities.

In her role as General Manager, her key priorities include strengthening partnerships with our four partner schools: Tikipunga High School, Totara Grove School, Te Kura o Otangarei, and Tikipunga Primary School, as well as with local community organisations. She also oversees programme development and ensures that Navigators are fully equipped and supported to enable Dreamers to succeed.

Mo is the wing keel of IHAD. Her steady, guiding presence keeps the organisation grounded, on course and effective in delivering long-term impact. She leads the Navigator team alongside team leads Khinhtay-yee (Htay) Matete and Dwayne Tainui, fostering a collaborative environment where everyone feels valued and motivated to do their best work.

Thanks to her leadership, the team remains focused and deeply committed to empowering Dreamers to reach their full potential and to build a future rich with opportunity and success.

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I am passionate about building strong relationships across our partner schools, between our Navigators, Dreamers and their whānau, and across our community. When communities work collaboratively and with a focus on inclusivity - anything is possible.

Moana (Mo) Matautia-Tepania
General Manager
I Have a Dream



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Levelling up learning support



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I love I Have a Dream because I get to hang out with my friends, make yummy food and have new experiences.

Naima - Year 5 Dreamer

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Navigator Numeracy and Literacy upskilling

Our Navigators work in partnership with Kaiako (teachers) in each kura to provide targeted one-on-one and group support to Dreamers who require additional assistance within the classroom.

To support our Dreamers in achieving academic outcomes, we have committed to providing professional development for Navigators throughout 2025. Education consultants Chrystal Hapuku and Sharleen Nathan of Study Fit have already facilitated the first wānanga, introducing their 3C Model to

Support Success and sharing practical strategies to help Dreamers systematically deconstruct and understand complex literacy tasks and mathematical problems.

This ongoing commitment to upskilling will ensure Navigators are well-equipped to support Dreamers from mastering foundational learning concepts, right through to achieving CAA, NCEA, and UE standards.



Breakfast Club - starting the day right

Year 0-2 Navigator Whaea Gnomes (Naomi Bromberg) pictured below, has been running a Breakfast Club at Tikipunga Primary School, with the help of dedicated volunteers, for the past 18 months.

Each school morning, between 30 and 50 tamariki - more than 10% of the school roll - sit down to breakfast, giving them the fuel and focus they need to make the most of their school day.

Breakfast Club is about more than food - these first interactions set the tone for the day. Kids are warmly welcomed by name and have the opportunity to sit with their fellow students to enjoy kai together in a calm, safe and respectful place.



The Breakfast Club is open to all school pupils and school staff and Navigators have noticed the positive difference it has made to learning.

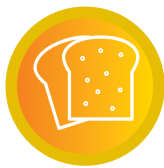
After seeing how effective and loved Breakfast Club has been the I Have a Dream team are now thinking about how this programme could be extended to offer more nutritious breakfast options, and potentially expanded to other partner schools.



Breakfast Club stats



6,413
Breakfasts
served per
year



3,000+
Bread slices
served per
year



28-34
Average
students per
day



Tikipunga High School Head Boy and First Foundation Scholarship recipient Awatea Poutai.



Awatea Poutai's Father Wayne performing the Ngāpuhi haka at the Awards Ceremony



Awatea embracing his parents after the haka, bringing the audience to tears

Te Ihumanea mō tōna whānau

Making history for his family

Awatea Poutai, Tikipunga High School Head Boy and long-term Dreamer was among 91 exceptional students from across Aotearoa awarded a prestigious First Foundation Scholarship this year.

Awatea described the awards ceremony as "like being at the Oscars." He was supported on the night by whānau, Tikipunga High School Principal Emma Leyland, and several I Have a Dream team members.

There wasn't a dry eye in the house when Awatea's

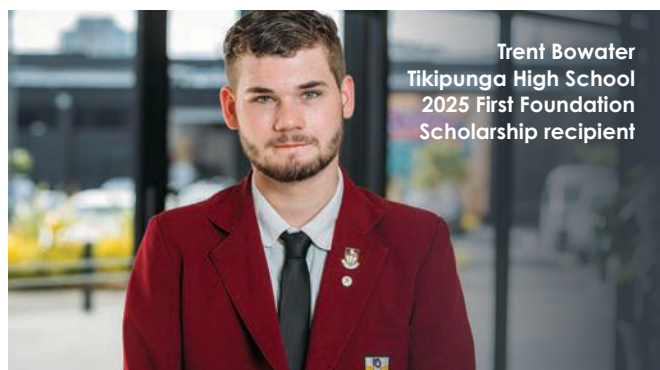
father, Wayne, performed Aha Ngāpuhi E (a Ngāpuhi haka) to honour his son, followed by an emotional whānau embrace. Awatea will make history in his family as the very first person to attend university and in doing so he has inspired siblings, cousins and fellow students to follow in his footsteps.

Awatea's story has resonated with people far and wide after featuring in a front cover article in The Northern Advocate, accompanied by a video of his Dad's haka that has clocked up over 40,000 views.

First Foundation Scholarship winner chasing a big dream

Awatea's fellow Tikipunga High School student and Year 13 Dreamer Trent Bowater was also awarded a First Foundation Scholarship and plans to study medicine at Otago University. Trent has a big dream of one day specialising as a Cardiothoracic Surgeon, driven by a strong desire to help others.

Both Trent and Awatea visited Dunedin and toured both Otago University and Polytechnic on a 2024 South Island trip with I Have a Dream that also saw them ride part of the Otago Rail Trail.



Trent Bowater
Tikipunga High School
2025 First Foundation
Scholarship recipient

The Power of Partnership

First Foundation is a charitable trust that champions educational success for young New Zealanders by offering a powerful combination of financial support, long-term mentoring, and sector-relevant work experience.

I Have a Dream, alongside Tikipunga High School, has partnered with First Foundation to help Dreamers realise their tertiary educational dreams, with four students so far enrolled in this unique programme.

The transformative scholarships are designed for students who demonstrate academic potential but face significant challenges due to financial hardship or limited access to resources.

In addition to financial assistance, First Foundation scholarship pair students with mentors in their chosen fields from Year 13 onwards, as well as offering paid work experience opportunities.

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We have had the privilege of partnering with First Foundation and I Have A Dream to support the aspirations of our rangatahi in Te Tai Tokerau. Their ongoing work creates meaningful, long-term educational opportunities in our region.

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Emma Leyland
Tumuaki (Principal)
Tikipunga High School



First year of University for last year's scholarship recipients



First Foundation and I Have a Dream Scholarship recipients Zarah and Alexis are now at Waikato University

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Without the scholarships, there was no way we could afford the accommodation or attend university and experience everything it has to offer.

Zarah Thompson

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Twin Dreamers and Tikipunga High School graduates Zarah and Alexis Thompson began their studies at Waikato University earlier this year.

As well as receiving First Foundation Scholarships, Zarah and Alexis both received an I Have a Dream scholarship to contribute towards their living costs.

Zarah is pursuing a Bachelor of Nursing, with plans to specialise in paediatrics or end-of-life care, before travelling the world. Alexis is studying for a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Psychology and minoring in Criminology and Forensic Psychology, with ambitions to join the police force.

Both girls found transitioning from high school to university challenging, particularly the increased workload and not having kaiako or whānau members reminding them to complete their assignments. They soon realised that effective time management would be crucial to keeping on top of assignment deadlines and knowing when to get started on their work.

As Year 14 Dreamers they still receive support from their Navigator Huitangiora (Hui) Hopa and both noted that this along with the mentorship provided through First Foundation has had a significantly positive impact on their adjustment to University life.

Adventures in the deep south



Last year, seven Tikipunga High School Dreamers embarked on a life-changing six-day South Island adventure that took them far beyond their familiar surroundings and inspired them to believe in their potential. This trip wasn't just about travelling, it was about igniting the courage to dream big and envision new possibilities for their futures.

For many in the rōpū (group), the South Island was uncharted territory. For some, it was their first time venturing beyond South Auckland - let alone crossing the Cook Strait - making the journey both eye-opening and profoundly inspiring.

Alicia from Luxury Trail Company, provided warm hospitality and expert guidance across the two day, 96-kilometre bike trek. Tracing the turquoise waters of the Clutha River, Dreamers cycled along the Central Otago Rail Trail and the Lake Dunstan Trail, taking in awe-inspiring scenery.

Navigators Lucia Kotze and Huitangiora (Hui) Hopa accompanied Dreamers Kaian Burt, Tairoan Povey, Awatea Poutai, Trent Bowater, Sosefina Taamia, Te Ataahua Haimon, and Te Aarii Kupa-Wichman on the trip.



I Have a Dream Founder and Chairman, Scott Gilmour (left) joined the Dreamers on their adventures.



Dreamers and Navigators with Alicia from Luxury Trail Company (fourth from left) and Scott Gilmour (right)

This adventure, including high-end e-bikes, expert guides, accommodation, and gear, was gifted to these lucky Rangatahi by Dream Partner Luxury Trail Company, owned by Nick White. Nick has been a long term donor of I Have a Dream, as well as providing these tours to Dreamers since 2019.

“ Growing up, I was told I could do anything - the world was my oyster. But I know that's not the reality for everyone. I Have a Dream is proactive - it's the ambulance at the top of the cliff, ensuring kids have the support they need early on. ”

Nick White - Luxury Trail Company.

Exploring new horizons and future pathways



After their cycling adventure, the Dreamers spent three days focused on academic exploration, visiting Otago University and Otago Polytechnic and meeting with tutors, lecturers, and university ākonga (students).

The glimpse into university life included staying in student accommodation at Otago University's Hayward College, where they bonded over pool games and hot chocolate.

They spent their days touring the University's Career Development Centre, The Anatomy Lab, BNZ Bloomberg Market Lab, libraries and various academic departments to learn about different fields of study including design, finance, nursing, and geoscience.

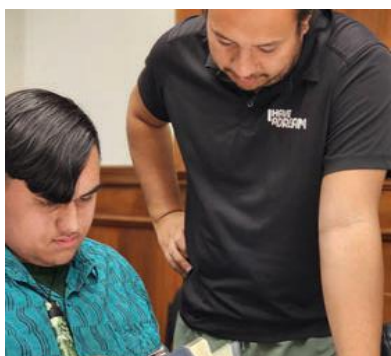
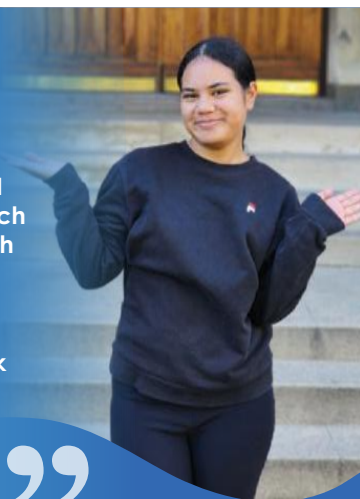
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Riding through the Otago Rail Trail wasn't just about biking; it was about discovering how far I could push myself and how much fun it is to try something new with people who believe in you.

Visiting the university and polytechnic inspired me to think bigger about my future and the paths I can take to achieve my goals.

Sosefina Year 13 Dreamer
Head Girl Tikipunga High School

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Visiting the university and polytechnic provided the Dreamers with invaluable insights into the support systems available to ākonga as they navigate their future career paths.

This part of the trip brought Te Ataahua to the realisation that the future is full of possibilities if you put the mahi in and dream big. Kaian said touring the polytechnic opened his eyes to hands-on learning and gave him lots of ideas for post-school pathways.

The Dreamers also had the chance to explore the sites of Dunedin, including the challenging walk to the top of Baldwin Street, which is the world's steepest street according to the Guinness Book of World Records.

On their final evening they strolled along St Clair Beach and reflected on the simplicity of the moment - reminding themselves that dreams often begin with small steps along life's shoreline.

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I never thought I'd enjoy cycling this much. The Rail Trail was amazing! The views were breathtaking, and the best part was sharing it with my mates - it felt like we were on an adventure we'd never forget.

Kaian, Year 13
Dreamer

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Kōrero o ngā ākonga moemoe

Dreamer Data Snapshot

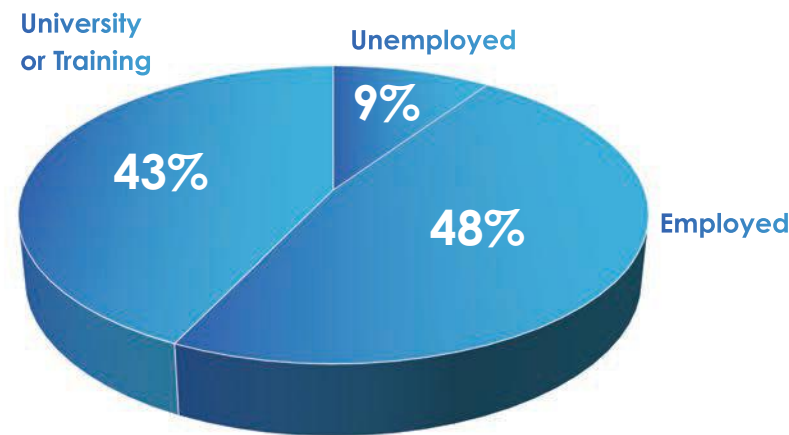
As our Year 14 Dreamers stepped beyond the school gates into their first year post high school and the next chapter of their lives, they continued to receive manaakitanga (support) from their Navigator Daisy Rogers.

Many of them had been part of the programme since they were just eight or nine years old. Now, after more than a decade of manaakitanga, these Dreamers are equipped with the necessary skills and qualifications

along with a strong sense of self, purpose, and community as a result of years of mentorship and encouragement.

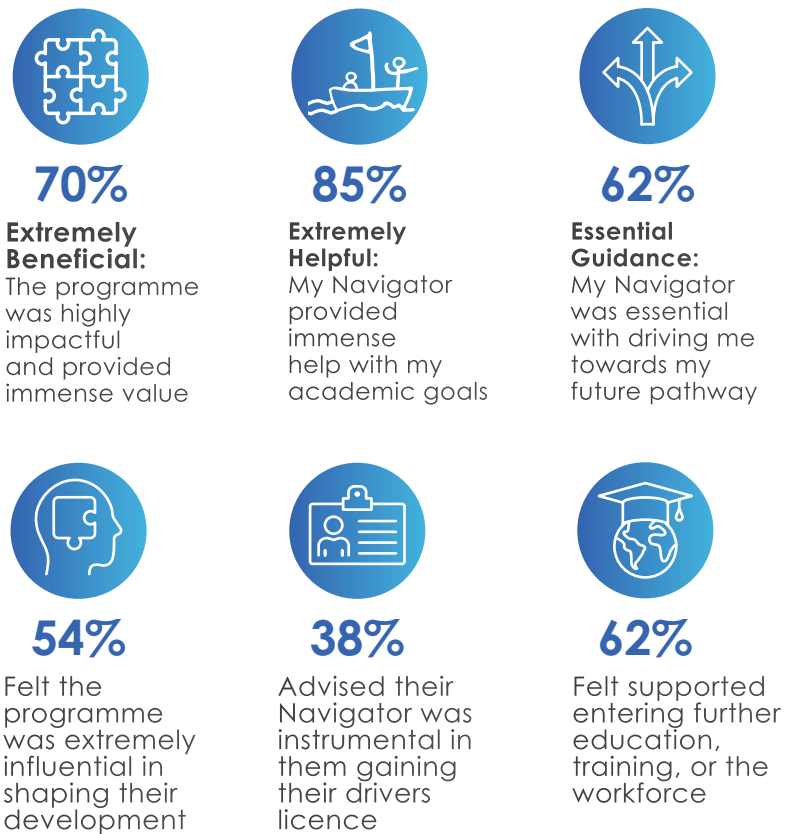
To better understand the long-term impact of I Have a Dream, former Navigator and Programme Coordinator Laura Griffin completed a survey with Year 14 Dreamers where they rated different aspects. This has allowed I Have a Dream to reflect on the incredible journey these Dreamers have taken, as well as informing our programme refinement work.

2024 Year 14 Dreamer status



Tevita Loto'ahea has completed his Level 3 Electrical certificate and is looking for an apprenticeship opportunity.

I Have a Dream survey ratings



Tevita Loto'ahea sat down with us to reflect on his Dreamer experience. "I Have a Dream is not just fun activities after school - if you need help, just ask for it, and they'll help everybody they can," His favourite memory was a trip to Rarotonga, as it gave him a new perspective on the world.

"We think we're broke and suffering here, but they're worse off than us. There were hardly any opportunities, but they have strong communities - they all talk and laugh with each other." he said.



I'm so grateful to I Have a Dream from the beginning to the end. There are no words to say my thank you.

Tia Loto'ahea
Tevita's Mum

Full circle: from Dreamer to Volunteer



Dannyrei
Keinzley and
Mum Zelda

For 19-year-old Dannyrei, the past decade with I Have a Dream has been life-changing. Now, she's giving back by volunteering with the programme that helped shape her into the confident, resilient young woman she is today. As a Volunteer, Dannyrei believes the Dreamers relate to her easily because she is close in age to them.

Dannyrei's mum, Zelda, proudly shared that Dannyrei was the first in their entire whānau to finish school, and through the Programme she saw a huge transformation in her behaviour, confidence and ability to overcome her fears.

School wasn't easy for Dannyrei, with dyslexia making learning tough. But with the support of her teachers, as well as Navigator Daisy, Dannyrei developed learning strategies that made sense for her, eventually earning her NCEA Level 3. She is now sharing these strategies with younger Dreamers to help them thrive as well.

Recently, Dannyrei completed the NZ Defence Force's Limited Service Volunteer course to take steps towards her dream of joining the Navy.

Thank you to our volunteers

We are fortunate to have 96 enthusiastic regular volunteers committed to the I Have a Dream kaupapa. Some volunteers have been with us for several years and say they get out as much of the experience as they put in. Feedback has shown our volunteers appreciate building positive and trusting relationships with Dreamers, working closely and learning from their Navigator, building confidence, life skills and sense of community, and providing diverse perspectives.

Our volunteers provide support in the classroom, mentor Dreamers, and assist at After School Programmes, Holiday Programmes and whānau events. We are especially excited to have our older and graduating Dreamers coming through as Volunteers, supporting younger Dreamers and developing their own leadership skills.

Volunteers are key to our structured programmes and we literally could not run them without their help. From helping set up activities and kai, having fun alongside Dreamers, supporting them one on one, and providing safety ratios - we are immensely grateful for all that they do.



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I'm super proud of our amazing Volunteers. Supporting them and seeing their confidence and leadership skills strengthen across the year is a privilege. It's rewarding to see the very close, safe and trusting relationships many of them build with their Dreamers.

Kirsty Pillay Hanson
Kaimanaaki Hauora
(Wellbeing Support Coordinator)

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I Have a Dream Data Snapshot



+17%
on 2023

1,127
Dreamers



36
Structured
Programmes



13,018
Dreamer
Contact Hours



8,056
Navigator in
Classroom Hours



95%
Kura students
enrolled



+11%
on 2023

20
Navigators



90%
Dreamers
attending
structured
programmes



703
Whānau
with enrolled
Dreamers



20,276
Kms
travelled for
programmes



over 12x
the length of
New Zealand

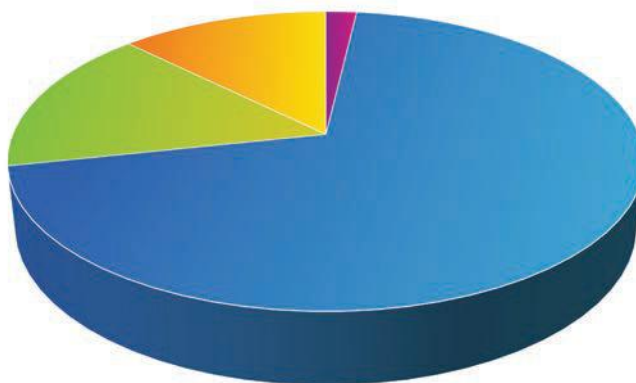
Volunteer hours



96
Active
Volunteers



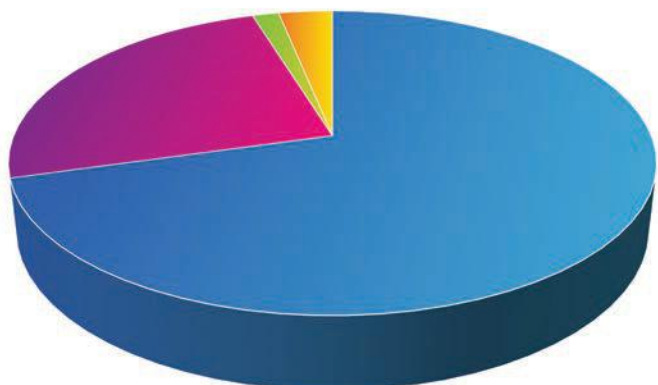
5,375
Volunteering
Hours



1.9%	100 Hours	Mentoring
12.6%	675 Hours	Interns and placement students
15.7%	850 Hours	Holiday programmes and events
69.8%	3750 Hours	After School Programmes and Te Wāhi Tūmanako

Breakdown of expenditure

25% 1.5% 3% 70.5%



- \$543,241** Goods or services procured (71.4% | \$388,743 = Programming)
- \$34,648** Public fundraising expenses
- \$70,048** Other expenses
- \$1,554,587** Employee related costs (80% | \$1,243,670 = Navigators)

\$2,202,524 TOTAL EXPENDITURE



74%

of all expenditure (74c/\$) directly benefits Dreamers

The generosity of our donors has allowed us to direct over \$2.2M towards inspiring dreams and enabling futures in 2024. Thank you again to each and every donor.

Reflection on 2024

We have held firmly to the learnings and achievements generated by our kaimahi in late 2023 and early 2024.

This continuity has informed a renewed clarity and focus, particularly in relation to the Outcomes Framework that underpins our programme. We are also investing in more robust systems to measure our impact, enabling us to strengthen the efficacy of our programme and advocate confidently for what works. As a result, we are well positioned to enhance our delivery and improve outcomes for our Dreamers.

Throughout this period of transition, our kaimahi have demonstrated unwavering dedication. Their commitment ensured that we continued to serve our communities with strength, manaakitanga, and integrity with 1,127 Dreamers now enrolled, equating to 95% of students across our partner schools. Our Navigators have delivered over 13,000 hours of dedicated support focused on the holistic wellbeing of all programme participants.

Looking ahead, we are energised by the opportunity to expand our reach and deepen our impact.



Year 5 Navigator Bailey Beddis on a Learn to Surf Day run by Dream Partner Tutukaka Surf

Governor General Dame Cindy Kiro inspires Otangarei Dreamers



Her Excellency Dame Cindy Kiro (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Kahu) Governor General of New Zealand is a passionate advocate for empowering youth and has dedicated her career to improving wellbeing outcomes for young people. During her recent visit to meet the students and staff at Te Kura o Otangarei (TKO) and to view the I Have a Dream (IHAD) programme operating in partnership with the school, her passion for children, along with her engaging, down to earth warmth, were obvious.

After being welcomed into TKO with a beautiful mihi whakatau led by the students, Her Excellency commended the tamariki for their bravery in leading the welcome and waiata and shared that she, just like them, was a proud Northlander and the first person from Te Tai Tokerau to become the Governor General. She also noted that perhaps a future Governor General was in the room that day. Dame Cindy is the first wahine Māori to hold the position, and the first person in her family to achieve tertiary qualifications.

Much to their delight, Dame Cindy and her husband Dr Richard Davies were presented with iconic Red Band gumboots, customised with student artwork.

Te Kura o Otangarei Principal Danelle Watkins said the visit was a fantastic opportunity to showcase how tamariki were thriving under the support of partnerships such as I Have a Dream and her kura.

In planning her visit to Northland, Her Excellency was recommended to visit Te Kura o Otangarei and the I Have a Dream programme through one of her local advisors, Pauline Hopa. The partnership between the school and IHAD as well as the Otangarei Garden Oasis, were of great interest to Dame Cindy as a previous Commissioner for Children and Patron of Garden to Table.

Dame Cindy Kiro presented gifts to the school including sports gear and a native tree to be added to the Otangarei Garden Oasis.

Otangarei Garden Oasis

The Otangarei Garden Oasis, a joint project between Te kura o Otangarei and I Have a Dream, continues to grow and thrive as a landmark project for nature-based education.

Expansions to the project include the addition of fruit trees, a rongoā garden, natural stone play areas, as well as beehives. Dreamers learn about all aspects of growing, harvesting, preparing and preserving fresh produce and honey as well as developing essential cooking and kitchen skills across a range of programmes.

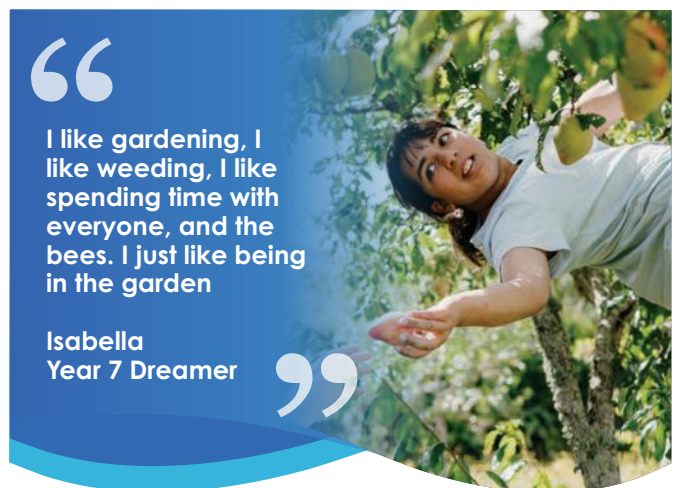
Created and run by I Have a Dream Navigators Nicola Henderson and Donna Heta, the Otangarei Garden Oasis has helped unite the community with mātua (parents) and tūpuna (grandparents) sharing gardening expertise, and encouraging cooking at home. Excess produce, pickles and honey are placed in the Otangarei Pātaka or sold at the local markets.

Local business and Dream Partner Sudburys has supported the project with working bees to build garden beds, plants and fruit trees have been donated the garden. Tahi Honey also harvest and process the honey from the beehives free of charge and run beekeeping sessions with the kids so they can become environmental kaitiaki (guardians).

Ngā kaiako (teachers) at the school have said they notice the tamariki are calmer and more relaxed when they spend time out in the natural, outdoor spaces that the garden provides.



Danelle Watkins, Dame Cindy Kiro, Shane Gorst



“

I like gardening, I like weeding, I like spending time with everyone, and the bees. I just like being in the garden

Isabella
Year 7 Dreamer

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Garden and bee stats



23

Fruit trees planted



2

kura bee boxes



60,000

Bees per box



6-8

Vegetable garden beds established



8-10

Dreamers make up the Bee Crew



80-90

Kilos of honey harvested per season



Whānau event unites community

This year's annual Whānau Celebration Day was another huge success with Dreamers and their whānau coming together with our Navigators to spend an evening playing games, attempting circus tricks, making the most of the many exciting rides on offer and sharing delicious kai.

Hosted on the bright and beautiful grounds of partner school Totara Grove Primary, this is I Have a Dream's key annual event for connecting with new Dreamers and their whānau and a chance to bring students from all local partner schools together.

Thanks to the generous support of local organisations, the event went off without a hitch. We would like to express our deep gratitude to all of our volunteers who helped out, as well as the Northland Rapid Relief Team (RRT) for their ongoing commitment to providing

tasty meals for everyone. For the past five years, we've been fortunate to rely on RRT's support at our events. The organisation, which delivers hope and relief across the globe, is always ready to respond to fire, flood, or humanitarian needs.

RRT's expert team aimed to serve 1,600 meals, and they came close to hitting that target with 1,550 meals provided to our Dreamers and their whānau. This included 500 sausage sandwiches, 1,050 burgers, and 1,200 water bottles.

Dream Partner Northland Waste provided rubbish bins free of charge, ensuring Totara Grove School was left spotless. Soundcave generously supplied the AV system for commentary, announcements and music. A huge thank you to these supporters, our partner schools, and everyone who came along on the night.



Nurturing talent



As part of the I Have a Dream Holiday Programme, Year 5 Navigator Bailey Beddis led a rōpū of Dreamers on a learn to surf day at Sandy Bay on the Tutukaka coast - an opportunity designed to connect tamariki with the natural environment while building confidence and new skills.

During this session, Gian, a Year 5 Dreamer showed a remarkable natural aptitude for the sport.

"While we were on land practicing surfing basics, I could tell Gian had a natural instinct for the sport. I was excited for him to get into the water. Sure enough, he was incredible and managed to stand up on his board within a few attempts," Bailey said. "And his behaviour during the session was outstanding - calm, focused, and completely in the moment." Bailey shared.

Gian's mother later shared that Gian hadn't stopped talking about the experience for days. Recognising the importance of nurturing his newfound passion, Bailey dropped off her Daughter's old surf board the following week, and ReSport Charitable Trust provided a wetsuit.

Further manaaki (support) was secured through the I Have a Dream Matakōkiri Fund, enabling Gian to access three private surfing lessons with Dream Partner Tutukaka Surf. Their team has consistently supported our kaupapa by helping Dreamers develop their water skills while fostering an appreciation for our unique coastal environment.

We are hoping to extend these type of opportunities to even more Dreamers through the new funding stream. See page 25 for more details.

Ngā Pou Tautoko o I Have a Dream

Dream Partners rolling with us

At I Have a Dream, some of the most transformative experiences happen outside the classroom - thanks to the passion and generosity of our Dream Partners.

These incredible businesses and organisations actively help us create opportunities that change lives by offering programme services and manaakitanga (in-kind support) giving Dreamers the chance to build relationships with fellow community members.

According to Fundraising and Partnership Manager, Jodie Hannam, Sudburys exemplifies what it means to be a Dream Partner. From team working bees in the Otangarei Garden Oasis to sponsoring events like the Activ8 Northland 12 Hour Fitness Fundraiser, and participating in the Classic Builders Northland Classic 100, their support is consistent and proactive, and they get their whole team on board to contribute.

"They're not just supporters, they're part of the I Have a Dream whānau," says Jodie.

When they heard we had a trailer but no bikes for our upcoming Te Taiao Mountain Biking Programme, Sudburys created a dedicated Build-a-Bike event.

They called on their client base to sponsor bikes and helmets and ran a team building day where 12 high-quality bikes were assembled and safety-checked by professionals. "It's incredibly humbling," says Director Steve Sudbury. "This is real stuff, changing real lives. If you can change even one life, you're doing well."

Launching in Term 3, the programme will teach Dreamers bike skills, maintenance, and repair. It will also offer opportunities to earn bike instructor qualifications - opening doors to future employment.



Freediving takes the Dreamer experience to new depths



“

I felt happy, it's fun to learn. I don't get to do things like this (freediving) normally. My friends should do it.

Shanna - Year 8 Dreamer

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Dream Partner Freedive Aotearoa, led by Sacha Williamson, has been working with High School Navigators Dwayne Tainui and Marcia Aperahama to offer a freediving programme for Dreamers. The programme goes beyond diving and also fosters confidence, leadership, and resilience through the tuakana-teina dynamic of older Dreamers teaching younger ones. The long term vision is that Dreamers will be able to achieve unit standards as well.

"We're all working together - cultivating, while in motion, it's a strong programme that keeps evolving," Sacha said.

The programme commences with crucial water safety skills, and making good decisions around the water. The depth of dives and length of breath holds is slowly extended as Dreamers gain confidence.

Hundertwasser Art Programme



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I liked the Hundertwasser (Art Centre) because I really like art. Sometimes we would go on the roof where we would get inspiration for our art.

K'Zahn, Year 6 Dreamer

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Since 2022, our Dreamers have had the opportunity to join a dedicated arts programme at Hundertwasser Art Centre with Wairau Māori Art Gallery in Whangārei.

Classes take place in some of the Centre's most inspiring spaces - including exhibition galleries and the iconic afforested rooftop - where Dreamers create clay sculptures, dream houses, and campaign posters on the issues that matter to them.

Programme Coordinator Jacinda Selman says, "It's the highlight of my week - guaranteed to fill my cup. The Dreamers remind me what art is really about: knowing who you are, being brave enough to show it." She adds, "Our partnership with IHAD helps extend manaakitanga to those who might not otherwise access our programmes. It's a real privilege."

Removing barriers to sport

ReSport Charitable Trust ensures our Dreamers can fully participate in sports by supplying new and gently used gear - from wetsuits to running shoes.

Their mahi not only supports equity in sport but also reduces textile waste in landfill.

They consistently show up whenever there's a need in our local community.



Dream Partners

Thank you to all of our Dream Partners including:

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He Oranga Tangata Fitness focused fundraising

A key focus this year for our team was to not only highlight the importance of hauora (wellbeing) and movement to our Dreamers, but to also lead by example. Thanks to our supportive community, three fundraising events offered both fitness and fun as well as financial benefits for I Have a Dream.

We kicked off with Activ8 Northland's 12 Hour Fitness Fundraiser, where local businesses sponsored 12 unique fitness classes over a 12 hour period. Participants were encouraged to join a single class, or multiple classes, with several brave souls taking on the challenge of completing all 12.

Other local businesses supported the kaupapa by providing breakfast, lunch, coffee and sponsorship to participants and an incredible \$12,036 was raised.

This was followed up by Sport Northland's ChillTech Beach to Basin where Dreamers were sponsored to participate by members of the community. Over 1,800 people attended and over \$1,000 was raised.

Navigator Whaea Rose had the brilliant idea to collect dreams at each 1km mark of the Beach to Basin on the backs of the t-shirts that she and her Dreamers wore. These dreams, ranging from swimming with dolphins to learning the electric guitar, became powerful motivators, reminding everyone to push forward and never give up, no matter the challenges.



Local community spirit fires up for fitness

Another major event we were the chosen charity for was the Classic 100. Hosted by Classic Builders Northland, the event challenged locals to walk or run 100kms in one month.

The I Have a Dream Team signed up to the challenge, adopting walking hui and weekly loops around the town basin. Navigators got their Dreamers involved with lunch time conga lines and after school run clubs. Many whānau members and local businesses also got involved to help raise awareness and money towards the final total of an incredible \$14,888.

Through their work, Classic Builders employ many young people, some of whom have been through the I Have a programme and have seen the impact of our programme first hand. It was important to Classic Builders to support a local charity and that funds raised would go to kids in their own community.



Funding streams launched

In response to feedback from many businesses that they would like to support a specific project or programme within I Have a Dream, rather than into a general pool, Funding & Partnerships Manager Jodie Hannam has launched dedicated funding streams that allow supporters to contribute to specific projects across 5 categories:

- **Arts & Culture**
- **Sports & Wellbeing**
- **STEM & Technology**
- **Academic & Scholarships**
- **Environmental & Conservation**



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We are so fortunate to have such a supportive community who get behind our events and initiatives, as well as creating their own. They see the impact of our work first-hand and want to help us improve the lives of kids who will be their future employees, apprentices, or neighbours. Our aim is to develop long-term partnerships with organisations across our community and work collaboratively to have a positive effect at a local level.

Jodie Hannam
Funding & Partnerships Manager

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Navigators are able to submit new projects that they would like to see funded at any time of year and several fantastic ideas have already been put forward.

As well as bringing new organisations with specific interests into the I Have a Dream ecosystem of supporters, this approach will help with longer term programme planning, and the ongoing development and refinement of the I Have a Dream curriculum.

Ko Ngā Pou Ārahi Leadership Team



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CEO



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Our Navigators



Khinhtay-yee (Htay) Matete
Year 0-1 Navigator
Primary School Team Lead



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Year 14 Navigator



Upper Hutt Navigators Henry Malo, Maima Stanley, and Numalani Fonoti

E rua Ngā Kaiarataki Hou ki Whakatiki 2 Navigators join Upper Hutt team

Since 2023, I Have a Dream has been operating in Upper Hutt in partnership with 4 A Better City Hutt Valley, with Maima Stanley serving as the sole Navigator based at Te Kura o Hau Karetu.

This year, two additional Navigators, Henry Malo and Numalani Fonoti were appointed to significantly enhance the team's capacity to provide the programme to five year groups and support taitamariki and their whānau in the area.

"It's awesome having two new Navigators," said Maima, who is currently with the Year 4-5 year group. "We're looking forward to raising achievements and nurturing future leaders."

Year 1 Navigator Numalani, brings diverse experience across not for profit, education and government sectors.

"There's a Samoan alagā'upu or whakataukī that goes, 'A malu i fale, e malu i fafo.' Numalani shared, It means that if you are safe within your home and within yourself, you are safe everywhere you go. It speaks to the importance of the feeling of safety in the development of a person's sense of self, worth, confidence and how they go on to perceive and

experience the world. I feel so incredibly privileged to be able to get to know our tamariki and create and be a safe space that encourages them to grow, dream and achieve."

Year 2-3 Navigator Henry will draw on his extensive experience in mental health and addictions, as well as his upbringing in a low socioeconomic area and the challenges of experiencing poverty to enrich his mahi

"It's not difficult to empathise with many of the Dreamers I've met - they come from spaces I'm familiar with," Henry explained.

"Having my own experience with mental health struggles and barriers to success in life from lack of support, gave me the willingness to want to see the best in others. So to be a part of a kid's journey and to see their full potential, was a no brainer and gives me a sense of pride.

"I am optimistic, enthusiastic and excited to see where this journey of supporting growth within Dreamers leads, as well as seeing the growth of, I Have a Dream. I believe a service like I Have a Dream should be in every school."

Dreamer voice



“

I think I've developed a real passion for photography just by playing around with the equipment.

Hinekohu
Year 8 Dreamer

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“

I really like helping Whaea Bailey with setting up the activities. My favourite thing I did this year was going to Hundertwasser.

Asia
Year 5 Dreamer

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“

I enjoyed the bike programme because I can practice tricks and learn from others. I follow the rules but I have crashed a few bikes.

Lahtrayl
Year 10 Dreamer

”



“

I like the cooking programme, it was really good. We did some supermarket shopping trips, and I learned about smart shopping.

Lahnelle
Year 9 Dreamer

”



“

I have really enjoyed I Have A Dream, my favourite has been climbing the trees, doing art, especially the canvas art and going swimming.

Rohkie
Year 5 Dreamer

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“

It's fun and joyful. We're surrounded in fun choices and fun people.

Nathan
Year 8 Dreamer

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Papa Kupu | Glossary

Ākonga (students/learners)
 Ākonga Moemoe (Dreamers)
 Aotearoa (New Zealand)
 Aroha (love)
 Hauora (wellbeing)
 Hui (meeting)
 Kaiako (teacher)
 Kaiarataki (Navigator)
 Kaimahi (staff)
 Kaimoana (seafood)
 Kaitiaki (conservationists, guardians)
 Kaupapa (purpose, programme)
 Kōrero (conversation)
 Kura (school)
 Mahi (work)
 Manaaki (care for / support - noun)
 Manaakitanga (care for / support - verb)
 Mātua - parents
 Mihi whakatau (welcome speech)
 Moemoeā (dreams)

Ngā kaiako (teachers)
 Pātaka Kai (pantry)
 Rangatahi (youth)
 Rōpū (group)
 Rongoā (medicinal plant)
 Taitamariki (young person)
 Tamariki (children)
 Tāpuna āwhina (in-kind support)
 Tautoko (support)
 Manaakitanga (give support/care)
 Te taiao (the natural world)
 Te Tai Tokerau (Northland)
 Tuakana-teina (Learning/leadership through peers)
 Tumuaiki (Principal)
 Tumu Whakahaere (General Manager)
 Tūpuna (Grandparents)
 Wahine Māori (Māori woman)
 Waiata (song)
 Wānanga (learning workshop)
 Whakatouki (proverb)
 Whānau (family)
 Whare (house)



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We experienced different environments on night walks and saw heaps of different creatures like possums, insects, eels, spiders, and fish. At night it was fun looking for fish and catching them for a closer look. Nick (from Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust - Whitebait Connection) is encouraging and enthusiastic.

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Reihana
 Year 10 Dreamer





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