



ONEHUNGA HIGH SCHOOL

GIFTS IN WILLS LEAFLET

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Can you build a better future for our Tamariki with a gift in your Will?



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This phrase comes from our school song and is one that we feel encapsulates what it is that's so special about education. An education builds brighter futures for our students. It sparks potential and sets fire to passions, providing a vital step for our students in the pathway they choose to walk through life.

We also know that gifts in Wills hold this same power. Sometimes called a legacy or a bequest, a gift you write into your Will is a statement of belief in a better future, and ensures you are a part of the school's work for years, maybe even decades, to come.

We know that leaving a gift in your Will is something that takes time and consideration. Writing your Will is a deeply personal and reflective act. Even though you are writing it now, it will essentially represent your last wishes. Who you wish to remember, those you want to honour, gifts you wish to give and thanks you want to pass on. Leaving a legacy is an incredibly powerful thing, and one that echoes far into the future.

We've produced this short introduction to gifts in Wills to for you to take away and read in your own time. If you have any further questions about this special type of giving and how you could leave a gift in your Will to support our future work, please get in touch with our relationship manager Clare on ckurtovich@ohs.school.nz

Why leave a gift in your Will to Onehunga High School?

Onehunga High School has a strong history of success and tradition. We are so proud to know we have a place in the hearts of many families and to welcome second and third generation students into our community. You might be reading this today as a former student or parent, or as someone with deep community ties to the school.

Whilst the school continues to grow its academic and vocational reputation for success, enriching our student experience reaches far beyond the classroom. Gifts in Wills create the opportunity to consider our next generation of students and build a future that offers them learning, aspiration and the ability to step into their potential.



Support the students of tomorrow

We know that some alumni and supporters of the school like to future proof their support by leaving a gift in their Will to allow their connection to the school to continue. To offer opportunity for the students of tomorrow and ensure the long reaching traditions they enjoyed as students are available for decades to come.

There are different types of gifts you can leave in your Will. We have outlined the three most common ones:

A residuary gift: This is a gift that comes from the residue (what's left over) once your estate has paid all its existing debts and any cash gifts. What's left can then be donated as residuary gifts. For instance, you might choose to split your remaining estate into 5 equal parts, leaving 20% each to five beneficiaries. These are popular gifts to leave as they retain their value over time.

A pecuniary gift: This is a cash gift that you can leave in your Will. It is a set amount determined by you that is paid out once all existing debts are paid (for instance your mortgage payments, outstanding bills). These are simple gifts to create as you decide the cash value and write it into your Will. For instance I leave \$1,000 to my beneficiary.

A specific gift: This could be an item that you choose to leave in your Will, such as a painting, piece of jewellery or item of sentimental value. These tend to be given to loved ones as opposed to organisations and are a beautiful way of passing down things of personal value to family and friends.

Talk to one of our team

We understand that making a Will is a huge undertaking, let alone deciding who you would like to remember in it. With such a big decision, it can be helpful to have a conversation with our staff to understand how a bequest could support our future work.

Our relationship manager Clare Kurtovich is here to help. If you would like to have a conversation with Clare either on the phone or by dropping into the school for a chat, please drop her an email on ckurtovich@ohs.school.nz to set this up.





How to leave a gift in your Will to Onehunga High School

If you are thinking about whether there is space in your Will to remember Onehunga High School, thank you. We are so very grateful to anyone considering supporting us in this special way. We understand that when it comes to making or updating your Will and considering which people and causes you may wish to leave a bequest to, it can be quite a daunting prospect. Below we have shared some helpful information on what to consider, and how to remember Onehunga High School in your Will if this is a decision you take.

Make an appointment with a legal professional

To ensure your wishes are captured in a clear and concise way and will reflect how you wish your estate to be distributed, we advise making or updating your Will with the support of a legal professional. This could be a solicitor or Will Writer. They will help you to navigate writing your Will and ensure it represents your instructions.

Consider what you have to leave

Before you meet with a legal professional it can be helpful to consider what you have to leave, known as your assets. This could be a house, bank accounts, shares, or other things you own. It's also useful to note any debts you have, such as an outstanding mortgage, loans or credit cards. These are known as liabilities.

Consider who you wish to remember

Your Will is an opportunity to provide for your loved ones. This is a time to reflect on who you would like to remember and how. Some people consider leaving a gift to organisations that have played a role in their lives. If there is an opportunity at this point to leave a gift to Onehunga High School, we would be incredibly grateful to be remembered in this way. You can share our full legal name: Onehunga High School with your legal professional to capture in your Will.

Writing and signing

Your legal professional will draft a Will that reflects your wishes. Once you are happy with it you can sign it and let your family know the safe place where it is stored. If you wish to let Onehunga High School know that you have left us a gift, we are always grateful to be able to thank you in advance and recognise the generous contribution you are making to the future of our Tamariki.

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