

## **KEY COMPETENCIES at AJHS**

***The NZ Curriculum defines KEY COMPETENCIES as:***

*“.....the capabilities people have, and need to develop, to live and learn today and in the future.”*

### **MANAGING SELF**

Students who are able to manage themselves are self-motivated, well organised and responsible for their learning. They come to lessons on time, are well prepared with resources and equipment and have a positive attitude to learning.

### **RELATING TO OTHERS**

This competency is about interacting effectively with other students and teachers in the school environment. It includes the ability to listen actively, recognise different points of view, contribute positively and be sensible and mature when relating to others.

### **PARTICIPATING AND CONTRIBUTING**

This competency includes a capacity to contribute by thinking and working cooperatively as a group member, to make connections with others, and to create opportunities for others in the group. Students are also recognised for volunteering to help others and acting in responsible ways where they are mindful of others.

### **THINKING**

This competency involves a student's ability to come up with ideas, find solutions, and reflect on their progress. Students display this by making links and connections, asking relevant questions, solving problems and being active learners.

### **USING LANGUAGE, SYMBOLS AND TEXT**

This competency looks at a student's ability to communicate effectively and appropriately. They do this by using clear language showing an understanding of texts, graphs, symbols and visual language.