

Year 6 Open Evening – Thursday 28th July 6.30pm – 8:00pm

This is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to come along and get some information about Waikowhai Intermediate, ask some questions and have a talk with senior leaders about our school. Your children are also welcome to attend.

Year 6 Open Day – Thursday 4th August 9.15am – 11.15am

This day is for parents, caregivers and their children to come to Waikowhai Intermediate and have a walk around with some of our students to see our school on a normal school day. Please come any time before 11.00am.

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Principal’s Message

To all prospective students and their families, I would like to offer a very warm welcome on behalf of all staff and existing students.

Intermediate Schools exist to provide the best environment, from which students entering a specific developmental phase of their lives, can thrive and grow under the guidance of staff who are enthusiastic and motivated to achieve excellence in early adolescent education. Our school motto is “Developing lifelong learners”, preparing our students for high school and beyond is our focus.

To ensure that all children have outstanding learning opportunities the Waikowhai Intermediate Board of Trustees made the decision to provide Chromebook computers one-to-one to all students from the start of 2016. However, in making this decision, the Board recognises that the Chromebooks are just a tool for learning and we know that the most important thing for learning is having outstanding teachers in classrooms. We have a wonderful team of teachers here at Waikowhai Intermediate that it is a privilege to work alongside to achieve the best possible outcomes for all our students. Through the written material in this prospectus you will see comments from many of our teachers about specific aspects of our school. Please feel free to contact any of them about our programmes.

We recognise that having a great staff is just the start and making meaningful connections with learners and their families is the other part of a team that will lead to successfully developing lifelong learners.

This journey starts with all children feeling safe and happy at school. We have an inclusive environment where staff provide a wide range of opportunities to engage all students. Please read through our prospectus to get an idea of the high quality of education and the wide range of opportunities that our staff provide.

If you would like further information about our school or you would like to meet with me, please contact the school office on 621-0460 or email me direct at: dking@wai-int.school.nz

David King

Principal

Learning Journals drive all learning at Waikowhai Intermediate. We use Learning Maps to gain a unique insight into how our students learn best and adjust our teaching practice accordingly to suit these needs. It involves the students' mapping of their learning environment and collaboration within networks of students, family-whānau and teachers to make positive changes. Learning Journals aid in the process of goal setting, help our students understand themselves as learners and ultimately become "active learners" through the alignment between learning connections, tools and sites of learning. – Amy Nicholls nicholls@wai-int.school.nz

Mathematics, formally defined as 'the science of numbers', is all around us, and is an important part of nearly everything we do - however is rarely regarded as such by many! At Waikowhai Intermediate, our classroom programmes encompass a wide range of Mathematical opportunities that not only cater to the students' learning needs and interests, but involve examples that are relatable to the world they live in. – Thanh Hoang hoang@wai-int.school.nz

At Waikowhai Intermediate, we try to dispel the common misunderstanding around '**inquiry**' as a subject or a noun, and instead encourage our students to understand that it is a process: it is a *doing* word. We learn through inquiring, through sparking our wonderment, and by asking questions. It is a skill that is not only necessary for success in the classroom, but is also an essential life skill. We follow the 'Spiral of Inquiry' model, which acts as a guide through the stages of the inquiry process. The stages are constantly revisited as we reflect on our progress and make the necessary adjustments to our learning journey. - Leanne Smith lsmith@wai-int.school.nz

At Waikowhai Intermediate it is our goal that every child will be motivated and engaged in all things **literacy**, developing strengths in literacy in order to take part in day to day life. Therefore, our programmes will include; differentiated instruction, a range of teaching strategies, authentic learning contexts, evidenced based targeted support, collaborative opportunities, use of thinking tools and IT. Learning Journals are fully utilised and literacy goals are shared with reflections gathered and acted upon. There will be a well-balanced, consistent approach to the teaching of Literacy. - Leanne Smith lsmith@wai-int.school.nz

Science plays a key role in fostering students' natural curiosity of the world. Students are encouraged to think like scientists and they have a wide variety of motivating experiences to engage them in this subject. - Sacha de Graaf degraaf@wai-int.school.nz

We offer a range of **languages**, taught in various ways, to enrich our students' knowledge base. Language learning is an important part of our curriculum and opens up a new world to the emerging adolescent. Languages is a Specialist subject in Year 7, and languages is also an area taught across the school.

- **Te Reo Maori** is taught across the school with various cultural and language activities including learning waiata at music assemblies, taking part in powhiri and the Te Kupu o te Rā or Word of the Day initiative.
- Specialist teachers are on site to teach **Japanese, Mandarin** and **Korean** to our students, both in whole class settings and in smaller groups of interested students.
- **French** is also taught as an enrichment class for small groups of interested students.
 - Julie Collard collard@wai-int.school.nz

Specialist Classes

Visual Arts at Waikowhai is about students being active risk takers. The arts curriculum supports inquiry learning where students are encouraged to 'think outside of the box' and engage with possibly unexpected outcomes or uncover several solutions to a problem. Arts learners develop practical skills and knowledge through the opportunity to develop their creativity and critical thinking. – Rachael Botica botica@wai-int.school.nz

Performing Arts takes place in our dedicated performing arts suite. It is an opportunity for students to learn, grow and express themselves in dance, drama and music. There are many different performing arts groups that children can involve themselves in throughout the year and all students will experience this part of our school through the specialist programme. – Joanna Toloa toloa@wai-int.school.nz

Food Technology is fun and exciting. The students gain an understanding of how to prepare and cook nutritious meals on a budget and develop healthy habits for Life. Many students arrive having never been a part of the cooking process in their homes. They leave with a greater knowledge of foods and confidence to plan, prepare and cook for a family. – Rhonda Moir moir@wai-int.school.nz

Design Technology – Students are challenged to think outside the box and use their creativity when completing design challenges. Our students learn about and work with a variety of materials, working towards a tangible outcome. - Sacha de Graaf degraaf@wai-int.school.nz

Languages – From 2020, Languages were added to our specialist rotation for Year 7 students as language learning is valued at Waikowhai Intermediate. Japanese, Chinese and French are all available for students and these classes give students a valuable foundation in language learning heading into high school. - Julie Collard collard@wai-int.school.nz

Inclusive Education

The goal at Waikowhai Intermediate is to ensure students with **Special Education Needs** receive the support they need by providing opportunities to enhance their learning through successful coordination of services, effective teaching practices, efficient and experienced support staff and engaging programmes that are meaningful and consist of well-scaffolded resources.

It is the intention of Waikowhai Intermediate to provide all students with the opportunity to improve their literacy at their own level. **Support programmes** are based on research proven methodology and resources. Not only are the students motivated by the purposeful and engaging activities but they also gain confidence in their literacy abilities.

At Waikowhai Intermediate, the **ESOL** course is designed to equip students from diverse language backgrounds with skills to participate successfully in a mainstream classroom and learn about our way of life in New Zealand. All ESOL students get support from a specialist teacher in a small group environment that fits alongside with differentiation in the classroom. – Cathy Ioelu ioelu@wai-int.school.nz

Gifted and Talented

It is important to us that all students reach their potential and we therefore offer a wide range of gifted and talented classes. There are **extension programmes** in science, mathematics, dance, art, food technology, chess and robotics. Most of these classes are clustered on a Friday so they do not interfere with normal classroom programmes.

Arts and Culture

Art extension is a platform where Year 8 students can build on their previous experiences and create art works of increasing sophistication and complexity. With time on their side they are able to further explore and celebrate their artistic expression.

Dance Extension provides students with a talent in dance to extend themselves in this area, through a variety of forms of dance. Dance extension takes place in the dance studio in the performing arts suite.

We have **Kapa haka** most weeks to practice waiata, moteatea and haka. Kapa haka is the term for Māori performing arts and literally means to form a line (**kapa**) and dance (**haka**). At Waikowhai Intermediate we are able to provide our students the opportunity and experience to learn Maori language and culture through waiata and performance. Students will be able to showcase their ability to enjoy the movements, sights and sounds of learning a culture. “Kia kōrero te katoa o te tinana” - *Henare Teowai*. “The whole body should speak!” - Timena Muna muna@wai-int.school.nz

Our **rock band** has won the Bandquest competition on a number of occasions in the past. Each year students come with skill, talent and enthusiasm and are moulded together into a successful band that makes the most of their individual talents. **Musiqhub** is also on site to provide itinerant music lessons. Their flyer is enclosed.

Waitunes Choir is a large inclusive group that gives students the opportunity to learn about and experience the joy of choral singing.

Waifest is a festival that celebrates Waikowhai Intermediate’s many **cultural groups**. Tongan, Samoan, Cook Island, Bollywood, Irish dance, Line dancing, Jazz dance groups and **many** others perform at this festival in term 1.

School Production or Movie Night is another very special annual event that puts many of our students on stage and in the spotlight, in term 3.

Sport and Outdoor Education

Waikowhai Intermediate is a member of the AAIMS Year 7 & 8 Sporting Organisation. AAIMS is made up of 9 Zones across greater Auckland and Waikowhai is part of the **Central Zone**. At a Central Zone level, we are able to compete against 25 schools in our area in a wide variety of sports. These sports are Tennis, Softball, Cricket, Swimming, Orienteering, Kilikiti, League Tag, Rugby Sevens, Futsal, Football, Rugby, Hockey, Table Tennis, Netball, Basketball, Rugby League, Cross Country, Gymnastics, Volleyball, Touch Rugby, Badminton, Athletics and Golf. These sports are held on a separate single day throughout the year. Each sport has a different composition when it comes to tournament divisions. For the most part each sport is separated by gender but on some occasions this can be Year group specific as well.

Outside of Central Zone/AAIMS we also have two sports that are involved in weekly competitions. These are Waterpolo and Netball.

We are aware that some of our students have sporting talents that are not covered by AAIMS and we are very willing to help in any way to support any sport that these students undertake. – Pooja Bhikha bhikha@wai-int.school.nz

Outdoor Education also plays a valuable role in our school. Each year our Year 7 classes are invited to attend a **camp** at Finlay Park, Lake Karapiro in the Waikato. The Year 8 classes experience **Surf Safety** at the beginning of the year and then experience a week of activities at the end of the year.

Transport

Waikowhai Intermediate can be accessed by several bus services.

1. Metrolink (as of 8 July 2018)

27W & 27H – Three Kings Loop

680 – Onehunga to New Lynn via Blockhouse Bay

25L – Dominion Rd to Lynfield

511 + 568 – School buses servicing the Lynfield area and Onehunga area respectively.

The timetable for bus times can be found at www.at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry

2. From Mangere Bridge

Kiwi Coach Charters Ltd operates a daily service between Mangere Bridge and Waikowhai Intermediate.

Phone: 09 6365232 email: info@kiwicoaches.co.nz website: www.kiwicoaches.com



Uniform

Waikowhai Intermediate School requires students to wear the regulation uniform in school at all times. This gives a sense of belonging. It allows all children to be equally well dressed. The school has a contract with The Uniform Centre, 558 Remuera Rd, Remuera to supply the school uniform. The School Uniform Shop is here on site every Monday and Thursday morning from 8.15am - 9.00am during term time, except for the last week of term, due to stock taking.

<p>Standard School Uniform:</p> <p>A navy bucket hat (compulsory for all students during Term 1 and 4)</p> <p>Blue polo shirt with school monogram Blue culottes or navy blue shorts Red polar fleece with school monogram</p> <p>Footwear: Plain black sandals (all black including labels and soles) or plain black shoes (all black including labels and soles) with plain navy blue ankle socks.</p>	<p>Optional:</p> <p>School jacket Skin coloured/navy/black tights under clothes and socks.</p> <p>PE Uniform:</p> <p>Navy and Red PE top Navy shorts Sport shoes with white socks</p>
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Extras

Earrings: Small, gold or silver studs – in ears only.

Hair: Hair ties black or navy blue. All hair past shoulder length must be tied up. Natural hair colour only.

Scarves / gloves: Navy blue or black.