



Cohort Entry

Cohort entry is about helping children to settle better in school. There's evidence that starting school alongside other children helps children build relationships and supports a smoother entry to school life.

We believe it offers our tamariki the best start to their school life. It also means less disruption for our new entrant teachers who can prepare for groups of children arriving on a specific date, rather than on an individual and ad hoc basis throughout the year.

New entrants start school as a group after they have turned five, and there will be two entry points per term (beginning and mid-point).

2023 Mid-Term Dates for Schools with Cohort Entry

TERM	START OF TERM DATE	MID-TERM DATE	END OF TERM DATE
1	01/02/2023	27/02/2023	06/04/2023
2	24/04/2023	29/05/2023	30/06/2023
3	17/07/2023	21/08/2023	22/09/2023
4	09/10/2023	13/11/2023	15/12/2023

The mid-term date is the mid-point between the start of the term and the start of the next term.

- If your child's birthday is before the **start of term date**, then they can start school at the **beginning of that term**.
- If their birthday is between the **start of term date** and the **mid term date**, then they can start school on the **mid term date**.
- If their birthday is between the **mid term date** and the **start of the next term's date** then they can start school at the beginning of the next term.