



Tauranga Intermediate School



New Zealand

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Our school was established in 1958 on a promontory overlooking the Tauranga inner harbour. The fact that we represent a cross section of New Zealand society is something we are proud of and which gives us the vitality, energy and spontaneity for which we are known.

Emerging adolescence is such an important developmental stage and the Tauranga Intermediate School Board has been careful to ensure

that the design, staffing and learning programmes of the school are 'best fit' for these emerging adolescents.

Emerging adolescents enjoy exposure to opportunity and the opportunities available within this school are immense and reflect a 21st Century learning environment. In this way our students are well prepared to experience success at their respective high schools in the future. Coupled with opportunity is competition and this is evident in all we do; where individuals are recognised for personal growth, while outstanding achievement is warmly affirmed.

The key to ensuring the realisation of our strategies is to employ a blend of

youth and experience within our staff and to employ staff who are enthused to make a discretionary commitment to our students, not only in their personal professional learning but in academic, sporting and cultural activities outside of the normal school day.

Tauranga Intermediate School is a large, secure, challenging emerging adolescent learning context and we warmly invite you and your child to become part of the Tauranga Intermediate experience.

Come to explore your personal potential through exploration and inquiry. Experience the fun and fulfillment resulting from this!

Achieving our goals

Tauranga Intermediate School takes great pride in offering a two year programme that provides a range of opportunities to enable your student to develop the skills so important in becoming a learner for life.

Time at our school is about celebrating success in all its forms. Whether you achieve top honours in the NECT AMS Games, lift your academic performance to a new high or contribute to a worthy community cause, your exceptional effort and determination will be recognised.

Nowhere is the celebration more evident than at our regular School Assembly, House Hui, Whanau Hui, Spirit Trophy, Honours Badges, our academic, cultural and sports prize-givings, and of course our classroom and school-wide S.T.A.R.s awards. Academic, sporting and cultural achievement is acknowledged openly and warmly, and our top achievers become role models and mentors to their fellow students.

Leadership is also encouraged and celebrated at all levels across Tauranga Intermediate School. Throughout your time at our school you will be given numerous opportunities to take on leadership roles and explore your personal and collective potential. Whether a house leader, sports, cultural or class captain, the responsibilities you assume will be respected and encouraged. The leadership skills you develop at Tauranga Intermediate School will serve you well as you move on to secondary school and beyond.



Looking out for others

Tauranga Intermediate School is very fortunate to own and administer an outdoor education facility. The Ngamuwahine

Outdoor Education Lodge is nestled at the foot of the Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park and is one of our favourite classrooms.

Annual enhancements to the lodge make it a state-of-the-art centre for our outdoor education programme, promoting adventure based activities where our motto is 'challenge through encouragement'.

You will attend the lodge for a five day camp in Year Seven and again in Year Eight and will be faced with a challenging programme provided by our Head of Outdoor Education. The 'Ngamuwahine Experience' is interwoven into the classroom providing a powerful experience for you.

Activities involving students range from rock climbing to high ropes, from mountain biking to trampolining and from rafting to paint ball. A truly adventurous programme. A remarkable difference is noted in a student's personal confidence and self esteem once they have attended the lodge.

In addition you will be involved in a range of outdoor learning experiences that are closely linked to inquiry topics centred around Mathematics, Literacy, Science and The Arts. These experiences make learning powerful within your classroom environment.



Working together

Our aim is to assist our students to explore their potential so that they become caring and

positive contributors to 21st century society.

In addition to recognising their individual uniqueness we will also help them to recognise and respect the uniqueness of others by giving them a broader understanding of the bicultural and multi-cultural nature of our school and New Zealand society. This will guide and develop an awareness of their individual responsibilities as a global citizen.

The teaching methods and technologies we engage in the classroom are cutting edge. Staff will provide the scaffolds, the environment and the support to enable each student to reach their individual potential. They will create a positive school culture based on mutual respect and understanding, inspiring you to strive for your personal best at all times. All of our teachers are committed to an annual programme of professional learning that keeps them responsive to latest thinking in their pivotal role as a facilitator of learning.

In 2017 we officially opened our purpose-built Innovative Learning Environment which supports collaboration and strengths-based teaching and learning. Three syndicates work in their individual pods. These new spaces offer teachers flexibility, openness and access to resources.



Respecting one another

Sport is an extremely important part of the culture of Tauranga Intermediate School. We believe that through sport families can unite. During their two years at our school students will be able to experience a wide variety of sports exploring their interests and talents.

At Tauranga Intermediate you will experience a rich and varied sporting tradition. Through your classroom programme you will experience a number of sporting opportunities each week during both the summer and winter terms. You will have the opportunity to compete in a fierce inter-house sporting competition and participate in our swimming, cross country and athletics championships.

Each term there is a large number of sports offered to our students both at school and through outside providers. We are extremely fortunate to have a committed group of staff members who are passionate about providing rich sporting opportunities for our students. We are a member of the Poverty Bay, Bay of Plenty sporting cluster which provides an array of competitions for our students to compete against the best in the region.

Annually, in term three, the Anchor AIMS Games hosted in Tauranga is the pinnacle of our sporting year. Over 11,000 students from across New Zealand, Australia and the Cook Islands compete in 21 sports. Over the fifteen years the tournament has been contested, Tauranga Intermediate has finished the top school fourteen times. This is an achievement we are extremely proud of.



Critical thinkers

Tauranga Intermediate School endeavours to provide for its students and teachers a modern learning environment equipped with modern learning resources.

Information Communication Technologies are an integral part of modern teaching and learning practice, facilitating a new educational paradigm of student centred, authentic, personalised learning – anywhere, anytime.

All students are issued with a personalised iPad for their exclusive use whilst attending Tauranga Intermediate School. This particular mobile technology provides the means for students to become collaborative and independent learners, armed with digital tools to enable location of relevant information, creation of new personal learning synergies and sharing of these with their teacher, school, home and wider connected communities.



Caring thinkers

When your student becomes part of our Tauranga Intermediate family, they become part of an international community. Through a variety of programmes, they will meet, become friends with and work alongside, students from our wider New Zealand community as well as from many parts of the world.

You will be immersed in our S.T.A.R.S. programme when you are at Tauranga Intermediate. Safety, Team, Achieve, Respect, and Sense of fun/nour, underpin and support our restorative approach with PōL (Positive Culture for Learning). Pivotal to this is your attendance at school each day.

An integral part of the PōL programme is restorative practice and you will be introduced to many skills that will enable you to negotiate, mediate, reflect and to restore relationships. You will be involved in mini-chats, circle times, class and maybe, community conferences. Everyone has a right to come to school and to be safe and it is through understanding relationships and taking responsibility for your actions that you will enhance your learning opportunities and ensure your safety and the safety of others.

Through the Director of International Students you will have many and varied opportunities to meet students from our sister schools, Yang Ming Junior High School in Taiwan and Phookpaeng School in Thailand. You will also meet and host students from Tauranga's sister city, Yantai (China) and the Labo group from Japan. This is a wonderful opportunity for both you and your family to build relationships and to further develop your understanding of other cultures.

Every second year, you will have the opportunity to apply for a place for the overseas experience. In recent years, students have visited Portugal, The Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Turkey, Egypt, South Africa and New Caledonia.

In 2019 the school group will travel to China.



Creative thinkers

A wide range of opportunities is available for students to pursue at Tauranga Intermediate. Our staff provide a network of people that students will be able to access to ensure their cultural aspirations are met.

The Arts team is led by specialist staff who are actively involved in performing and visual arts.

Students have the opportunity to explore their creative artistic talents by being involved in the major school production and Arts Week which are held on alternate years. The school production provides a supportive platform for rising young actors, singers and musicians to step out and showcase their talents in a professional setting at Baycourt Theatre. Students can also be involved with script writing, song composition, costuming, set design and other behind the scenes roles.

Opportunity is also offered to students to be involved in a variety of performing groups which reflect the mix of cultures within our school. Our Kapa Haka group is open to all students and this group represents us at many school functions as well as at competition level.

Tauranga Intermediate also offers four Technology subjects. These involve students solving real life problems, following technological processes. In addition, the Technology team offer extension classes and the opportunity to participate in school, inter-school, and national competitions.





Special Education

The Special Education Needs Department is located in the Wellness Centre. We have a number of facilities to provide for the special needs of students.

A Special Needs Management Committee oversees this area. On this committee are the SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator), School Counsellor, QKS Teacher, four Youth Mentors, the Principal of the Tauranga Special School and the Deputy Principal of Tauranga Intermediate.

Facilities are provided for students with special academic, social and physical needs. A counsellor provides support for students and parents of students with social, emotional and academic needs.

The Adolescent Health Nurse provides counselling and medical support for students.

The Tauranga Special School Satellite Class provides academic programmes for students with high learning needs.

Our Youth Mentors support students who may have difficulty engaging in learning.

All students with special needs are mainstreamed, except for the Tauranga Special School Satellite Class pupils.

Multimedia

Tauranga Intermediate recognises the importance of developing multi-dimensional students who will thrive in the 21st Century.

Multimedia is a digital environment that encompasses current technology within the school curriculum. Students will be highly motivated and engaged in this inquiry driven, creative and collaborative environment. These interactive environments provide opportunities for students to work together, problem solve and work within authentic contexts that will broaden their thinking. As students work on their laptops and with a range of resources, they will be encouraged to use tools and applications that best support their learning.

Family have the opportunity to be involved with their child's progress and achievements as they happen, as work is regularly published online. Multimedia is a hands-on environment that will allow your child to think critically, creatively and be engaged in their learning.

Communication

The school utilises a range of tools to communicate with parents. These include our website, Facebook pages, our school App, SeeSaw blogs, email, phone and regular newsletters.

The school and sports newsletters are provided via an internet link which is emailed to parents, or from the school website – www.taurangas-int.school.nz. Parents are asked to read the information these contain as it is produced to inform you of the happenings in the school.

Technology

Technology is a creative, purposeful activity aimed at meeting needs and offering opportunities through the development of products, systems or environments. Knowledge, skills and resources are combined to help solve practical problems.

Tauranga Intermediate offers four Technology subjects over the two years:

- *Digital Technology*
- *Food Technology*
- *Multi Materials Technology*
- *Hard Materials Technology*

Both Year Seven and Year Eight students work to solve real life problems, following technological processes.

Technology also offers extension classes for those students who wish to pursue more challenging technology opportunities. Students will be provided with the opportunity to participate in a variety of technological challenges within the school, interschool, nationally and in partnership with the business community.

Food Technology holds an annual Master Chef Duo Competition. Young designers were active all year with various community and national competitions and the Year Six Orientation Concert in November. Hard Materials takes part in an up-cycle competition. We also provide a robotics programme.



Learning Conferences

All students at Tauranga Intermediate School lead student learning conferences twice a year. The conferences are a conversation between students, parents and teachers, focused on recent learning and the setting of targets in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their learning, in particular what they are learning, where they need to get to and the next steps in their learning. It is a powerful experience for students to have a leading role in enhancing the partnership between home and school by sharing their learning with their family and whānau.

Children with Special Abilities (CWSA)

At Tauranga Intermediate School our Children with Special Abilities (CWSA) programme offers an accelerated curriculum at the same time catering for the social and emotional needs of identified children.

In this environment students are supported by experienced teachers to learn at advanced levels, maximising their potential. International and national testing is a compulsory component of our programme. Future Problem Solving is a major component in our teaching and learning programme and provides students with opportunities to develop creative, critical and analytical thinking by exploring complex societal issues.



Bilingual

*Papaki huaa nga tai ki Moana
/ Whakarerekekehi
/ Whakarereke e Houa o Wāhinerua ki
te wā
Ki tai wāwā ki tai wawa
Ki te ao mārama
Tei mouri ao*

Matai House is a syndicate made up of six classes, the whānau classes are composite (Year 7 and 8 combined). Students are placed in classes consistent with their level of competence in Te Reo me ōna Tikanga Māori. The official name for the Māori Bilingual Unit of Matai is: *Te Whānau o Te Māra*.

Te Whānau o Te Māra offers students an opportunity to learn Te Reo me ōna Tikanga in a secure Māori learning environment with full Mārae facilities and classrooms.

Our philosophy for the unit is to prepare students to lead confidently as Māori, participate collaboratively as Māori, respectfully adapt to challenges and contribute to our society as Māori.

Kapahaka is a compulsory component for you and there is an opportunity to be selected for annual regional competitions to qualify for Nationals every two years.



International Students

The school promotes and encourages students to participate in the hosting of international students. This enhances our students' perspective of global diversity.

The school is continuously expanding links with schools in other countries, promoting exchanges of information and building international understanding.

Our school requires families who are willing to host international students - either short or long term. It is appreciated when a family opens their home to a student so far from their home. These experiences are positive for both the family and international student.

Please register your interest in hosting an overseas student, at the administration office.



School Hours

The Tauranga Intermediate School day elects for students at 8.30am. At this time, all students should be in class, check off the roll with the class teacher and have the tools of the trade ready to start at 8.45am.

Interval is 20 minutes from 10.50am to 11.10am.

The lunch break is from 1.00pm until 2.00pm.

School finishes at 3.00pm. There is no change in the time school finishes. We do not shorten the day if it is wet.

Tauranga Intermediate School Parent Group

Our very proactive parent group meets once a month and all parents are encouraged to attend these meetings. Our parent group is not a fundraising body, rather it is an information sharing group. Each meeting has a purpose which is generally focused on student achievement and well-being. Very comprehensive reports are presented by the Principal and the staff representative.

Visiting speakers are invited to address the parent group on a variety of topics of current interest such as Cyber Bullying, Life Education, Kia Kahā.

The parent group is a fantastic way to find out what is happening in the school, to support staff and students and to meet with parents of students from a wide range of primary schools.

Student Council

The Student Council consists of two elected students from each house, one male and one female. The students are Year eight students. From these twenty students, a Head Boy and a Head Girl will be selected. Deputy Head students will also be selected.

The Student Council will have an annual project which members decide and raise funds for. They also support a child through World Vision, the Tai Mitchell Rugby team, CANTEEN, the Cancer Society and a variety of other charities.

The Student Council organises and runs a disco in each term and also holds fundraisers to raise funds.

The Student Council combines with student leaders from Owhirotaia Intermediate and Mount Maunganui Intermediate for a Leadership Camp at Ngāmwahine.

Board of Trustees

Tauranga Intermediate is strongly supported by the governance of its Board of Trustees. The board consists of parent representatives with a mix of skills, as well as a staff representative and the school Principal.

The Board is committed to ensuring students at Tauranga Intermediate have the best possible learning opportunities during their time at the school. Enhancing student achievement is the Board's focus and trustees work for positive outcomes for all concerned.

Tauranga Intermediate's most recent report from the Education Review Office was exemplary and the Board will continue to build on the good results that have been achieved.



Enrolments

Parents of Contributing School children at Tauranga Intermediate are requested to fill in the enrolment card and administration forms when received and return them to their Year Six teacher. Parents who wish to have interviews for an appointment with the Pastoral Deputy Principal, prior to class lists being compiled in early November. Changes will not be able to be made after Orientation Day.

Students from outside the traditional school zone will have to be entered on our school ballot. Attendance at one of our Contributing Schools does not give out-of-zone students automatic right to attend Tauranga Intermediate.

The ballot for out-of-zone students closes and is drawn in September.

Teaching for our Children with Special Abilities (CWSA) classes will take place at the end of term three. Please contact the office for a timetable.

Student Phones

Students have access to two student phones, one in the Wellness Centre and the other in the Student Office. **Student cellphones are not allowed on the school site.** Keeping cellphones turned off in bags, is not permitted. If a student is found with a cellphone at school, the phone will be handed in to the Main Office for collection by the parents / caregivers of the student.

Cameras and other electronic devices are not allowed at school unless they have been supplied by the school, for use at school.



Uniform

Our school uniform is available from Active Schoolwear in Grey Street. Please refer to the attached Uniform List.

We have one uniform for the whole year with the exception of footwear.

In terms one and four, all students wear black roman sandals.

In terms two and three, all students wear black, leather, lace up shoes.

For terms two and three, girls may wear either navy blue socks or navy blue tights.

For these two winter terms the boys will wear our school socks.

The physical education uniform is available from the Wellness Centre at school.

This consists of the house colour t-shirt and our blue PE shorts. Neither of these items is on sale from other outlets.

Hair must be tied up if it is below the collar. No jewellery is permitted except for one stud earring in each ear. These studs must be plain gold, silver or stainless. Sleepers may be worn.

Cyclists

Cyclists must wear helmets and must have a lock to secure their bicycle. A cycle track that bypasses 15th Avenue and Tunnel Road makes this area safer for our students. The school has a secure lockup compound where bikes are held during school hours.



Honours Badges

We recognise in our students, commitment to tasks, sports, learning and supporting others. Our Honours Badge is achievable for all students. The badge has four quarters or four aspects to be signed off. Once this is achieved an Honours Badge will be presented at House Hit.

Once a badge has been achieved, there are six bars that can be awarded. Each bar consists of four quarters. The bars are Academic, Sport, Citizenship, Cultural, Elite Sport and Elite. The Honours Bars are not easy to achieve and once completed, they are presented at assembly.

Recipients of the Elite Bars are also acknowledged at the Final Assemblies.

PCAL/RP STARS

STARS – Safety, Team, Achieve, Respect, Sense of Humour

Positive student engagement is supported by two significant processes, Classroom and school-wide. Every student will receive a 'Click Card' which is clicked for every day they are present at school.

Each student will receive a band at the start of their schooling at T1s. Once the student reaches 40 days of attendance, they will receive a second band. Once a further fifty days attendance is reached, the student will receive a STARS badge.

School-wide positive behaviour is awarded with a STARS card for their house points and it will also allow them to be in the draw for a STARS hoodie at the end of each term.





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