



Principal's welcome

Welcome and warm greetings to all parents and students considering enrolment at Kowhai Intermediate for 2017.

Kowhai is a unique school perfectly positioned to prepare your child for the opportunities, challenges and responsibilities that lie just ahead. The diverse composition of our school community and our location at the heart of Auckland City means that we are living at the forefront of change.

Our vision is to prepare and enable our students to step confidently into the future as well rounded individuals. This vision is well supported by our strong sense of school culture, values and teaching programmes.

We know the needs of this age group and our programmes reflect this. We know learning must be meaningful, it must be challenging, it must be fun and it must be viewed from a student perspective.

At Kowhai we know that student achievement is strengthened by strong partnerships between home and school so we look forward to the opportunity of working with you, in strong partnership, over the next two years.

I look forward to answering any of your queries and encourage you to visit the school, attend our open evening or one of our open days.

Nouse

Louise Broad Principal



We learn. No exceptions.

Ka ako mo ake tonu atu.

E leai se 'Alofaga o le Ola A'oa'oina

Our students will step confidently into the future,
as well rounded individuals.

WE VALUE

Whanau

We include everyone We work together We look after each other

Respect

Respect our diversity Respect our environment Respect Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Learning

Personalised learning Fun and challenge Celebration of successes

Confidence

Confident in ourselves Confident in each other Confident to try new things

Fairness

We are honest We do what is right We listen to each other

SCHOOL PROVERB

Ko taku toa he toa takitini.

My strength comes from my whanau and those who came before me.

Kowhai Intermediate School 2016 ERO Report

For our latest excellent report by the Education Review Office, visit www.ero.govt.nz

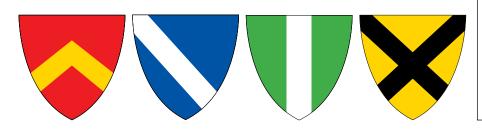






Our history and traditions

Kowhai Intermediate was established in October 1922 and is New Zealand's first intermediate school. In keeping with the school's tradition, students join one of the four school houses of Burns, Garrard, Parr and Rudman. Students collect points for their house through their involvement in school life and for maintaining school values. The school also continues the tradition of formal assembly. Classes take turns to lead the assembly and parents are welcome to attend.



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Five priorities at Kowhai

Learning to learn

Kowhai Intermediate School is committed to teaching children how to learn. We don't see children as empty buckets to be filled up with information. We believe children need to learn how to build up their own understandings.

Quality teachers

The school is staffed by a balance of men and women; teachers with interests and skills and a passion for teaching intermediate-age children. Kowhai teachers use current best teaching practices and engage in regular professional development. It is the teacher that makes the

greatest difference to student achievement and Kowhai teachers know how to inspire and challenge their students to excellence.

Focus on literacies

Literacy and numeracy are twin priorities at Kowhai. There are proven reading, writing and speaking programmes in every class, alongside lessons in understanding and communication in the language of number. Digital literacy is essential so that our students can safely navigate the ocean of ideas, opinions and information available via the internet. Learning others' languages prepares

our children to move between cultures confidently. We aim to produce richly articulate young people in all these literacies.

Personalised learning

Each child comes with their unique collection of experiences, interests and abilities. Our school is set up to identify the needs of individual learners and support individual pathways to development. We personalise your child's education.

Fun with challenge

This is the age to try out new challenges. We cater for this liveliness and inquisitiveness through exciting physical, cultural and creative enrichment, such as camps, competitions and events.









What will I learn at Kowhai?

At Kowhai, students have their own classroom and teacher who teaches them most of the curriculum.
Classes are in teams that we call Whanau Whero, Whanau Takahe, Whanau Matau, Whanau Kotuku, Whanau Apārangi and Whanau Pounamu. Each whanau has a mix of separate year 7 and year 8 classes so that students from both levels get to know each other.

The lead teacher of each Whanau is a member of the Kowhai leadership team.

Each week, classes spend some periods with specialist teachers, who teach technology, ICT and media, visual art, music and performing arts.

Our curriculum

Kowhai's curriculum follows all the learning areas of the New Zealand curriculum:

- **★** English
- **★** Mathematics
- **★** Science

- **★** Social sciences
- ★ Health and physical education
- **★**Technology
- **★**The arts
- **★** Second languages

Talent development and extension programmes

Every class has a streamed programme in English and mathematics to ensure that students are challenged to excel. Our social inquiry learning allows students to go deeper in areas of study that interest them. Talent Development modules offer a variety of enrichment opportunities that students can select in academic subjects and the arts.

We encourage gifted students to take part in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) examinations in a range of curriculum areas. Students with high level abilities can tackle Otago University Maths (a termly problem-solving challenge) and the annual Mathex competition. For avid readers there is the Auckland Lit Quiz competition.

Extension programmes in literacy and numeracy also cater for small groups of students who have exceptional abilities.

Future Problem Solving (FPS) is also offered at Kowhai. FPS is a highly regarded and well-researched international educational programme that develops creative, critical and caring thinking skills. Each year at Kowhai, groups either enter the stepping stones programme or the competitive programme.

Learning support

Kowhai Intermediate is an inclusive school where students with special needs are integrated into mainstream classes with appropriate support. Kowhai has a learning support centre, the Totara Room, where an experienced teacher provides targeted instruction for students using such resources as Learning Staircase (a computer-based literacy programme).





Information and communication technologies – ICT

ICT tools and resources are used across the curriculum, including portable devices, desktop computers and data projectors for each class. There is a school-wide wireless network and Google Apps are used by students in their daily learning. Each student has a Google account for learning.

In 2017 we request that our Y7 students bring their own device (chrome book) to school.

If a student does not own a chrome book the school will have chrome books available for intermittent use.

Our bilingual learning units

Kowhai operates two special progammes.

Te Whanau Pounamu – Maori

Te Whanau Pounamu is a parallel pathway of learning that is underpinned by Tikanga Maori and is delivered through Te Reo Maori. Graduates of Te Whanau Pounamu are empowered culturally with a strong sense of identity and are competent, confident and connected lifelong learners.

Toku reo toku ohooho Toku reo toku mapihi maurea Toku reo toku whakakai marihi Ahakoa he iti, he iti Pounamu.

Gāfoa le Ata - Samoan

Gāfoa le Ata - The Break of Dawn, is our Samoan bilingual class, for students whose Samoan heritage and language is acknowledged and incorporated into their everyday learning. The class programme follows the New Zealand curriculum with a clear focus on biliteracy in both Samoan and English. Our philosophy is guided by three principles: language, identity and support, and aims to significantly improve our students' academic achievements and personal growth. Students with prior Samoan language experience are preferred; however we welcome enquiries from all interested families. Students must undertake a language assessment to meet language competency and participate in an interview before being accepted

O Gāfoa le Ata o se vasega e fa'aogaina ai gagana e lua (Fa'aperetania ma le Fa'aSamoa) e a'aoaina ai matupu eseese. O lenei vasega o se vasega e tu'u fa'atasia ai le tausaga fitu ma le tausaga valu.

O lo'o mulimulita'i polokalame a lenei vasega i Ta'iala o a'oa'oga a Niu Sila. O lenei vasega e talafeagai lea mo tamati uma o lo'o mafai ona tautala ma tusitui i le Gagana Samoa, pe i ai foi se silafia i le gagana. E le taofia ai lou susu mai e fa'atalatalanoa se avanoa mo lou alo pe a fia auai ai i lenei vasega.







What can I do outside the classroom?

Sports programmes

Kowhai has a strong and successful sporting tradition and students can trial for school representative teams in many different sports.

We compete in the following sports:

* Athletics, cross country, swimming, cricket, softball, touch rugby, tennis, volleyball, basketball, netball, soccer, rugby sevens, hockey, league, table tennis and futsal.

Team practices often occur before or after school, supervised by teachers or coaches. A fitness club meets before school during the year, catering for students interested in improving their performance at a competitive level. Girls' netball teams compete in a Saturday morning inter-school competition. Boys and girls compete in the midweek basketball competition at Unitec. Inter-house and inter-whanau sporting and games competitions involving the whole school, occur throughout the year.

Intermediate sports camp

Up to fifty of our top sports people compete at the week-long Intermediate Sports Camp held in Matamata each year. Our most talented sports students test themselves in a wide range of disciplines. The Kowhai Intermediate School team has won the championship title for the past four years.

Trent Bray Swim School

We have a special relationship with the Trent Bray Swim School. This modern indoor heated pool complex is situated on our school grounds. Kowhai Intermediate students have year-round access to the pool and the swim school's top quality instructors.

All students have the opportunity to take part in swimming instruction for at least two terms of the year. Students access this programme free of charge. Kowhai club and competitive swimmers use the pool all year for training under the swim school's instruction.

Camps, trips and adventures

Learning at Kowhai includes camps, adventure days and field trips. Over their two years here, students attend a school camp and a Marae experience.

The William Pike Challenge Award is offered at Kowhai and is a great opportunity for our students to engage in adventurous opportunities, develop life skills and get involved with their local community.

Up to 28 students can attend our annual snow camp, staying a week in a lodge on Mt Ruapehu. Adventure days provide outdoor challenges such as mountain-biking, sailing or other outdoor activities. Science and social studies learning sometimes includes field trips and other opportunities to engage with the world outside school.

The school assists students with fundraising activities to help manage the cost of some camps.





What can I do creatively at Kowhai?

Performing arts – dance, drama and music

Adolescent students are drawn to taking risks with their growing bodies and minds. The performing arts give our students opportunities to explore their new capabilities. We have specialist dance, drama and music teachers. Students can start a new musical instrument, or build on their skills. Students can learn a new instrument by taking lessons from itinerant music teachers during school time, at a modest cost. The Kowhai Intermediate Kapa Haka

group competes each year and also performs for the school and parents. Our performing arts teachers seek opportunities within the community to give students valuable learning experiences, from artistic collaborations with professional performers to competitions. The annual variety show allows students to perform in public, and parents to watch their children's talents grow.

Refer to our website for examples of some of the performing arts opportunities available at Kowhai. www.kowhai.school.nz

Technology – working with metals, foods, electronics, textiles and structures

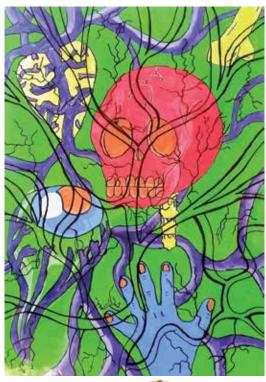
In our technology studios, students explore existing technologies before developing their own ideas under the guidance of specialist teachers. The focus is on hands-on learning whether creating pieces of jewellery, 3D printing or creating a nutritious meal.

Each year, students complete a 50-hour course in technology. Browse the Kowhai School website for photos of our work, including a video showcasing our own mechanical toys.



Visual arts – experimenting with media

Our specialist visual arts teacher develops students' expressive and creative talents by producing exciting objects and images in a variety of media. Student art is displayed at Auckland intermediate school art exhibitions. Many families frame or display their children's artworks for their home decor. Examples of student work can be found on the Kowhai school website photo gallery.













More things to know about Kowhai

Student behaviour

Students are expected to take responsibility for their behaviour. We expect to support them with encouragement, advice and discipline. Our main focus is affirming and encouraging excellent behaviour, while maintaining fair consequences for poor behaviour.

The Principal and the Associate Principal consider their time well spent understanding reasons for inappropriate behaviour and putting programmes in place to help students make positive changes. We abide by the school's Guiding Principles and the following school rules:

- ★ Respect others and yourself.
- ★ Always do your best and allow others to do their best.
- ★ Be in the right place at the right time.
- ★ Look after the school and all property.
- ★ Be responsible for your own things, including uniform.

The school has positive behaviour initiatives, such as the weekly Whizz

Kids prize draw, where students put names and good actions into a weekly draw for a small prize.

Healthy students and a healthy school community

Kowhai Intermediate School is a member of the Health Promoting Schools programme. Student voice is crucial to successful health promotion, so students are consulted via the HPS team, the school council, surveys and an open door to the school management. In this way, students are empowered to take responsibility for the well-being of the school community. They can take part in the Health Committee with the Public Health Nurse, the Associate Principal and visiting experts, to plan projects which positively influence the health of students.

Students have organised such events as a cultural day where the school was able to showcase their own culture through dress, food and performance, and a sushi day where students prepared and sold sushi as a healthly lunch option. (Visit our

website www.kowhai.school.nz to see galleries of such events.)

Student involvement and leadership

Leadership is encouraged by providing many layers of opportunities. For example, each class has a representative and deputy on the school council; the HPS committee involves representatives from every class, each of the four houses have leaders and deputies, many students are involved as captains of the many sports played at Kowhai, 'tech angels' are ICT-savvy students who assist organising our ICT resources, school assemblies are led by students; numerous fundraisers, charity and social events are all led by students, and each year new ideas emerge from our students about ways to serve the school.

Staying in touch Meet your teacher

Parents are encouraged to contribute to their child's learning goals throughout the year. They



are invited to meet teachers together with their child early in Term 1 to map learning goals and again in Term 2 to discuss progress and review these goals. Parents are welcome to contact their child's class teacher or the Principal and Associate Principal at any time to discuss their child's well-being and progress. Meetings can be arranged at a time that is convenient for all parites.

Newsletters and reports

- ★ Student portfolios contain assessed pieces of work and come home at the end of Terms 2, 3 and 4.
- ★ Newsletters are distributed on a fortnightly basis
- ★ Teachers will maintain weekly homework expectations to all students and parents by email. We encourage parents to communicate with classroom teachers by email. Phone messages may be left with the school office.

School website

Our school website www.kowhai. school.nz and google calendar keeps you up to date with school wide events. Curriculum updates are posted each term so that parents can track what students are learning each term.

Stationery

Stationery packs can be purchased from the school office at the beginning of the school year.

Canteen

Lunches may be ordered on line through the link on our web page. Lunches will be delivered to the classroom. The canteen is also open during morning interval.

Health care

A public health nurse visits the school throughout the school year. She sees any students with health problems and follows up hearing and vision tests. She administers the immunisation programme with parental consent. Students can refer themselves to the Health Nurse and she will keep parents advised and seek consent where necessary. Contact: Public Health Nurse, telephone (09) 639 0200 ext 2749.

Sick bay

Our office staff members hold current First Aid Certificates. Unless it is a minor matter, if your child is hurt or becomes ill a member of staff will contact you. In case of an emergency our staff will call an ambulance and advise you urgently.

Please remember to keep your contact details current with the school and ensure we have an alternative contact number in case we are unable to reach you.

Dental clinic

The mobile school dental clinic visits once a year.

Contact: Dental Clinic,

19 Brixton Road, Mt Eden,
telephone (09) 623 4537.

How to get here

We recommend students travel to and from school with others. If your child must come to school by car, please take care not to stop or park illegally. Bus and train

We are well served by public transport. The Principal visits the Kingsland train station after school to monitor safety. It is your responsibility to ensure your child understands how to behave safely in and around public transport.

Own wheels

We encourage students to cycle, scooter or walk to school. Appropriate safety helmets must be worn and you must ensure your child knows the safest route to and from school. Bicycle racks and a lock-up scooter shed are available to store bikes and scooters during the day.

SCHOOL HOURS

All students in school 8.30am School begins 8.45am

Interval 10.20 - 10.45am Lunch break 12.00 - 12.15pm

Afternoon break 1.10 – 1.50pm
End of school 3.00pm

School Office hours

Monday to Friday 8am - 4.00pm

Lateness or absence

Late students report to the School Office to collect a late pass. If your child is absent or late for any reason you must phone the school, or email

absentees@kowhai.school.nz

The School Office will notify you by text message if your child is absent without a reason.

In the event of your family taking an extended holiday inside of the school year, application must be made in writing to the Principal, to withdraw your child from class.

School Office telephone (09) 846 7534

SCHOOL DONATION

Annual curriculum donation per family \$300

Two or more pupils per family

\$450

This contribution to school funds provides resources not funded by the Government and includes 'take home' items such as artworks or technology projects.

Walking

If your child walks to school independently make sure he or she knows where and how to use the controlled crossings on the way to school.





In order to plan our classes for 2017, we encourage you to enrol your child by the end of term 3.

It is likely that we will hold a ballot for a limited number of enrolments in 2017. The Board of Trustees will advise the number available, in term 3. Applications for out of zone enrolments for both mainstream and special programmes closes on 12 October 2017. The ballot date for out of zone enrolments is 19 October 2017.

International students

Kowhai welcomes international students. We place international students in mainstream classes with local students and provide withdrawal classes to teach oral and written English.

A designated adult who sees to their pastoral care, and ensures that their accommodation is safe and happy, supports our international students.

Enrolment as an international student is made through the Principal. International student packs are available from the school office.

Uniform

Students must wear school uniform at all times during the school day and when travelling to and from school.

GIRLS a navy monogrammed polo shirt, maroon monogrammed sweatshirt, navy and maroon plaid culottes or navy shorts, plain white ankle socks.

Terms 2 and 3 (optional) long-sleeved plain navy skivvy, monogrammed heavy zip-up fleece, long plain navy trousers, black tights, monogrammed navy rain jacket.

BOYS a navy monogrammed polo shirt, maroon monogrammed sweatshirt, navy shorts, long black socks.

Terms 2 and 3 (optional) long-sleeved plain navy skivvy, monogrammed heavy zip-up fleece, long plain navy trousers, monogrammed navy rain jacket.

FOOTWEAR plain black leather lace-up shoes **Terms 2 and 3** (optional) black or brown leather sandals.

SUN HATS Terms 1 and 4 plain navy cap or bucket hat.

PE UNIFORM gold and navy monogrammed top and PE shorts.

SWIMMING regulation swimming attire will be needed in **Terms 2 and 3**.

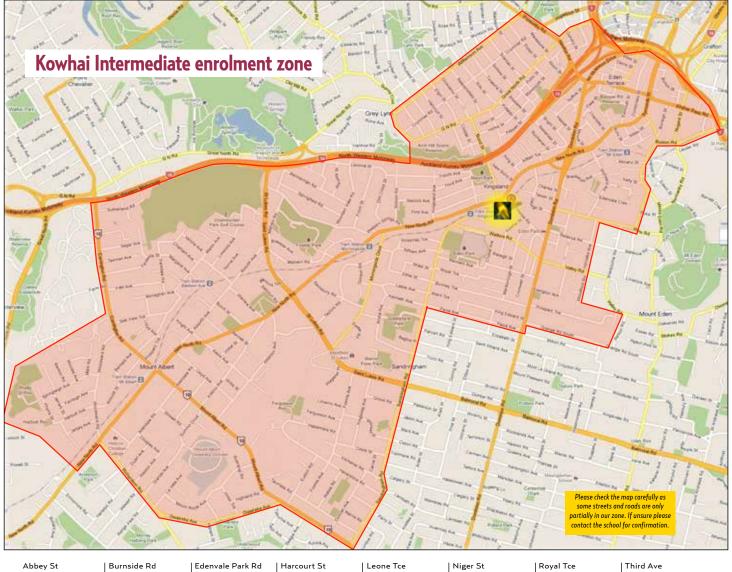
SPORTS TEAMS representing the school may wear a plain navy blue tracksuit when attending sporting events.

JEWELLERY a single stud in each ear and/or a watch.

HAIR long hair must be tied back during technology classes with a plain navy or black hair tie.

UNIFORM CAN BE PURCHASED from The Warehouse, 7 Wagener Place, Mt Albert (opp Westfield St Lukes). Phone 09 846 9534.





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Burnside Rd Burton St Camden Rd Cardigan St Cargill St Carrick Pl Carrie St Carrington Rd Caughey Pl Central Rd Challinor Cres Chapman St Charlotte St Chatham Ave Cobden St Coleridge St from Williamson Ave to Great North Rd Collins St Commercial Rd Conway Rd Cooper St Copeland St Cornwallis St Couldry St Counsel Tce Coyle St Cricket Ave Cromwell St Crummer Rd Dacre St Dean St Derwent St Devon St Diamond St Dolph St Dominion Rd from start (city end) to Paice Ave Don Croot St Doreen Ave Douglas Rd Duart Ave Duncan Ave Duncan McLean Link Dundonald St

Edenvale Cres

Edenvale Park Rd Edenview Tce Edinburgh St Elgin St from Williamson Ave to Great North Rd Esplanade Rd from Mt Eden Rd to . View Rd Ethel St Euston Ro Evelyn St Ewington Ave Exeter Rd Exmouth St Fairleigh Ave Fenton St Fergusson Ave Ferner Ave Fifth Ave Finch St First Ave Fleet St Flower St Fontenoy St Fourth Rd Fowlds Ave Fowler Ave France St Francis Ryan Cl George St Glenside Cres Gordon Rd Grande Ave Grange Rd from Dominon Rd to Henly Rd Grant Ave Grayson Ave Great North Rd from start (city end) to Williamson Ave Grosvenor St Grove Rd Guardwell Ave Gundry St . Hampstead Rd . Harbutt Ave

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Leamington Rd

Leone Tce Leslie Ave Levonia St Linwood Ave Lisnoe Ave Lloyd Ave Locarn Ave Lyon Ave MacAulay St MacKelvie from Williamson Ave to Great North Rd Madeira Lane Madeira Pl Maidstone St Malvern Rd Margaret Ave Mark Rd Marlborough St Marne Rd Martin Ave Maybeck Rd McDonald St McLean St Minnie St Monaghan Ave Monmouth St Morningside Dr Mostyn St Mountain View Rd Mountfield Tce Mt Albert Rd from Carrington Rd to Sandringham Rd Mt Eden Rd from New North Rd and Symonds St to Esplanade Rd Mt Royal Ave Myrtle St New Bond St New North Rd from start (city end) to Richardson & Woodward Rds Newcastle St Newton Rd Ngahura St

Niger St Nikau St Nixon St Norgrove Ave Norrie Ave Northland St Norwich St Novar Pl Nugent St Oakfield Ave Onslow Rd Ophir St Owairaka Ave Paice Ave Parkdale Rd Parr Rd Partridge St Phyllis St Pickens Cres Pickett Ave Pollen St from Williamson Ave to Great North Rd Ponsonby Rd from Karangahape & Great North Rds to Williamson Ave Porters Ave Potatau St Prospect Tce Prospero Ave Punga St Putiki St Raetihi St Raleigh St Ranleigh Tce Rawalpindi St Reimers Ave Rendall St Renton Rd Rhodes Ave Rhyde St Richardson Rd Richbourne St Rocky Nook Ave Rossgrove Tce Rossmay Tce Royal Ave

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Taylors Rd

Thanet Ave

Third Ave Thomas Ave Tongariro St Toroa St Turakina St Upper Queen St Vailima St Valley Rd from Dominion Rd to Woodford and . Horoeka Sts Verona Ave View Rd from Esplanade Rd to . Horoeka St Vinter Tce Violet St Wagner Pl Waima St Wairere Ave Walters Rd Ward Tce Warwick St Watea Rd Water St Watson Ave Wellgarth St Wesley Ave West St Western Springs Rd Weston Ave Willcott St Williamson Ave Willis St Wolseley St Woodford Rd Woodward Rd Wynyard Rd















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