



# FEILDING INTERMEDIATE

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# He Whakatau Principal's Welcome

Tēnā koutou katoa, ngā mihi nui ki a tātou.

Welcome to Feilding Intermediate. I am excited to welcome you to our school community.



**Diane Crate** Feilding Intermediate Principal

Our school is designed to meet the unique needs of young adolescents, with a wide range of activities including sporting, arts, cultural and academic endeavours. Our committed and dedicated staff work collaboratively with whānau to deliver a wide variety of engaging and challenging learning opportunities for all students.

➤ We strive to have all students **positively engaged** in **purposeful** learning, and this learner centred goal underpins all our decision making.

The opportunities available to students encourage them to step outside of their comfort zone, make new connections and become more confident in their own abilities.

Relationships are an important part of everything we do at Feilding Intermediate. We get to know each and every student - and take a genuine interest in them reaching their potential - both inside, and outside of the classroom. We are committed to ensuring every student feels valued, listened to, and prioritised.

We take our commitment to home partnership very seriously - and have an open door policy. We encourage whānau to be involved in all aspects of school life.



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## Curriculum - Marautanga

Our school curriculum is centred around our graduate profile - which describes the skills and attributes we aim for our students to master. These are Kindness, Risk Taking, Positive Mindset, Responsible, Culturally Connected, and Creative Curious Thinkers.

Our teachers work together to plan purposeful lessons that are designed to engage and extend adolescent learners. Our staff are at the forefront of current teaching practices and utilise a range of techniques and technologies.

In addition to a targeted literacy and mathematics programme, teachers deliver programmes in science, digital technology, health and physical education, the arts, social sciences, and languages. Learning in visual arts, science, hard materials, soft materials, digital technologies, and food technology is also delivered through specialist teachers in our purpose built technology suite.

# Ako Our Learning

Students are placed in a CORE class - which is a composite class of year 7 and 8 students. The students in the class have a wide range of interests and abilities.

The learning in this class covers all curriculum areas, including targeted group teaching of reading, writing, and mathematics.

## Mathematics - Pāngarau

Teachers deliver a research-based mathematics programme that involves students moving away from traditional textbooks and into complex real-life mathematical problems. Students are challenged, engaged, and collaborative, with the focus on developing and applying understanding across all areas of mathematics, including number, algebra, statistics, measurement and geometry. Students are exposed to mathematics at higher levels than they would be, if restricted to more traditional methods. We also offer a range of mathematics extension programmes, and mathematics competitions.



## Literacy - Te Reo Matatini

Literacy ability is fundamental to success in all curriculum areas, so this is a key focus in all classrooms. All students participate in targeted group teaching, as well as integrated literacy topics that enable students to utilise and develop their literacy skills in other curriculum areas. Students work with a wide range of text types to build not only their capacity to communicate effectively, but also to develop their understanding of the world.





# Ako

## Our Learning *continued*

### Extra Support - Tautoko

We provide a wide range of support for students - across the curriculum. This includes teacher aides in every classroom, specialist groups and specific teacher support.

We also identify students who would benefit from extra extension, and work with students and their whānau to identify specific needs and interests.

### School Dogs - Ngā Kura Kuri

We have two learning assistant dogs who come to school, and work with students in a range of ways. They are purebred labradors - who have been coming to school since they were 8 weeks old. They are available for everything from anxiety support, to reading buddies, exercise partners - and often just a very enthusiastic friend!



# Hangarau Technology



Feilding Intermediate has a full time, specialist technology team. Students have the opportunity to develop practical knowledge and skills in hard materials, food technology, visual art, STEM, science and soft materials.



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Specialist teachers keep in regular contact with our local secondary schools to ensure there is a connection and transition into year 9.

Students rotate through all the technology classes, and also have the opportunity to have extra technology sessions through our elective options.





# Hākinakina

## Our Sports

Feilding Intermediate has a proud tradition of excellence in sports – across a range of codes. We have large numbers of children participating in sports teams, and are able to cater for differing levels of ability, experience and competitiveness.



➔ We have dedicated staff who provide coaching and support, as well as many parents who volunteer as coaches and managers.

All students are involved in a comprehensive health and physical education programme, and participate in school wide events including Cross Country, Athletics, and Swimming. There are also regular opportunities to compete against other classes, and sometimes even the staff! Feilding Intermediate also participates in the Super Sport competition, which enables selected teams to compete against other regional Intermediates, for highly sought after “Super Sport Champion” banners.





# Ngā Reo, te ahurea me ngā toi Language, Culture and the Arts

Feilding Intermediate offers a vast array of language and cultural experiences for children to participate and excel in.

Te Reo Māori is taught in all classrooms, and is integrated into everyday school life. Students have the opportunity to participate in kapa haka, including a competition group. Our kapa haka groups perform regularly throughout the year, and maintain a very high standard.

Second language opportunities are also available, and have included French, Japanese and Spanish.

Music, dance and drama are all developed through class programmes, as well as through specialist teachers. The specific opportunities vary from year to year, but can include; dance competitions, individual and group music lessons, drama lessons, wearable arts, school band, choir, dramatic productions, jump jam and school rock band. We compete against regional Intermediates as part of Super Arts, and have recently won the band, culture, wearable arts and drama banners.



➤ We have an enthusiastic Culture and Arts team who are always on the lookout for other opportunities for our children to perform, engage or be artistically challenged.



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