

Northcote Intermediate School

2024 Prospectus



The School of
Choice for our
Community



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WELCOME

Northcote Intermediate School prepares students for bright futures by celebrating their individual interests and strengths. We offer opportunities that enable students to grow as learners, leaders and citizens, with a love of learning and a focus on respect – for themselves, for others, and for the environment.

We understand that selecting the right intermediate school is an extremely important decision for your family, and want to work with you to ensure your child is supported and nurtured during this pivotal time in their life.

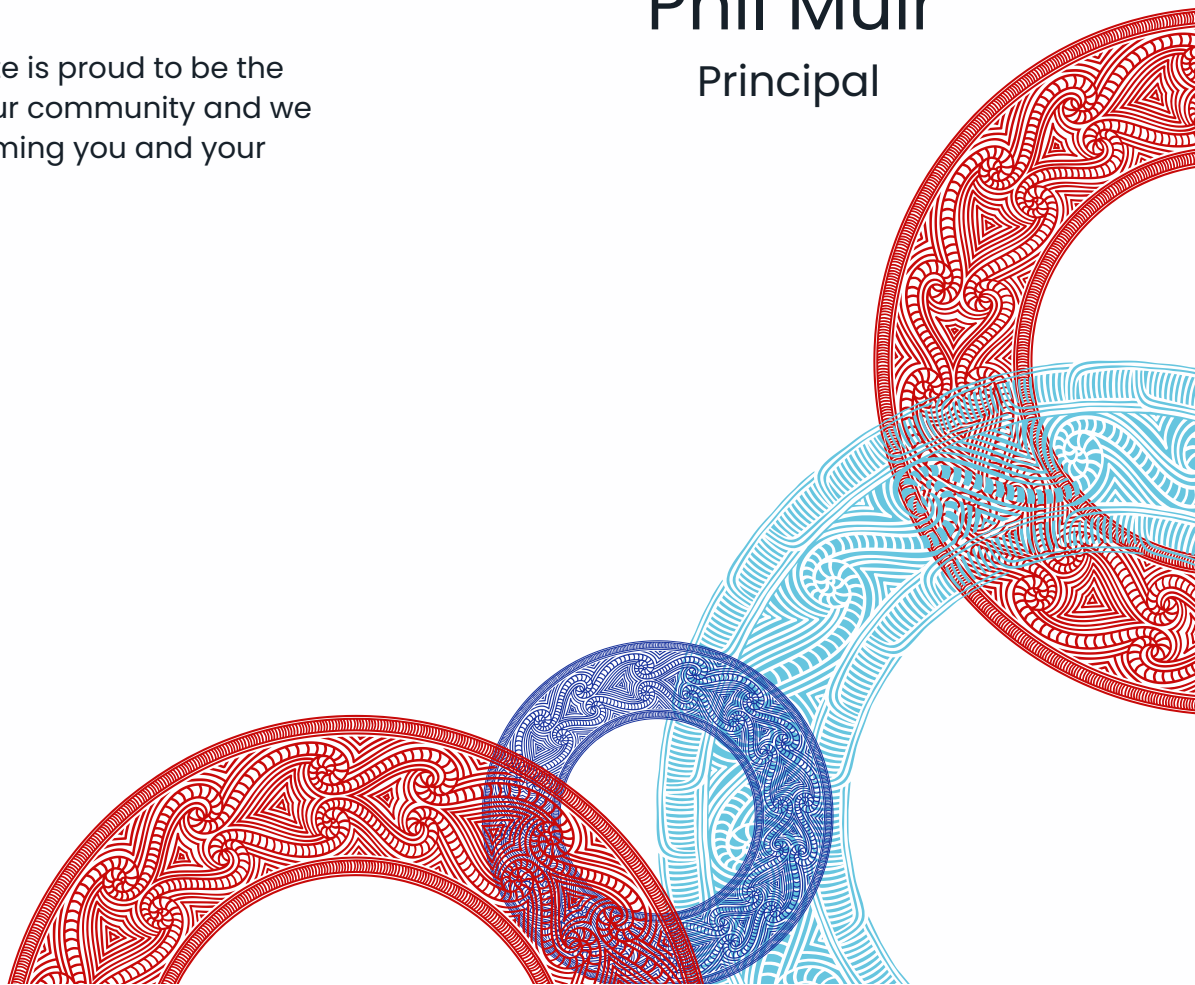
At Northcote Intermediate your family will be part of a connected and inclusive community, as we work together to ensure your child becomes the very best individual they can be.

Northcote Intermediate is proud to be the school of choice for our community and we look forward to welcoming you and your child.

Ngā mihi nui



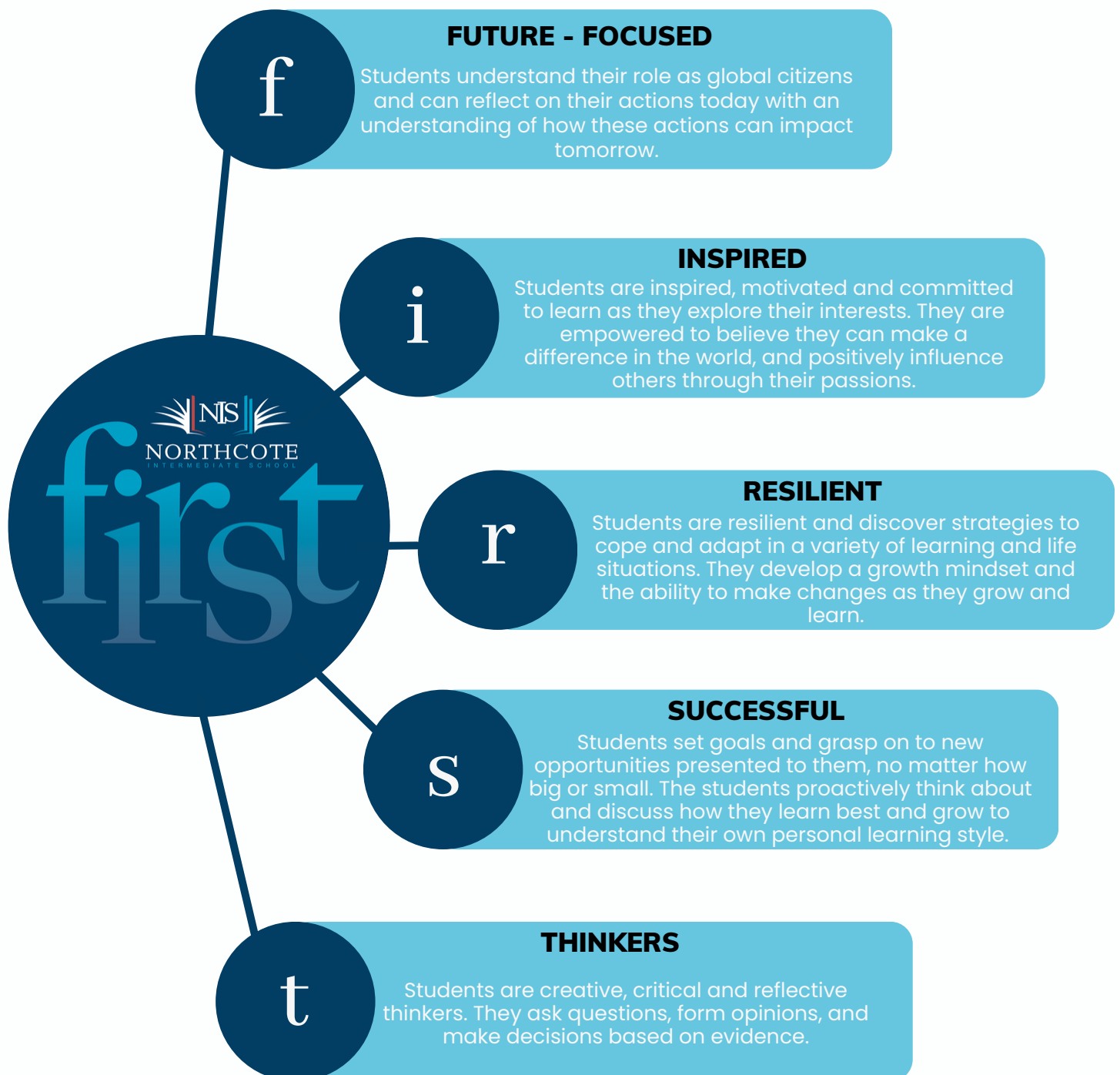
Phil Muir
Principal



FIRST LEARNERS

As a learning community, we are committed to ensuring that our students have the very best educational opportunities to achieve personal success. We aim for all our students to be 'FIRST learners' by the end of Year 8, so they are well equipped for high school and beyond.

FIRST is a part of everyday life at our school and is also celebrated at special occasions and assemblies. When students display high levels of our FIRST values they are rewarded with a very special FIRST certificate at one of our assemblies, which is also communicated to parents via our newsletters. At the end of their time at Northcote Intermediate School, students proudly display FIRST qualities.



CURRICULUM



A LOVE OF LEARNING

At Northcote Intermediate we want learning to be fun! Our teachers are life-long learners too and share their enthusiasm with our students

INQUIRY

Inquiry sits at the core of our curriculum. Students engage in inquiries that encourage critical thinking about challenging, real world contexts



LITERACY

Alongside explicit teaching of skills, Literacy is explored through Inquiry. Students read and write for authentic purposes and audiences

MATHEMATICS

Our mathematics programme is built on a foundation of problem solving and draws on students lives within and outside of school



SPECIALIST

Our enthusiastic and experienced team of teachers provide all students with a six week experience in: Construction, Digi Tech, Science, Food Tech, Music, Te Reo Tikanga Māori and Visual Arts

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

As part of our daily curriculum PE aims to improve motor skills, coordination, muscle control and safe movement along with teamwork, communication and reflection



SPECIALIST

CONSTRUCTION

In Construction, students explore methods of shaping and joining different wood types. They learn to consider the applicability of different wood materials to various purposes including how strength, aesthetics and construction techniques inform choices for wood projects. Students will learn the correct application and safe use of various common hand and power tools.



TE REO ME NGĀ TIKANGA MĀORI

Kia mau ki ō tātou reo – Hold on to our language

Students grow their capabilities and confidence in Te Reo Māori through a fun and interactive programme that includes the four modes of language learning: listening, speaking, writing and reading.

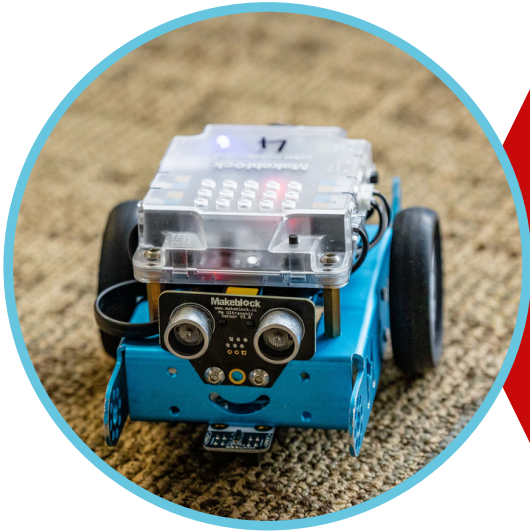
FOOD TECHNOLOGY

In Food Technology, students learn how to prepare and cook dishes from Aotearoa and around the world with a variety of fresh foods. There is a strong focus on nutrition along with food safety and kitchen skills.

Our goal is to teach and inspire children to enjoy cooking for themselves, their friends and their whānau.



SUBJECTS

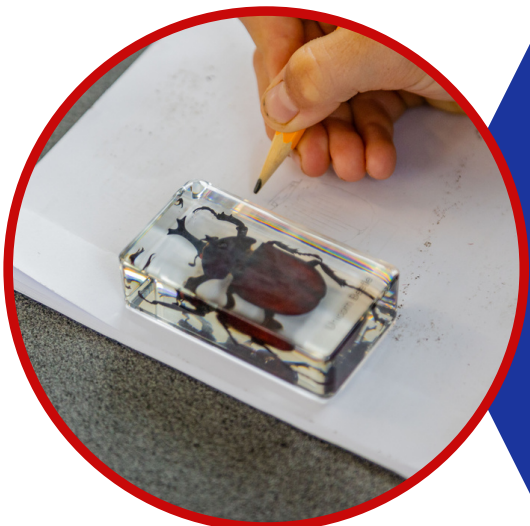
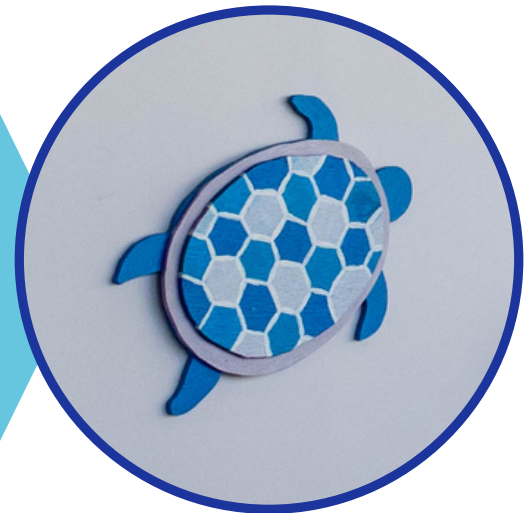


DIGI TECH

The digital programme focuses on developing digital citizenship, robotics, and coding skills. Through this programme, students will learn how to become responsible digital citizens and navigate the online world safely and effectively. They will also gain hands-on experience with robotics, learning how to build, program, and control robots to solve real-world problems. They will explore the world of coding, gaining the knowledge and skills needed to create and develop their own programs.

VISUAL ARTS

This class is designed to help students develop confidence in expressing creative ideas visually both in 2D and 3D. We experiment with a variety of materials and processes. Students have the opportunity to explore cultural identity through the patterns and symbols they use in their artworks.



SCIENCE

Over their two years, it is expected that all students will explore at least two or more of the four main areas of the science curriculum (Living World, Planet Earth and Beyond, Material World, and Physical World).

Our programmes are designed in such a way that students will have the opportunity to carry out practical experiments in the lab using microscopes, test tubes, and producing chemical reactions. Investigation is our preferred approach.

WELLBEING

Our holistic approach to teaching and learning means that as well as academics, we focus on growing well-rounded and happy citizens. We are supported to do this through the JK Foundation's Mitey programme. It is vital that our students can effectively express and regulate their emotions, manage stress, and recognise the importance of looking after their health and wellbeing. It is then that they are able to reach their full potential.

We are guided by the Māori holistic model of health, Te Whare Tapa Whā, which teaches students to take care of all the different aspects of their lives to be happy and balanced.

taha tinana (physical wellbeing)
taha hinengaro (mental wellbeing)
taha wairua (spiritual wellbeing)
taha whānau (family wellbeing)



Learning Support

We have an experienced Learning Support team who support students with specific learning, behavioural and pastoral care needs. Our Learning Support team is made up of a Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO), Learning Support Coordinator (LSC), Counsellor and Teacher Aides. We are also connected to a range of supportive community organisations.



The Learning Support team works closely with our teachers, students and families to ensure that students receive the additional support needed to reach their full potential. As a school, we benefit from a close and positive relationship with all our contributing schools through our Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning).



When you enrol your child at Northcote Intermediate School, information regarding any special requirements is discussed in person with the family and the transitioning school to ensure your child has the best start possible. Please be assured all information is kept confidential, with your child's wellbeing and integrity being our priority.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Student Leadership

Our Student Leadership team is made up of four head students, and a number of Year 8 students who are selected by our Principal Team. Students also have the opportunity to be appointed to this group based on their efforts during Terms One and Two.

Our Student Leaders are provided with hands-on opportunities to learn and grow as leaders, such as organising assemblies, lunch time activities, fundraising events and community engagement. Some of this group will also attend the National Young Leaders Day.

Student Council

Each class elects two students to represent them on our Student Council. This group provides feedback and ideas to the Student Leaders on possible initiatives that could be implemented and advocates for their class and team. They also provide feedback on the school as a whole, which is then presented to staff.

Work Groups

The Student Leadership group will, when appropriate, call for students to assist them with initiatives around the school. These students become part of a Work Group, giving them opportunities to show leadership. Examples of this include refereeing interclass games and assisting with the running of fundraisers.

Other Opportunities

Students can take on a range of other class and schoolwide responsibilities such as Librarians, Chicken Monitors, and Eco Warriors. There's a wide range of opportunities for everyone to feel an active and important part of Northcote Intermediate School.

CULTURE

At Northcote Intermediate School, we celebrate inclusiveness and provide opportunities for students to share their ethnicity, cultures and values, as well as learning about those of others. Our students are encouraged and supported to take new learnings and relate it to their own personal lives and families.

As a school we value, understand and acknowledge the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the bicultural foundations of Aotearoa New Zealand and the multicultural society we live in.

**Poipoa te
kākano kia
puawai.**

**Nurture the
seed and it
will bloom.**

- All students participate in specialist Te Reo Māori lessons led by our specialist Te Reo Kaiako.
- Each year begins with a full school pōwhiri to welcome our new students and whānau.
- We strive to build strong relationships with whānau and the wider community, drawing on their knowledge and expertise to deliver authentic cultural learning experiences.
- We proactively look to build and strengthen our relationships with local kaumātua and iwi.
- Te Reo Māori is integrated into everyday classroom routines, teaching and learning.
- We take pride in our Kapa Haka Rōpu, where our students have the opportunity to learn waiata and haka that tell the histories of the local iwi, as well as others.
- We work with external organisations to provide programmes where our learners can explore Pasifika and Māori culture through physical activity and exercise.





PERFORMING ARTS & MUSIC

Dance & Drama

Research has exposed a strong connection between the performing arts and social emotional development in adolescents. Participation in performative artistic experiences both at school and in co-curricular realms helps to support our ākonga during these critical stages of development by building confidence, developing empathy, and fostering collaborative skills.

Dance and Drama as performing arts modalities are offered to all students during their time at Northcote Intermediate School. As an integrated curricular area, students are encouraged to engage in theatrical improvisation, staged roleplay, contemporary and cultural dance practice, and artistic theory and history.



Music

Creating music is like crafting a pizza - there is the base layer of bass and beat, the sticky cheese of harmony and chords that make everything bond and flow together, then the toppings of tune, rap, singing and instrument solo.

Year 7 and 8 Music classes learn to play and create these layers. Learners along the way develop knowledge of traditional note-reading as well as improvisation, experimental and ensemble skills.

Year 8 students delve into a wider range of music, exploring how classical music influences popular music, the stories behind rap and the purposes and effects of music in media. But, mostly we all make a lot of noise and have a lot of fun playing drums, guitar, bass guitar, keyboards and glockenspiels!



Bandquest



NIS has a formidable reputation in the annual NZ Rockshop Bandquest competition. Each year, six bands compete and enjoy the exhilarating experience of performing, just as their music idols do with a complete professional set up.

Some bands perform original music, others perform popular rock, pop or hip-hop covers. Individual musicians and vocalists are auditioned at the beginning of the year, put into bands, develop their work and participate in the bandquest performances in August.

Other extra curricular music opportunities include Awataha Soul (choir), NIS Drumming Group, music extension songwriting and private tuition for piano, drums, guitar, bass and vocals.



Concert Band

The Concert Band programme is an intensive extra-curricular programme where students learn a wind instrument (trumpet, trombone, flute, clarinet, saxophone) and play together firstly in our junior concert band in year 7 and then our senior concert band in year 8.



Being in the programme is a commitment; there are regular instrument lessons, regular practices, lots of questionable sounding tooting, and lots of Mrs Babbage putting the pressure on! But when you hear our Senior Concert Band fill the room with the energy of their songs, it is amazing. The Junior Band are able to see the level they will play at in Year 8 by hearing the Senior Band. Band members learn that they can achieve a high standard and all it takes is a lot of hard work!

We are super lucky to have our NIS Board support this programme of nurturing young musicians, continuing to make the coaching free of charge.

SCHOOL SPORTS

We believe that sport is about the journey not the destination. We always aim to win and do our best, but never at the expense of fair play, and respecting ourselves and others. We encourage all students to give a sport a go, and get involved, no matter their level of expertise.

With Intermediate students, we walk a tightrope between their ever-increasing desire and pressure to win, and the importance of creating and maintaining an experience where students look forward to continuing an active lifestyle at secondary school and beyond. The feeling of winning will be temporary, but the lessons learned in sport can be used for a lifetime - as can the friendships made on and off the court/ pitch/ field!

Zone Days

We offer forty zone days across the school year including

- Cricket
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Triathlon
- Football
- Hockey
- Ki o Rahi
- Rugby League
- Volleyball
- Orienteering
- Rugby
- Squash
- Table Tennis
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Gymnastics
- Netball
- Athletics
- Yachting

Parent volunteers are extremely important to the success of a sport programme, and we encourage our families to get involved.



Seasonal Sports

NIS offers a range of seasonal sports. These are all user-pays and fees vary from sport to sport. Parents/caregivers are responsible for transporting their children to weekly sports.

AIMS Games

The AIMS Games take place in Tauranga each year in mid-late Term 3. It is the premier sporting event that NIS attends and is treated as an unofficial national championship for most sports.



Entries into AIMS Games fall into two categories – teams and individual. Team entries are selected based on performance and are limited by accommodation as all our school teams stay in one venue. Individual participants are looked after by parents/caregivers and do not stay as part of the school accommodation.



Sports Camp

Every year we offer a sports camp for selected students to grow as sports people

The group of students selected will need to be all-round sportspeople, competent at a range of sports, have an excellent attitude (including classroom behaviour), and demonstrate a high level of sportsmanship.

Some sports that are included are:

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Caged Soccer
- Cross Country
- Hockey
- Indoor Hockey
- Indoor Soccer
- Kayaking
- Wallball
- Netball
- Petanque
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Touch Rugby
- Volleyball

SCHOOL CAMP



All students can attend our amazing school camp, held at Finlay Park Adventure Camp, nestled on the edge of the Waikato River, just outside of Cambridge.

Camp takes place at the beginning of the school year and plays an important part of teachers and students building and strengthening relationships.

Students are given unique opportunities to participate in activities and experiences that place many of them outside their comfort zone, building confidence and resilience.



Finlay Park has an outstanding reputation for delivering great camps and we are very proud to provide this awesome and very memorable opportunity to our students.



Our school camp is the highlight of the year for so many of our learners' at Northcote Intermediate School! As a leader in our school there is nothing more rewarding than seeing the smiles on our kids' faces and the growth they show over the camp.

Camp provides opportunities for all our learners to experience new things, build their confidence and make memories for life, whether it's pushing their limits on the high ropes course, trying new foods, zooming around on go-karts, surviving the mud pits on Skull Island or just being away from home for three days.



INTERNATIONAL

Extreme Experiences

Each year we aim to offer our students extreme experiences. In recent years these have included:

- Humanitarian Aid Leadership trip to Rarotonga
- Cultural trip to China
- Business Innovation Technology trip to Silicon Valley



International Students

Our school provides opportunities for both short and long-term International Students to study and grow with us. In most cases they stay with local families, sometimes those with a student currently attending our school.

All international students are welcomed into our regular classes. For those whose English is not yet at a level where they can learn effectively in the general classrooms, there is a dedicated classroom where an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) teacher facilitates learning. As ESOL students' proficiency in English develops, they transition until they are fully ready to integrate into our regular classrooms.

COMMUNITY

SCHOOL BOARD

Our school Board is a dedicated group of current and alumni parents, passionate about Northcote Intermediate and tasked with governing the school – supporting our Principal and his team in their management of the school’s staff, students, finances, property and much more.

Everyone is welcome to attend our Board meetings during the year. Please get in touch to find out when they are or if you would like to discuss joining our Board: northcoteintboard@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Northcote is a thriving, vibrant, and growing community. We are fortunate to have a number of opportunities that allow our students to be engaged and contributing community members.

One example of this is our students' partnership with Kaipātiki Project to create school and community gardens, a compost hub, and to establish a native plant nursery in order to support the Awataha Greenway development.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We have an active and passionate whānau community here at NIS. Opportunities for parents and whānau to be involved with school life include: coaching and managing sports teams, being an adult helper on camps, team/class trips, and other EOTC activities, volunteering in our school library and joining our parent fundraising committee, Te Kāhui Atawhai.

We strongly value the support we receive from parents and are always looking for ways to further whānau involvement in their child's school life and learning.

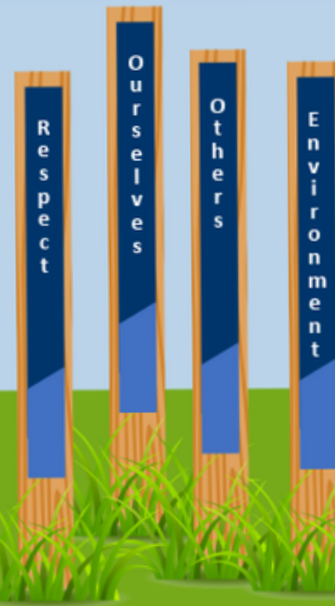


Northcote Intermediate Strategic Plan 2022 - 2024



VISION: To empower, learn and grow together
MISSION: by equipping ākonga with meaningful knowledge, FIRST skills and values

CHARTER GOAL	Foster high performing professional teaching and leadership practice	Deliver a relevant and engaging schoolwide curriculum	Provide effective, innovative, inclusive and culturally responsive pedagogy	Honour our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi
WE WILL...	Undertake a deliberate staff professional development programme to meet needs of our people and our school.	Increase students' learning opportunities within the NZC through modern and progressive teaching strategies and activities.	Expect all of our learners to progress towards and achieve their individual best level across all curriculum areas.	Strive to ensure Te Ao Māori will flourish, and Māori students will succeed.
WE WILL ACTION...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership development Collaborative teaching practice plan in preparation for the new building Wellness strategies to support positive schoolwide culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-constructed, shared, schoolwide curriculum planning and overviews Effective leadership of curriculum areas Increased development through relevant and innovative opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imbed Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities (DMIC) principles Kahui Ako – case studies and across school support, revised goals (Curriculum, wellness) Education Review Office evaluation goal – culturally responsive pedagogy Effective review and development of reading, writing, social sciences and inquiry programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish new links and develop existing relationships with whānau, iwi and organisations to support success for Māori Ensure schoolwide curriculum provides quality learning opportunities to reflect the world of Te Ao Māori Ensure Māori students achieve success in their learning
SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE...	Consistent planning across the school, growth in staff leadership, staff continuity, and excellent feedback from educational partners.	All of our learners are engaged in all areas of the NZ Curriculum, with positive student feedback and whānau consultation.	All students improve to achieve their personal best in reading, writing and numeracy over their two years at intermediate.	Te Ao Māori and Māori students are proud, thriving and achieving in the school environment to become the best they can be.



OUR VALUES



2024 ENROLMENTS CALENDAR



Term 3 2023

1 August 6-7pm School Hall	Year 6 Parent Information Evening Come along and find out what makes Northcote Intermediate School special and our plans for the future. The evening will include brief presentations by key staff, followed by the opportunity to ask questions.
3 & 4 August 10 & 11 August 9am - 12pm	Northcote Intermediate School Open Days Parents, caregivers and students are invited to come and see a 'normal' day at school. Check in at the school office on arrival, and some of our awesome students will take you on a guided tour of our wonderful school. Please note that our break time is 10.30am until 11.00am.
14 - 18 August	Enrolment Week Enrolments are undertaken by appointment where possible, as the Principal Team enjoy meeting new students. Enrolment appointments are 20 minutes long.

Term 4 2023

30 August 6 September 12 September 19 September	Out of Zone Enrolments close Ballot for Out of Zone Applications Ballot confirmation sent by email Last day for Out of Zone Applicants to confirm acceptance
16 November from 9:30am to 11:45am	Orientation Morning All students who have enrolled for 2024 are invited to an Orientation Morning. Buses will be provided for students from our main contributing Primary Schools: Northcote Primary, Birkenhead Primary, Willow Park Primary, Verran Primary, Chelsea Primary and Sunnybrae Normal. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend with their child

Contact Details

School office hours:
Monday - Friday (term time) 8:00am - 3:30pm
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A map and details of Northcote Intermediate's school zone and enrolment information, alongside our uniform requirements and school fees are available on our website www.northcoteint.school.nz



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