



# BIRKDALE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

*Providing a quality education in a caring environment*

## From the Principal

The vision for our school is to provide a quality education in a caring environment. We offer a wide range of academic, cultural and sporting opportunities, while fostering the development of personal interests.

Teachers at Birkdale Intermediate are very dedicated and work hard to provide a challenging, balanced programme that encourages academic excellence. Staff are expected to participate in ongoing programmes of professional development to enhance their teaching abilities and skills.

All academic programmes are well planned and the school is continuing to develop ways to ensure that accelerate students and the special needs of children are catered for in order that each child's potential is realised. An emphasis is placed on the development of our students' thinking skills through literacy, numeracy, science, social sciences and technology. The school aims to prepare each student for success at secondary school and for their life long learning.

We focus on the key competencies from the New Zealand Curriculum. These include thinking, communication, numeracy, self-management, social and co-operative skills. Thinking skilfully is a feature of our programmes. Every class now has access to a high speed computer network through ipad pods that are booked when needed to support students' learning.

In addition to quality academic programmes, we foster good sportsmanship, and encourage an enjoyment of recreational and sporting activities. These include cricket, swimming, waterpolo, softball, rugby union, rugby league, basketball, netball, soccer, athletics, hockey and volleyball. The school prides itself on being a "Fair Play School".

Arts and culture are catered for in a range of activities as diverse as choir, band, drama, music tuition, Kapa Haka and a range of performing arts which includes our highly acclaimed dance programme. The school is well known for its major productions of shows such as Joseph, Windust, and Buggy Malone. These involve large

numbers of students each year. Our outdoor education programme includes a wide variety of activities such as rock climbing, abseiling, kayaking and archery.

The school has the interest of each child at heart. It is our objective to encourage each individual to make the most of the innovative programmes the school offers. We encourage parental involvement and support, and look forward to playing our part in assisting in the development of skilful, considerate and focused members of our society. We are a "Health Promoting School" and are keen to have support from the whole community in promoting our children's sense of well being.

The school will continue to provide a quality education for students, while introducing a number of new initiatives in the coming year, keeping the school at the forefront of curriculum developments.

The staff, parents and students are proud of the excellent reputation Birkdale Intermediate School has earned. Reports from the Education Review Office have been supportive of the quality and variety of the school's programmes. Birkdale Intermediate is held in high regard for the way in which it endeavours to provide each child with the opportunity to develop to his or her potential.



A blue ink signature of Richard Coote, written in a cursive style.

Richard Coote  
Principal



## Birkdale Intermediate School

Because of its reputation Birkdale Intermediate is fortunate to be able to attract and retain a highly qualified and enthusiastic teaching team. The team is assisted by dedicated support staff. The school, which places high demands and expectations on its teachers, provides an ongoing staff development programme which is aimed towards increasing teaching competence. Teachers are encouraged to continue with personal professional development and their work is monitored through a carefully supervised appraisal programme.

## Birkdale Intermediate School Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees meets each month in the school staffroom (dates are noted in the school newsletter). Parents are welcome to attend monthly meetings. The Board values the ongoing support they receive from parents. The Board is dedicated to the provision of high quality programmes for all students and actively supports the teaching staff. Current members of the Board are:

Chairperson	Mrs Millie Richardson
Trustee	Mr Dean Andrew
Trustee	Mr Owen Goodwin
Trustee	Mrs Kay Finlay
Trustee	Mrs Yvonne Walus
Trustee	Ms Fleur Grant
Staff Trustee	Mrs Yolanda Choromanski
Principal	Mr Richard Coote
Secretary	Mrs Louise Stewart



# Terms and Holidays 2018

- Term 1 Tuesday 30 January to Friday 13 April
- Term 2 Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July
- Term 3 Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September
- Term 4 Monday 15 October to Thursday 13 December

## Special Holidays

Waitangi Day	Tuesday	6 February
Good Friday	Friday	30 March
Easter Monday	Monday	2 April
Easter Tuesday	Tuesday	3 April
ANZAC Day	Wednesday	25 April
Queen's Birthday	Monday	4 June
Labour Day	Monday	22 October



## School Organisation

We have separate Year 7 and Year 8 classes. Classes include students with a range of academic, physical and creative abilities.

While classes are not streamed, we recognise individual differences by providing:

- an independent learning class
- the teaching of other languages
- remedial programmes
- enrichment programmes
- special programmes for students whose home language is not English.
- the opportunity to participate in a range of competitions, including English, Mathematics, Technology and Science competitions.
- access to a wide range of Performing Arts
- advanced computer facilities
- instruction in Te Reo and Tikanga me te reo Maori.

Many leadership opportunities are available for students. During their two year stay students also have the opportunity to earn sleeve badges in a wide range of sporting, community service and cultural activities. All students who leave Birkdale Intermediate at the end of Year Eight receive a personal record of achievement and a special leaving certificate.



# School Payments

The following is a GUIDE only as to what you could expect to pay for each child attending Birkdale Intermediate School. Arrangements can be made for payment by instalments.

**School Donation**            \$100.00 or \$25.00 per term

The donation is used to support the provision of computer education throughout the school. In addition funding from this source will support the provision of additional sports equipment, library books and resource material.

**Technology Fee**            \$80.00 or \$20.00 per term

All students have courses in Technology. The Technology fee covers the cost of all materials used in these classes.

**Stationery**                    \$60.00 (approx)

Students receive their list of stationery requirements on the first day of school, or can be obtained from the office during the last week of the holidays. All items may be purchased from the school.

## Uniform Code

It is expected that all children will be in full uniform on the opening day of school. A school uniform helps students to identify with their school. As schools are often judged by standards of dress, parent support for the wearing of correct uniform is essential and we appreciate the ongoing co-operation we receive.

All uniform items are available from The Warehouse, Birkenhead excluding the girls culottes which are available from Yarntons in Birkenhead only. P.E. gear is best kept in a drawstring bag.

All students are expected to wear the correct uniform to and from school. At school functions and on educational visits full uniform must be worn. **There are no optional extras.**

All clothing must be **clearly named**. Only single plain ear studs may be worn. Sleepers in ears are dangerous at school and may not be worn. No other jewellery is permitted. The wearing of make-up or nail varnish is not permitted. Hair fasteners are to blend in with the hair or be blue, black, green or white.

The office will be open for second hand uniform and stationery sales from Monday 22 January to Friday 26 January 9am to 3pm each day.



### Boys Uniform

- Green polo shirt with school logo
- Grey socks — knee length
- Grey shorts
- Black pongee trackpants (winter option)
- Cornflower blue zip jacket with school logo
- Royal blue Aussie slouch hat (Terms 1 & 4)
- Black leather shoes in the traditional school style
- Plain black or brown sandals may be worn in Terms 1 & 4

### Girls Uniform

- Culottes (Yarntons only)
- Green polo shirt with school logo
- Black pongee trackpants (winter option)
- White ankle socks
- Cornflower blue zip jacket with school logo
- Royal blue Aussie slouch hat (Terms 1 & 4)
- Black leather shoes in the traditional school style — no high heels, platforms or boots please.
- Plain black or brown sandals may be worn in Terms 1 & 4.

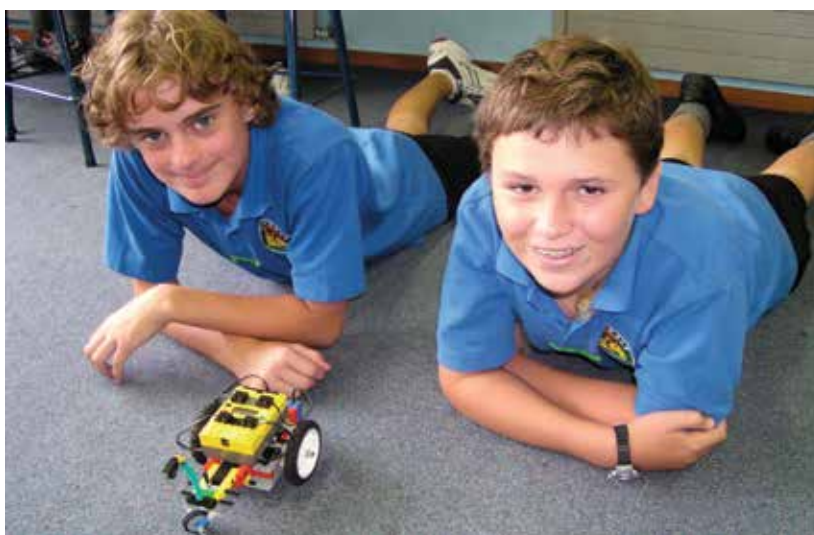
### Physical Education/Sports Gear:

- Regulation blue P.E. shirt
- Plain black sports shorts (no logos)
- Sports shoes

### Protective Clothing for Special Subjects:

For reasons of safety, shoes must be worn by both boys and girls for all technology classes. Experience teaches us that black, plain leather lace up shoes are best for this purpose. For Art an old long sleeved shirt is required to protect uniforms.

# Special Information for Parents, Caregivers and Students



## Absences from School:

A note of explanation or telephone call is required for school records when a student is absent from school. A note is also required when a student is to leave early (eg. for medical appointments). Please arrange to pick your child up from the school office for safety reasons.

## Bicycles:

Students who ride their bicycles to school are expected to know and obey the road code. Safety Helmets must be worn when riding to or from school.

## Bus Timetable:

### Morning:

**BEACHHAVEN SCHOOL BUS:** Bus leaves Verrans Corner at 8:10am, travels down Rangatira Rd to leave Beach Haven shops at 8:15am, then on to school via Beach Haven Road and Birkdale Road.

**CHATSWOOD/ROSEBERRY AVE. SCHOOL BUS:** Leaves Chelsea View Drive at 8:05am via Onetaunga Rd, Balmain Rd, Mokoia Rd, Roseberry Ave, Parkhill Ave, Glenfield Rd, Eskdale Rd and Birkdale Rd.

**BIRKENHEAD (SERVICE BUS 974):** Leaves Birkenhead shops 7:55am and 8:25am via Birkenhead Ave, Mokoia Rd, Waipa St and Birkdale Rd.

### Afternoon:

**BEACH HAVEN SCHOOL BUS:** Leaves from school at 3:10pm for Birkdale Rd, Beach Haven Rd to Beach Haven shops, then Rangatira Rd to Verrans Corner.

**CHATSWOOD SCHOOL BUS:** Leaves from school at 3:10pm via Balmain Rd.

**HIGHBURY SCHOOL BUS:** Leaves from school at 3:10pm. At Highbury students can connect with other bus services eg. Albany, Takapuna, City.

**ESKDALE RD SCHOOL BUS:** Leaves school at 3:20pm for Eskdale Rd turns into Glenfield Rd and transfers Glenfield Shops and Bayview students onto the St Mary's bus (waiting in Eskdale Rd/Glenfield Rd bus stop) Students for Coronation Rd and Archers Rd stay on the bus.

## ARDS Transportable Dental Unit:

The school's ARDS Transportable Dental Unit caters for enrolled students. Student's records are automatically transferred from the primary school. For further information or in case of an emergency please telephone 0800 825 583 or 839 0565.

## Parent Enquiries:

You are welcome to visit the school at any time of the year to discuss your child's work or welfare. If you would like to talk with a teacher or the Principal, please contact the school office to make an appointment, so that a mutually convenient time can be arranged.

When entering the school all visitors are asked to report to the office. This ensures safety of our students.





**Physical Education and Sport:**

Students are expected to bring correct dress for P.E. and sport, and to take an active part in programmes. A note is required when a student is unable to take part.

**Reporting to Parents:**

Full academic reports on standards of achievement will be sent home at the end of Terms 2 and 4. An interview with your child's teacher will be arranged mid year. However parents are encouraged to make an appointment to discuss a child's progress with the teacher or the Principal at any time during the year. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns about your child's progress.

- February**            **Meet the Teacher Evening**
- Term 2**                **Academic report and interviews**
- Term 4**                **End of Year academic report**  
**Interviews if requested**

**School Lunchroom:**

Lunches may be bought from the lunchroom, and snacks are available at morning interval.

For safety reasons students may not leave the school grounds to purchase their lunch. When students are required to go home for lunch, parents are asked to inform the school in writing.

When drinks are brought to school, they should be in plastic containers. Glass bottles are prohibited for reasons of safety. Chewing gum and bubblegum are not permitted at school or on buses.

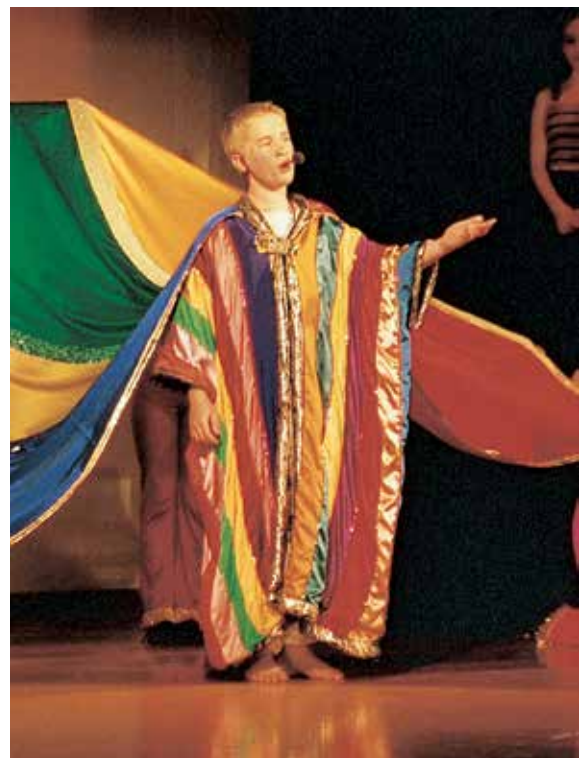
**Specialist Teachers:**

Technology and The Arts are taken as specialist subjects. The school provides all materials for technology subjects. A technology fee of \$80.00 covers the cost of materials used in these subjects.

**School Hours:**

Students should be at school no earlier than 8.00am, and by 8.30am each morning. An assembly is held at 8.40am each Monday, Wednesday and Friday; while a fitness programme operates at the same time on Tuesday and Thursday. Our daily programme operates as follows:

<b>Morning</b>	<b>8.40 - 12.20pm</b>
<b>Interval</b>	<b>10.30 - 10.50am</b>
<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>1.20 - 3.00pm</b>



# Homework

Homework is an important part of children's learning, and it is school policy to regularly set homework for students.

Studies have shown the value of homework for improving students' work habits, for consolidating learning, and for helping parents and caregivers keep in touch with their children's work and progress. Some homework consists of informal tasks which are undertaken voluntarily, but most homework will be set by the teacher and will relate to class programmes. A homework diary is used for this purpose.

## Times:

Students are expected to spend between 30 minutes and an hour doing homework, approximately 4 hours per week. The difficulties of fixing an exact time for homework must be appreciated since children work at different rates, organise themselves differently and in some cases are keen to spend more time on homework.

## Problems:

After making a genuine effort, any student who has difficulty with a piece of homework should put it aside and tell the teacher of the problem first thing in the morning.



## Parent help?

It is quite in order for parents to give their children guidance with homework tasks but please keep in mind the need to encourage independence, personal effort and self direction.

## Reading at home:

Part of homework is to set aside a regular time each day for some leisure reading.







## Our School Code of Conduct

**CARING** . . . . . We show that we care about ourselves, other people, and our school. We show this in our appearance; in the way we speak to others, and in what we do.

**COURTESY** . . . . . We are considerate and courteous to others. We show this in the use of good manners and by being polite.

**CO-OPERATION** . . . We try to work together in positive ways.

**COMMON SENSE**. . . This is our best guide for everything we do.

What we admire at Birkdale Intermediate are students who show initiative, display commonsense, show a developing sense of self-discipline and respect for themselves and others.



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