

Extension to the Curriculum

Understanding where you are going is an essential element of learning and one way we do this is by connecting with Tokoroa High School. Our learners attend classes once a week. They receive a specialist education in;

- Dance
- Drama
- Languages
- Food Technology
- Technology
- Visual Art



Cultural Opportunities

- Poly Fest
- Ki- O-Rahi; Maori Traditional Games
- Whanau Electives
- Second language
- Operetta

Outdoor Education

We offer a range of outdoor education programmes that encourage our students to challenge themselves outside of classroom and school life. These programmes are selected in accordance to the particular focus for the year so that they link seamlessly to learning in the classroom.

Classroom Environment

We value and believe that the challenges that our students face as they grow and change needs to be reflected in their physical space.

We are addressing this by completely remaking over the way year 7 and 8 children work to reflect a collaborative environment that challenges and engages their inquisitive, questioning nature through the furniture we provide.

When students walk into their classroom in 2015 the furniture will reflect these changes.

What Amisfield School will provide for your child;

- A supportive environment for the changes, physical, social, emotional and intellectual that these students will be facing.
- A learning environment that encourages responsibility for the decisions that they make as citizens and contributors to school life.

A readiness for a successful transition to Secondary school is a key priority. At Amisfield School we ensure our students have the best chance at doing this through;

- Gaining experiences that allow them to cope with change.
- An understanding of who they are and how they fit into society.
- A supportive peer group fostered through a clear behaviour procedure that encourages self managing learners.
- Developing as a reflective practitioner/ learner.
- Acting as Role Models.



Senior School Year 7 and 8 2015

We offer you a school of choice where your child's education is reflected in the developing needs that reflects seniority, leadership, academic and sporting excellence.





Why Choose Amisfield School for Year 7 and 8

Principal's Welcome

Welcome to prospective parents and caregivers of Year 7 and 8 learners. At Amisfield School we pride ourselves on being able to offer a seamless transition through the middle years of your child's education.

If you choose for your child to attend our school for these imperative years of your child's education we will ensure that ;

- There is an extensive range of active learning and teaching strategies.
- There is more opportunity for student feedback during curriculum planning.
- Student diversity is considered when learning and teaching strategies are selected.
- A wide range of assessment activities and extent to which self-assessment is practiced.
- Regular and positive communication with families.
- Highly nurturing and positive.
- Commonly held high expectations for every student regardless of ability.

I would like to invite you to come and talk further with me about your child's education.

Warm regards

Bex Kilgour Principal

Meeting the Needs of your Child

We believe very strongly in meeting the needs of your child through a tailored learning programme. Through timely assessment and conversation, our skilled teachers are able to develop a learning programme that recognises where they are at and where they need to be moving to in order to meet and exceed their own learning pathway.



Academic Opportunities

Academic success is considered as an essential element of what we offer here at Amisfield School. During 2015 students will;

- Work toward achieving Science Badges through an external programme recognized throughout New Zealand.
- Students have the opportunity to sit Australian Examinations for extension development.
- Take part in Careers programme that illustrates the need to be aware of how our choices impact on our future learning.

Sporting Opportunities

We believe that physical activity and play are essential for the development of young people.

We promote competitive sports as well as developing a strong team spirit reflecting our mission statement "together we achieve".



Festivals and inter-team challenges are based on: basketball, cross country, athletics, rugby, league, soccer, gymnastics, aquatics, cheerleading, aerobics, dance and touch.

An Environment that reflects Leadership opportunities.

The Hub

We are excited to announce the development of a new Year 7 and 8 Leadership and Learning Hub.

During 2015 the challenge will be set for our Year 7 and 8's to redesign a space that is currently storing resources. This will become the center of our school and offer a place for our senior children to work in and lead from. An exciting new venture that changes the face of how our Year 7 and 8 learners learn.

Leadership

Students who wish to further their leadership experience will have the opportunity to reflect this through an application at the end of 2014. Students will be voted in as House Captains and Committee members by their school peers and teachers. During their year as part of the leadership team they will;

- Lead assemblies and work along staff to develop these.
- Be visible and assist where possible.
- Take part in duties with staff.
- Work alongside our Youth Workers from Raukawa Trust to further develop their leadership skills.
- Attend the National Young Leaders Day.
- Write a column in the Newsletter as well as contributing to the school website.
- Run Tabloid Sports.
- Develop links with the community.