

Opportunities

Developing Participation & Nurture

Karaka School's Intermediate area offers a variety of unique opportunities for students to try new things, develop their strengths and discover their passions, through the: Academics, Sports, The Arts and Leadership roles.

- Kapa Haka / Pasifika Group
- Intermediate Production
- Speeches, Rehu Tai, Debating
- Mathex, ICAS Exams
- Financial Literacy
- Languages: Te Ao Maori, French
- Intermediate Camp
- Sports Camp
- Leadership Opportunities: Head Students, House Captains, Librarian, Peer Mediator, School Council, Cultural Leader, Enviro Group & Bus Monitor
- EIC.C.S. (East Country Counties Schools)
 - *Competitive events:* swimming, cross country, athletics, hockey, rugby, touch
 - *Non-Competitive events:* netball and soccer fun days
- Inter-Zone events through to Auckland Championships
- Fear Factor, Mud Run, Kids Marathon, Weet-Bix TRYathlon
- Organising & running events: AG Day stalls, Year 3 & 4 Athletics Rotation & Junior class PE lessons

Sport Camp

Developing Resilience, Commitment & Self Management

Over one week students compete in over 30 different sports ranging from rugby to darts, netball to croquet. Sports Camp has it all! Sports Camp provides students with an opportunity to play and compete in a range of sports including sports they wouldn't normally participate in.



Camp

Developing Teamwork, Confidence and Leadership

Year 7 and 8 students participate in a well organised, eventful, purposeful and fun camp experience.



- Even years Finlay Park Camp
- Odd years Kokako Lodge

William Pike Challenge Award

Developing Empathy, Life Skills and Resilience

In even years, students from Year 7 & 8 participated in the William Pike Challenge Award. The aim of this award is to have kiwi children embracing:

- New challenges
- Enjoying the great outdoors
- Engaging with their community
- Interacting with positive role models
- Building resilience and confidence to take on new challenges



William Pike Challenge requirements:

- Community Service
- Outdoor Activities
- Passion Project



"William Pike is a good way to get involved in the community and learn something new with your Passion Project," James O.

Intermediate Production

Developing Problem Solving and Confidence

In odd years, students participate in an Intermediate Production. The production will provide a number of new, diverse and exciting opportunities to the students:

- Set design
- Costume design
- Lighting, sound and backstage crews
- Acting
- Marketing



"It's a fun way to interact with your classmates and get to know yourself," Jessica G.

Year 7 & 8 Prospectus

Kia Ora, Welcome to
Karaka School
EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

LEARNING AKORANGA
We take pride in being open to learning new things.

EXCELLENCE HIRANGA
We always strive to do our very best.

ADAPTABILITY URUTAU
We are adaptable and can think flexibly.

RESPECT WHAKAUTE
We show respect for others, ourselves and the environment at all times. We follow safety and game rules. We demonstrate fair play.

NURTURE POIPOI
We show nurturing for one another through kind actions and words. We help and encourage each other.

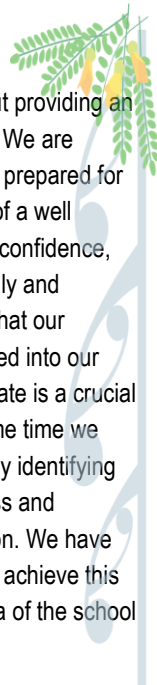
We like to have FUN – PAREKAREKA.

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Welcome



At Karaka School we are incredibly passionate about providing an Intermediate education that is of the highest quality. We are dedicated to ensuring that our young adults are well prepared for their transition to high school through the provision of a well balanced, holistic programme that will develop their confidence, and self esteem, and prepare them both academically and socially. Here at Karaka School we want to ensure that our Intermediate area is very much 'inclusive' - embedded into our school culture through acknowledging the Intermediate is a crucial part of who and what we are as a school. At the same time we work hard to ensure the Intermediate is 'exclusive' by identifying points of difference that acknowledge the uniqueness and importance of this time in a young person's education. We have implemented and developed many new initiatives to achieve this goal. We look forward to continuing to grow this area of the school and encourage you to come and talk to us further.

Sarah Hynds—Principal



ERO Report – August 2019

We are extremely proud of our place of learning, therefore we welcomed the ERO team and valued the time they spent in our school.

Quotes from our latest 2019 ERO Report

“Students experience a positive culture of learning that promotes collaboration, critical thinking and student agency.”

“Students self-select learning workshops in response to their interests and own learning needs. They confidently identify their learning strengths and can talk about next steps for learning.”

“Students experience a wide range of learning opportunities and experiences that enable equitable outcomes for all.”

“Opportunities for tuakana/teina learning relationships help students to develop leadership. “

“Year 8 students leave well prepared for secondary school learning.”

Achievement

Developing Excellence and Goal Setting

The core business of a school is learning and here at Karaka School we are committed to raising student achievement. Engagement in learning is the key to success.

Our Intermediate programme:

- Caters to individual learner needs
- Values student choice and input
- Produces confident students
- Encourages active participation
- Contains purposeful and meaningful learning tasks
- Provides authentic learning experiences

We are committed to developing the Key Competencies. These are the capabilities people need to develop, to live and learn today and in the future.

- Thinking
- Relating to Others
- Managing Self
- Participating and Contributing
- Using Language, Symbols and Texts



Technology in the Classroom

Digital technology enhances learning at Karaka School

Google Apps for Education



Students are confident and capable in using Google Apps for Education which sets them up for success at High School.

1:1 Chrome Books and iPads allow students to:

- Communicate
- Collaborate
- Share and Provide feedback
- Problem Solve
- Formulate Solutions



Other digital technologies our Intermediate students have access to are: Makey Makey, Coding and Green Screen.

Cybersafety Education – Allows students to gain the knowledge and understanding required to be responsible, respectful and mature digital citizens.

Student Monitoring - Hapara is used to monitor student's use of digital devices as we develop their digital citizenship.

Additional Learning Opportunities for Year 7 & 8 Students

Technology at Papakura Intermediate

Once a week our Year 7 and 8 students attend Technology at a local Intermediate School.

Technology at Papakura Intermediate endeavours to fulfill the purpose of the New Zealand Curriculum, in developing students' confidence in understanding and using technologies now and in the future. Students will be empowered to use technology as a tool for effective communication, personal productively and lifelong learning.

Students have the opportunity to participate in:

- Food Technology
- Robotics or Coding
- Music

STEM

(Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

Developing a culture of innovation and improving science and technology education are essential, if New Zealand is to meet future workforce demands and capitalise on the opportunities they offer.

Karaka School's Year 7 and 8 students participate in week long intensive units, which focus on teaching these disciplines together through the 5 E's: Engagement, Exploration, Explanation, Extension, Evaluation.

