



Kamo Intermediate School Te Kura Takawaenga o Kamo

Together, Building Tomorrow
He mahi tahi mō apōpō

Information

(Please note this information is current at the time of publishing)

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

To both students and parents/whānau we extend a warm welcome to Kamo Intermediate School. Kamo Intermediate is very proud of its achievements and the culture that has been developed here and we are pleased to have you as members of the school community. The Kamo Intermediate culture will immerse you in 'Channel K' (acts of kindness, to affirm and encourage others, being caring and considerate).

We provide a high standard of education and pastoral care for students. We pride ourselves on our ability to deliver top quality education to students from a wide variety of backgrounds, covering a full range of learning abilities and learning needs and specialising in the specific needs of emerging adolescent students.

We focus on providing an environment that is supportive of all areas of the school community, with particular emphasis being placed on having a positive attitude and communicating that attitude to others, be they students, staff or visitors.

Students are offered an excellent range of specialist courses, and are encouraged to develop inquiring minds and lifelong learning habits. The school believes in creating opportunities for students so that they have choices about developing and extending their talents and desires.

TERM DATES FOR 2021 (at the time of publishing)

TERM 1: Wednesday 3 February - Day 1 (Year 7s only)

Thursday 4 February (all students) - Friday 16 April

Easter for 2021 is during Term 1 - Friday 2 to Tuesday 6 April

TERM 2: Monday 3 May - Friday 9 July

TERM 3: Monday 26 July - Friday 1 October

TERM 4: Monday 18 October - Wednesday 15 December

LEARNING AT KAMO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Our vision is “Together, Building Tomorrow” (He mahi tahi mō apōpō), where we work alongside each other to build a future we can all be proud of.

The majority of our classes are a mix of Year 7 and Year 8. Most of the students stay in the same class for two years, and at Year 8, support the new Year 7 students.

The school is divided into six teams which are represented by different colours:

Nikau - Orange

Kowhai- Yellow

Tawa - Blue

Matai - Red

Rimu - Green

Kauri - Silver

There are plenty of opportunities to compete against other teams. These include: lunchtime sport, speech and reading competitions, tabloids, school wide sports events, mathematics competitions and cultural events.

Every class has high expectations for each individual to reach their potential in all curriculum areas. We also have teachers who specialise in Technology and The Arts curriculum. These areas include: Visual Art, Music, Performing Arts, Technology (food, digital design, robotics, textiles, biotechnology and Maker Space). Passion Based Learning is an important part of our curriculum. Students are encouraged to explore areas of interest using an inquiry model of learning. Where possible, our learning centres around our local community.

At Kamo Intermediate we have a Graduate Profile which students work towards achieving. The Graduate Profile focuses on skills and dispositions we believe our young people need to be successful, both as students and citizens. The goals in the Graduate Profile are:

- Have a sense of belonging
- Have high expectations
- Be an effective communicator
- Have a healthy, well-balanced lifestyle
- Be respectful
- Be curious

Our school values are integrity, respect, kindness and resilience, and these are incorporated in the Graduate Profile. Students who show the values can be awarded an 'Inspire' award by being nominated by their teacher or their peers.

There are a range of extension classes available that traditionally have included: mathematics, science, creative arts, food, photography, film making, textiles, art, wood creations, Kapa haka. On Fridays there are opportunities for students to participate in Day Zero lessons including, guitar, drums, keyboard, drama, dance and bass guitar.

Kamo Intermediate School has strong systems and pedagogy in place to cater for students who require that extra support in the areas of behaviour and specific learning needs. In addition to outside agencies, our Enrichment (E-Team) provide specific learning programmes to assist students.

Kamo Intermediate offers students the opportunity to take part in various academic challenges. These include: debating, speech, Mathex, ICAS assessments, Science Fair, Lit Quiz, Problem Solving Challenge, Otago University mathematics competition, AgriKids, and overseas educational tours.

Class Types:

Most of our classes are composite Y7/8. Most students will remain with the same teacher for their two years at Kamo Intermediate although we do make a few changes, for a number of reasons, each year.

Our character classes include:

- Boys Only
- Bilingual,
- Thinkers Plus
- Sports Classes.

Often demand outweighs the number of character classes offered, therefore expressions of interest are needed at the enrolment interview if you would like your child to be considered for one of the special character classes. Preference will be given to those who enrol before the end of Term Three.

Bilingual Classes

Students will learn through the context of Te Reo Maori me ona tikanga. Both classes are composite Year 7 and Year 8. Classes work collaboratively enhancing their learning of Te Ao Maori.

The main focus for these classes will be high levels of oral fluency of Te Reo Maori via second language acquisition, and it is our expectation that this learning will be continued at home. We have expectations that our classes will feed into our Kapa Haka roopu, to consistently maintain the richness of literacy that comes from karakia, waiata, moteatea and haka.

Each of our students will start or continue a Te Reo Maori journey of their own, and through a focussed approach to Te Reo Maori me ona tikanga, our overarching vision is that they will enjoy academic success as Maori.

Thinkers Plus Classes

Students will need to be highly motivated and prepared to use their initiative, taking full responsibility for their learning. Students will aim to achieve "best" results in all areas of school life and the wider community. With a passion in at least one learning area, students will be encouraged to pursue their personal goals through Passion-Based Learning. They will be strategic learners who are also responsible risk-takers, trying different approaches to learning. Making mistakes is a key factor of learning; these students will exhibit resilience and have the ability to "bounce back", demonstrating a growth mindset. Students will be able to work collaboratively with others, while also being an independent thinker and worker. Curiosity, and wanting to know more, is an extremely important quality as this guides students to being the "*change leaders*" of our world. Parents and Caregivers will need to express their interest at the enrolment interview if they would like their child to be considered for the Thinkers Plus class.

Boys' Class

We offer a Year 7 & 8 composite boys only class. Due to a disparity in 2018 between the number of girls and boys, we formed our first boys class. We continue to offer it as a choice due to the success of the learning environment.

Sports Class

Like the majority of our classes, they are composite Year 7 & 8 classes. This class type suits students who have a **passion for**, and an interest in **learning through the context of sport**. Students don't need to be top athletes to apply for this class.

If interest exceeds the numbers we can accommodate in our character classes, we will have a selection process.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

As a safe and responsible user of digital technology, Kamo Intermediate students will help themselves and other people keep safe by:

- Keeping personal information and passwords private.
- Being kind and considerate to others.
- Following online rules.
- Thinking twice before posting something online, as it is there forever!
- Telling an adult if something or someone online scares you.
- Monitoring the time spent online.

Please read the Kamo Intermediate School Student User Agreement form that was/is completed at the time of enrolment. For a copy visit our website under Enrolment. A copy of this agreement is part of the enrolment form, and must be signed by both parents/caregivers and the student prior to them using digital technology at school.

COMMUNICATING WITH THE SCHOOL

Kamo Intermediate has three Facebook pages. The first is dedicated to school activities and notices - *Kamo Intermediate School - KIS*, the second dedicated to sport - *Kamo Intermediate School Sports*. We encourage parents and families to follow both pages. Thirdly, our Parent Support Group operate a page - *Kamo Intermediate School Support Group*.

We value positive parent/teacher communication and encourage parents to stay connected with their children during this exciting time of their education and growth. Positive home and school communication is very important and provides an excellent way for everyone to stay in touch and

informed. Concerns should in the first instance be directed to your child's class teacher.

The Senior Leadership Team, consisting of the Principal and Deputy Principals, are available to talk to parents. That is a key part of their job. Parents with concerns or requiring information should first contact the school office, however if parents prefer a personal interview, an appointment time needs to be made.

If a parent or visitor wishes to speak to a child or visit a classroom, they first need to sign in at the office. This is to maintain school security and to protect our students.

The school has a number of digital forms of communication:

- Our school website. We encourage parents to visit the site regularly as media and news is added on a regular basis. Recent Updates (electronic newsletter) can be found on our website under "RECENT UPDATES". All information relating to school activities can be found here, and sometimes includes a message from the Principal. The Recent Updates are the official communication between home and school, and parents are strongly encouraged to read them. These are emailed out to parents every Tuesday.
- The school portal. Parents can view information about their child(ren) including: accounts, attendance, sick bay visits, general information, assessment results and more.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

We aim to report in a timely manner the progress each student is making. At the time of writing this document, we are reporting using rubrics (matrices) which show current achievement, progress and next steps in learning. These are shared with parents in a digital format.

Parents are encouraged to contact the class teacher at any time during the school year to talk about any area of any aspect of schooling, should they wish to. The best way to do this is to make an appointment to see the teacher by email or through the school office.

PARENT/TEACHER/CHILD CONFERENCES

The first parent/teacher/child discussion is an informal Meet and Greet to be held on February 11 2021. This meeting enables the teacher to discuss their programme for the term, expectations and answer any questions. It is also a time for students and parents to talk about any related issues to education.

Towards the end of Term Two we have more formal conferences where students' achievement and progress are discussed. It is also a chance for the students to share their learning with their parents/whanau.

PAYMENTS

All student payments are to be made via a personal KINDO account. KINDO is our online "Shop" and preferred method of payment. Option of full or part payments towards student accounts by either direct credit or credit card payments are available. To find out more about KINDO and how to register, visit our school website, "our school shop" tab.

STATIONERY

Students are required to have the basic stationery which includes, pens, pencils, ruler, eraser. The stationery list can be found on our website. Students are very much encouraged to bring their own digital device to school. The device of choice at Kamo Intermediate is a Chromebook.

STUDENT AWARDS

Stripes are awarded to students for participation in cultural, sporting, academic and service activities once a student has been involved in a particular activity. We also issue stripes when students are awarded a Tauria award, a Principal's award or a Channel K stripe. The events students earn a stripe for are affiliated Kamo Intermediate events. Many students set a goal of achieving the Bronze Award (20 stripes), Silver Award (35 stripes) or the Gold Award (50 stripes) by the time they leave Kamo Intermediate School. For more information on different ways students can earn stripes, please visit our website.

There are other awards students receive while at Kamo Intermediate. These range from class rewards, syndicate recognitions and senior leadership awards and as mentioned earlier, 'Inspire' awards.

STUDENT ABSENCES

We operate an electronic roll. In the case that the school has not received notification of a child's absence, the parent/caregivers will receive a phone call or text asking for absence details and to confirm that they are genuinely away. Absences can be reported via the SkoolLoop App (available for download via Apple or Android Playstore), on our school website or alternatively please contact the school office. A reminder that a child is legally required to attend school every day it is open for tuition. Any absence that has not been confirmed by the parents as a justified school absence will be noted on your child's records as a non-attendance day.

Also if exemption from sports or physical education is needed, or students are unable to wear specific items of school uniform, notification by the parents/caregivers is required.

LATENESS FOR SCHOOL

Please ensure that all students are at school by 8:40 am each day. If students arrive after 8:45 am they must sign in late at the office. Students leaving the school grounds during the school day will also need to sign out at the office where parents will meet them. Please remember that arriving late or leaving early will affect your child's ability to make the most of the learning opportunities available at our school.

THE SCHOOL DAY

8:45am	The school day starts (morning roll and admin)
8:55 - 9:50am	Block 1
9:50 - 10:45am	Block 2
10:45 - 11:05am	Interval
11:05 am - 12:00pm	Block 3
12:00 - 12:55pm	Block 4
12:55 - 1:45pm	Lunch
1:45 - 1:55pm	Afternoon roll and admin
1:55 - 2:50pm	Block 5

3:00pm

School finishes

OFFICE HOURS

The school office is open from 8:00am - 4:00pm.

START DATE FOR STUDENTS

Wednesday 3 February 2021 - Year 7 students first day

Thursday 4 February 2021 - All students return to school

MEET AND GREET DAY (for parents, students and teachers)

Thursday 11 February, 2021. This is held during the day and appointments can be made online towards the end of January.

HEALTH AND SAFETY MEDICINES

All medication, with the exception of asthma inhalers, must be kept in the office and an 'administration of medicine' form completed. This includes medicines such as antibiotics, ADHD medication, ear drops or eye drops. Asthma inhalers should be clearly named and kept with the student at all times.

If you do not want your child to have a paracetamol tablet on request, please let us know in the appropriate place on the enrolment form.

SICKNESS

We are equipped to handle minor injuries that occur at school. Our policy is to contact parents and have a student collected if he/she is too ill to return to the classroom. In the event of an accident or serious illness, the Principal will act 'in loco parentis' if the parents cannot be contacted, and arrange for medical treatment.

The school asks parents to inform us of any change in home or work phone numbers or emergency contact numbers, and to keep students home if they are ill.

Parents are encouraged to check the school portal regularly to see how often their child has been in the sick bay.

CANTEEN

At Kamo Intermediate, students are able to buy food over the counter at both interval and lunchtime. This consists of healthy hot foods, rolls and wraps, home baking, muffins, scones, snack bars and water. A menu is available on the school website.

Students can pre-order some lunch foods before 8:40am to be collected at the beginning of lunch-eating. Orders can also be made via Kindo.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our uniform identifies and unifies the school. It helps students feel that they belong. The most visible, immediate and ongoing images of a school in the public eye, are created and sustained by the appearance of its students.

There is a clear expectation that the Kamo Intermediate uniform will be worn correctly, with pride and with respect.

By coming to Kamo Intermediate, students are committing to wear the uniform correctly and parents are committing to ensure their child has the correct uniform and wears it appropriately.

Base Uniform:

<p>Girls:</p> <p><u>Skirt:</u> Black Watch tartan, 4 Gore or Type A <u>Shirt:</u> Forest green, knit, polo type <u>Shorts:</u> Black knee length dress shorts <u>Socks:</u> White or black ankle socks</p>	<p>Boys:</p> <p><u>Shirt:</u> Forest green, knit, polo type <u>Shorts:</u> Grey cotton – woven <u>Socks:</u> Grey – plain or with red bands</p>
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Long pants: The only long pants to be worn as part of the Kamo Intermediate uniform are the Kamo Intermediate track pants with the logo and the words “Kamo Intermediate” down the right leg.

Footwear:

Sandals: Must be black with heel strap and worn without socks.

Shoes: BLACK lace up or slip on, worn with socks. Laces must be black. Heels to be less than 4cm in height.
All footwear is to be BLACK – no other colours on them.

PE & Sports Uniform:

In 2020, PE uniforms must be purchased from 'Sportclub'. Their showroom is at A1 Nell Place Business Park, Nell Place, Whangarei.

Shorts: Plain Black shorts. No commercial logos etc on shorts.

T-Shirts: Syndicate colour. These are a specific colour for the Syndicate your child is in.

Kauri - Silver
Nikau - Orange

Kowhai - Yellow
Rimu - Green

Matai - Red
Tawa - Blue

Sweatshirt & Jacket:

Sweatshirt: Red with printed Kamo Intermediate logo

Jacket: Black jacket with a white Kamo Intermediate logo.

Headgear:

Black bucket hat: The only headwear is the school's black bucket hat with logo, available from suppliers and the school.

Jewellery:

Earrings: Only small keeper studs or sleepers, in no more than two piercings per ear. No other visible piercings.

Significant Pendants (eg taonga):

These must be worn under shirts or tops and must be removed when playing sports and in specialist classes.

Other:

Scarves/winter hats:

- Only to be worn to and from school in Terms 2 & 3. Must be the colours of the school – black, green, red.
- No rings, bracelets or anklets allowed.
- Make-up and nail polish are not permitted.
- Students are expected to wear a clean, well-maintained uniform and to wear it at all times, including coming to and going home from school.
- The staff will monitor the wearing of the uniform and the Senior Leadership Team rule on matters of interpretation of the uniform code and styles of wearing it.
- Where there is a valid reason for the student not being able to wear the correct uniform a note written and signed by the parent/caregiver must be supplied.

Suppliers of Kamo Intermediate's base uniform:

BETHELLS	The Strand Arcade	4386 566
NORTHLAND SCHOOL WEAR	577 Kamo Road, Kamo	4352 576
THE WAREHOUSE	Okara Shopping Centre	438 0346

We look forward to working with your children at Kamo Intermediate -
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