



# 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 2023 (at the time of publishing)

TERM 1: Wednesday 1 February -Day 1 (Year 7s and new Year 8 only)

Thursday 2 February (all students) - Thursday 6 April

TERM 2: Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June

TERM 3: Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September

TERM 4: Monday 9 October - Friday 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 classes in 2023 will be separate Y7 and Y8.

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.

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 ‘Above & Beyond’ award by being nominated by their teacher or their peers.

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.

## GRADUATE PROFILE

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

There are a range of extension classes available that traditionally have included: mathematics, science, creative arts, food, photography, 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 Team (E-Team) provides specific learning programmes to assist students.

Kamo Intermediate offers students the opportunity to take part in various academic challenges. These include: debating, speech, Mathex, Kiwi Competitions assessments, Science Fair, Lit Quiz, Problem Solving Challenge, Otago University mathematics competition, AgriKids, EPro8 and overseas educational tours.

## CLASS TYPES

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:

- Reo Rua (Bilingual)
- Thinkers Plus
- Sports Classes
- Enviro and Agricultural

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. If interest exceeds the numbers we can accommodate in our character classes, and a selection process may be needed.

### Reo Rua (Bilingual) Classes

We offer a warm environment for students to thrive and succeed under a tirohanga Māori. Te reo me ōna tikanga are integrated through all curriculum areas, and are at the forefront of our focus. As a student in our Reo Rua class, your tamariki will learn how to stand confidently in their Māoritanga, learning aspects of te ao Māori such as tikanga, kawa, karakia, karanga, taumata mihi, mōteatea, hīmene, rongoa and waiata.

Each of our students will start or continue a Te Reo Maori journey of their own, and through a focused approach to te reo Māori me ōna tikanga, our overarching vision is that they will enjoy academic success as Māori. It is expected that all tamariki also take part in kapa haka and mau rākau lessons that run once a week.

For 2023 we will have a Tuākana homeroom class of Year 8s and a Teina homeroom class of Year 7s. Aspects of learning and teaching will also be done collaboratively with both homerooms learning alongside each other.

## 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.

## Sports Class

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.

## Enviro/Agricultural Class

Students in this class will be learning about their environment. They will undertake many hands-on experiences with nature. They will be getting their hands dirty. Students will study nature up close and will be provided with personal and relevant learning experiences that will encourage them to reflect and think critically while gaining a stronger understanding of their environment as well as different farming systems. These will be explored and field trips around the district undertaken. The study of soils, plants, mechanisation and animal husbandry will be integrated into our class studies.

There will be a strong focus on sustainability, designing zero waste practices, making compost, making and using green technologies while creating or contributing toward native habitats in and around the Kamo Community.

The Enviro/Agricultural class of 2023 wants to empower students. It is a class for students who are prepared to get involved, take responsibility and be prepared to learn to make independent decisions. It is planned that students will be able to identify local issues, and lend a helping hand in community projects by becoming involved.

An understanding and growing understanding of Maori perspectives while learning about Maori Kaitiakitanga will be woven into the year's study.

## DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Students are encouraged to provide their own suitable digital device, such as a Chromebook. 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 operates four Facebook pages. The first is dedicated to school activities and notices - Kamo Intermediate School - KIS, the second dedicated to sport - Kamo Intermediate School Sports. Thirdly our Reo Rua Bilingual class have a page, KIS Bilingual and Kapa Haka. We encourage parents and families to follow the facebook pages. Lastly, 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. 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. Additionally there are two achievement and effort reports; one at mid year and the other towards the end of the school year.

Parents are encouraged to contact the class teacher at any time during the school year to talk about 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 held in early February. 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.

After the mid year report we have student led conferences where achievement, progress and goal setting are discussed. This is 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 Taurira 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, team recognitions and senior leadership awards and as mentioned earlier, 'Above & Beyond' awards. A Principal's Badge can be earned once students have provided evidence that they have achieved a high standard of the Graduate Profile. Each student meets with the principal and discusses their achievements.

## **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 our school website or alternatively please contact the school office. A reminder that all children are 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.

## **HEALTHY SCHOOL LUNCHES - KA ORA, KA AKO**

Kamo Intermediate is part of the government initiative to provide every student at our school with a free lunch.



## 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

11:05am - 11:15am Lunch eating time

11:05 am - 12:00pm Block 3

12:00 - 12:55pm Block 4

12:55 - 1:45pm Second break

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 - 3.30pm.

## START DATE FOR STUDENTS

Wednesday 1 February 2023 - Year 7 students & new Y8's first day

Thursday 2 February 2022 - All students return to school

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

Thursday 9 February, 2023. 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.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

**In 2022 we started our transition to our new uniform. In 2023, all students will be required to wear the new uniform. Our previous green shirts, grey shorts and red sweaters will no longer be worn.**

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. Our students arrive at and leave school in their formal uniform.

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:**

Shirt: Teal polo with Kamo Intermediate logo.

Shorts (or skort): Black knee length with Kamo Intermediate

logo. Sweatshirt: Teal and black with Kamo Intermediate logo.

Long Pants (optional - Winter terms only): Black Kamo Intermediate track pants, with the Kamo Intermediate logo and the words "Kamo Intermediate" down the right leg.

Kamo Intermediate Jacket: Black with Kamo Intermediate logo (wind breaker).

Socks: Plain black ankle socks.

Footwear: BLACK lace up or slip on, worn with socks OR BLACK sandals with heel strap (without socks). All footwear is to be BLACK - no other colours on them. Heels to be less than 4cm in height.

Bucket hat: Black - with or without Kamo Intermediate logo. (Hats are compulsory in Terms 1 & 4.

### PE & Sports Uniform:

In 2023, PE uniforms must be purchased from our uniform suppliers.

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

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

Kauri - Silver

Kowhai - Yellow

Matai - Red

Nikau - Orange

Rimu - Green

Tawa - Blue

### 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 only.
- 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*

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