



OTAHUHU
INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL

PROSPECTUS

"I love O.I.S. because I really enjoy learning new skills from the teacher of the elective that I'm in" – Alek시오, Room 9



"I believe that trips and school venues gather students and parents to enjoy and make new friendships and connections" – Lesieli, Room 9

"At Otahuhu Intermediate School we have 3 values (Passion, Respect and Personal Responsibility)" – Patricia, Room 9



"I'm confident in the elective I am in with different teachers" – Jabez, Room 9

"I enjoy electives because it helps us learn new things and builds new talents" – Tasmiyah, Room 9



Welcome from the Principal

Greetings, Kia Ora, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Ni Hao, Buenos Dias, Chao Malo ni, Namaste, Bonjour, Bula Vinaka, Kamusta, Guten Tag, Hoe Gaan Dit, As-Salam-u-Alaikum, Xin Chào

Welcome to Otahuhu Intermediate School! We are a middle school which provides a lot of opportunity for you to grow academically, physically, socially and emotionally in a safe learning environment.

We have very caring staff who encourage you to love to learn, as well as looking after any individual needs that you may have so that we can achieve EXCELLENCE FOR ALL, which is the vision statement for our school.

Our values are very important to us, and they underpin all that we do. By living with RESPECT, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY and PASSION, we encourage you to be the best that you can be.

We encourage your parents/caregivers to be involved in your learning. We run workshops for them to attend so that they can understand your achievement and how to best help you at home.

We work hard to provide a wide range of opportunities, inside and outside of the classroom, to encourage and develop your interests and passions. Take a look through the rest of this book to find out more about exciting activities such as our Year 8 Camp, Specialist Programme, Sports Teams, Honours Badge Programme and much more!

We look forward to welcoming you to Otahuhu Intermediate School, where you will be encouraged to understand and be passionate about your learning, try out many different unique activities, and also meet some wonderful teachers and great new friends.

Brent Woods
Principal



"I love O.I.S. because I find the teachers very encouraging and very nice" – Kansas, Room 10

"I like O.I.S. because of the cool sports you can participate in" – Kerie-Eleison, Room 10

Thank you to the students in Room 10 who have written these pages for you!

Vision: excellence for all

What does **EXCELLENCE** look like in our school?

- A caring and humble friend to all
- Setting goals and working towards achieving them
- Pushing yourself to work harder and faster
- Having integrity
- Completing work to a high standard
- A role model to everyone
- Being consistent
- Having neat and tidy books
- Representing O.I.S. in school wide activities
- Being a leader
- Being honest
- Having an Honours Badge

"I love O.I.S. because when you come to this school you get to meet a lot of new people"
- Naomi, Room 10



Values: RESPECT

What does **RESPECT** look like in our school?

- We care for others
- Friendly
- Look after the environment
- Being quiet and listening while others are talking
- Hear each other out
- Using positive and encouraging language
- Saying please and thank you
- Treating others the way we want to be treated
- We compromise
- Consider other people's feelings when we speak
- Quiet and mindful of others working around us

"I love O.I.S. because we have tech in day three and six"
- Mia, Room 10

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

What does **PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY** look like in our school?

Cleaning up after yourself
Pushing your chair in before going outside
Completing our homework on time
Looking after your belongings
Wearing the correct uniform every day
Waking ourselves up for school
Bringing a note to school after being absent
Not getting distracted by others
Being honest
Having enough rest before School

"I love O.I.S. because we have food tech, art and dance tech
- Uaisele, Room 10

"I like O.I.S. because we do electives every Wednesday and we have semi specialisation every block 5"
- Pterece, Room 10

"I like O.I.S. because we get to dance with other schools"
- Azariah, Room 10

PASSION

What does **PASSION** look like in our school?

Representing O.I.S. in school wide activities
Letting others join in
Giving everything a try
Participating in sport
Being proud of yourself and other's accomplishments
Do something out of my comfort zone
Serve with pride and confidence
Representing my culture
Having a good attitude
Being honest
Always giving my best in everything I do

"I love this school because it's awesome playing on the rugby field"
- Latu, Room 10

Learning at O.I.S.

"I like the different varieties of teachers with different ethnicity and them teaching us their language" – Uzayr, Room 9

INQUIRY LEARNING

Our teaching is based around Inquiry Learning. We start with a big idea and you research and investigate this further within your learning areas. You construct your own learning and meanings and you learn through curiosity, discovery, and collaboration. It enables you to pose thoughtful questions, make sense of information and develop new understandings about a topic and the world around you.

SEMI-SPECIALISATION

- English
- Mathematics
- Social Science
- Science
- Physical Education
- Health
- Careers
- Learning Languages
- Technology
- The Arts

MODERN LEARNING SPACES

All of our classes are modern learning spaces with a comfortable and flexible design that also looks great. This makes sure that you are able to learn in all situations. We also have chrome books available in all classes for you to use.

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME

We have an excellent Specialist Programme that you will be involved in, where you can learn various subjects such as Performing Arts, Food Technology and Visual Arts.

ELECTIVES PROGRAMME

Throughout the year we run some Electives Programmes. This is where for one hour per week you can choose an activity to be involved in. These subjects change every time we run the programme, but here are some examples of what we have offered before:

- Cake Decorating
- Photography
- Dance
- Crochet
- Henna Design
- Coding
- Choir
- Music
- Beautification of our Environment
- Videography and Filming



EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

We provide opportunities for education outside the classroom for you to enhance your learning. These can be class trips to places like MOTAT or The Maritime Museum, or sometimes we bring people in from other places to teach you, like Counties Manukau Sport or the Life Education Trust. This also involves our very popular Port Waikato Camp for our Year 8s, when you go away for a few nights and get to try all sorts of fun activities, such as kayaking, tramping, abseiling, beach swimming, outdoor camping and lots more.



ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Our Writers in Schools Programme gives you the opportunity to work alongside well known New Zealand Authors and Poets to produce work which is published in a school book. We also host speech competitions in lots of languages such as English, Maori, Tongan, Samoan, Hindi and Niuean. We also offer the opportunity for you to enter international competitions through ICAS in subjects such as English, Mathematics, Science and Digital Technologies.

PERFORMANCE GROUPS

We have a large variety of Performance Groups for you to participate in and we often perform within our community:

- Choir
- Band
- Ukulele Group
- Kapa Haka Group
- Samoan Group
- Tongan Group
- Bollywood Group
- Cook Island Group
- Niuean Group

"I love this school because it is so fun and all the places to enjoy and I really like going to the Rec Centre to swim and meet new friends" – John, Room 10

SPORTS TEAMS

You can represent O.I.S. at the South West Zone and Auckland Interzone competitions in a wide range of sports, including:

- Softball
- Cricket
- Tag
- Soccer
- Rugby
- Hockey
- Netball
- Rugby League
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Touch Rugby
- Athletics

"What I like about O.I.S. is the park because it is so fun to play on" – Aaliyah, Room 10

"I enjoy Electives because we get to choose our elective and we also get to learn new things" – Hinemoa, Room 9



"I love O.I.S. because I learn something new each day" – Nevaeh, Room 10

"I love O.I.S. because there's a lot of students that can motivate you to learn more and new things in each subject" – Richie, Room 9

"I love O.I.S. because I got to perform my culture" – Stevie, Room 10

"I enjoy electives because I get an opportunity to learn new things" – Kyla, Room 9

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We offer a lot of opportunities for you to grow your leadership skills! We have a Student Council where you get to represent all of the students in our school and contribute ideas to recommend and implement initiatives within the school. You can be a Road Patrol Warden and help to keep our students safe when walking home from school. Or you can be an assistant in the Office, Library or Breakfast Club. To recognise excellent leadership we have an Honours Badge Programme within our school where you can earn merit cards and be recognised with an Honours Badge. Our Honours Badge students are seen as excellent leaders and are role models within our school.

"I am thankful, for
all the fun and strong
friendships I have made
at O.I.S." - Olima, Room 9

"I like O.I.S. because we respect
the cultures and languages around
our school" - Charmaine, Room 9

PARENT/CAREGIVER INVOLVEMENT

We give your parents/caregivers a lot of opportunity to be involved in your learning and achievement. We do this in many ways, including inviting them in to school with you at various times throughout the year to meet with your teacher and yourself for Student Led Conferences and other meetings. This is to discuss your learning and achievement progress and help them to understand how they can best support you to reach your goals. We invite them to attend workshops here at school so that they can have a good understanding of what you are learning in Maths, Reading, and Writing, etc. We also encourage parents/caregivers to help with class trips and camp.



Life at O.I.S.

TUCK SHOP

We have a tuck shop here at school which is open during the breaks so that you can purchase drinks and a range of both hot and cold snacks.

SERVICES

We have a Social Worker who is based in our school and also have a Public Health Nurse who visits on a regular basis. We have a Police Education Officer who trains our Road Patrol Students and helps with any safety concerns within our school.

"O.I.S. creates friendships that could be honoured from Intermediate, and could last your High School years"
- Loseli, Room 9

"What I like about O.I.S. is Electives because we get to do stuff" - Haki, Room 9

FACILITIES

We have some great facilities at O.I.S. for you to enjoy, including:

- Hall
- Wharenuī
- Football Field
- Netball and Basketball Courts
- Adventure Playground
- Achievement Centre
- Library
- Astroturf
- Rugby Field
- Volleyball Courts
- Peace Garden





"I enjoy electives
because they give us
a chance to learn new
things/knowledge" -
Katrina, Room 9

"I would miss all my friends
and the rugby fields"
- Sani, Room 9



"I like O.I.S. because I'm
in different classes in
block 5" - Monty, Room 10



"I like the O.I.S. teachers,
because they are so kind
and correct our mistakes"
- Arnav, Room 9





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