



OTAHUHU  
INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL

**PROSPECTUS**



"I believe that trips and school events bring students and parents together to make new friendships and connections"  
- Lesieli, Room 9



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

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



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

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



# Welcome from the Principal

Greetings, Kia Ora, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Nin Hao, Buenos Dias, Namaste, Bonjour, Bula Vinaka, Kamusta, Guten Tag, As-Salam-u-Alaikum, Xin Chao

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 our exciting activities!

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 do digi tech, science and visual art"  
- Uaisele, Room 10

"I like O.I.S. because we do electives every Wednesday and we have semi specialisation every block 1"  
- 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.

## NZC LEARNING AREAS

- English
- Mathematics
- Social Science
- Science

## 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.

## SEMI-SPECIALISATION

- Physical Education
- Health
- Careers
- Learning Languages
- Technology
- The Arts

## TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME

We have an excellent technology programme that you will be involved in, where you will learn various subjects such as

- Digital Technology
- Science
- Visual Art

## ELECTIVES PROGRAMME

Throughout the year we run some Electives Programmes. This is where for two hours 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:

- Photography
- Dance
- Henna Design
- Coding
- Fitness
- Sports Coaching
- Choir
- Music
- Beautification of our Environment
- Ki o Rahi
- Chess
- 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. We also organise trips for Syndicates, Honours Badge Students and other special groups. When we have the opportunity we also organise sports camps or other overnight camps with a focus on outdoor activities.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

### Academic

Students have the opportunity to participate in:

- Speech Competitions (English, Maori, Tongan, Samoan and Hindi)
- International (ICAS) Competitions (English, Maths, Science, Digital Technologies)
- Mathex – Maths competition against other Auckland Schools
- ePro8 Challenge – Science competition against other Auckland Schools

### The Arts

We have a large variety of performance groups for you to participate in. These groups perform at assemblies, local community events and festivals, as well as at competitions:

- Choir
- Band
- Ukulele Group
- Kapa Haka Group
- Samoan Group
- Tongan Group
- Bollywood Group
- Cook Island Group
- Niuean Group
- Fijian Group
- Asian 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 many opportunities for you to grow your leadership skills, such as:

- Student Council – representing your class in school-wide discussions and events
- Road Patrol Wardens after school
- Office Assistant during school breaks
- Library Assistant during school breaks
- Breakfast Club Member before school
- Enviro Team Member
- Travelwise Team Member

To recognise excellent leadership we have an Honours Badge Programme within our school where you can earn merit cards and be recognised with a Honours Badge. Our Honours Badge students are seen as excellent leaders and 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 opportunities to be involved in your learning and achievement. We do this in many ways, including:

- Connections Evening in Term 1
- Learning Area Workshops in Terms 1, 2 and 3
- Reading Together Programme in Terms 1, 2 and 3
- Student Led Conferences in Terms 2 and 4
- Cultural group coaching/mentoring
- Project Wy Leadership Programme

We encourage parents/caregivers to help and support with our education outside of the classroom programmes, for example: class trips, camp, sports camp, tree planting etc.



# Life at O.I.S.

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

## UNIFORMS

- All students must be in full school uniform at all times, this includes when arriving and leaving school
- We have a school PE uniform which is worn during PE lessons
- We have a uniform shop at school which is open every morning from 8.30am to 9.30am

## STUDENT SUPPORT

We have a Student Support Team that looks after you and your family. This team includes:

- Associate Principals – to support students and whanau
- Learning Support Coordinator - to support students and whanau
- Social Worker provided by ATWC – based at school
- Art Therapist provided by Whitecliffe – based part time at school
- Counsellors provided by Laidlaw and MIT – based part time at school
- RTLB – to support students' learning and behavior
- Police Education Officer – to provide ongoing support and mentoring programmes
- Public Health Nurse – to support health needs of students

We provide a range of additional support programmes to meet individual or group needs within our school, for example: Dress for Confidence, Police Mentoring and Let's Siva Programme

## FACILITIES

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

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| • Hall                          | • Library           |
| • Wharenuī                      | • Astroturf         |
| • Football Field                | • Rugby Field       |
| • Netball and Basketball Courts | • Volleyball Courts |
| • Adventure Playground          | • Peace Garden      |
| • Achievement Centre            | • Tuck Shop         |







"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 1" – 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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