



Waiau Pa School

School Description

**Learning
skills for life!**

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Location

Waiau Pa School is attractively situated in a semi-rural location, 21 kilometres from Pukekohe and Papakura. The rural setting contributes to the culture of the school which remains focused on positive social interaction and education of the 'whole child' as they build towards "Learning skills for life!".

History

Waiau Pa School officially opened in October 1890, in an unlined shed built by the first settlers. By 1900 the roll numbers had increased and the tiny shed became inadequate. A larger building was built on the Waiau Pa – Kingseat Road, which had then become more central. Once again in 1915 the roll growth exceeded the size of the building and the school was moved to its current position on Waiau Pa Road. Since this time the school has continued to rise to its present level of approximately 350 students

Staffing

Staffing at Waiau Pa is stable. There is a strong mix of experienced staff as well as newly registered teachers. The staff are divided into four teams – Kowhai – New Entrant to Year 2, Karaka – Year 3 & 4, Rimu – Year 5 & 6, and Kauri – Year 7 & 8. There is a Deputy Principal and Assistant Principal as well as two other team leaders. These four senior leaders along with the Principal make up the senior leadership team.

A strong group of Teacher Aides make our school a special place for learning. The Teacher Aide team work alongside both individual students as well as taking small groups.

Additional support staff include an Office Manager, Executive Officer, and Caretaker.

At Waiau Pa School...

"Students are very engaged in their learning. They confidently contribute to classroom discussions and support each other by providing feedback about their ideas, successes and areas for improvement."

"Students are confident, capable learners. They have a strong sense of their identity and make decisions about how they can contribute to the life of the school. Students represent and advocate for themselves and others. Teachers support students to develop skills, knowledge and social capabilities in their academic, sporting, social and cultural endeavours. The school's set of values and learning traits are well understood by students and are used to support their learning."

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Learners

Waiau Pa is a Decile 9 school with approximately 350 students. The majority of students live in the Clarks Beach / Waiau Pa area with several school bus runs operating in the local area. Waiau Pa currently does not have an enrolment zone. The majority of learners identify as being NZ European with 15% of the current role identify as being Maori.

Learning

The focus at Waiau Pa School is on academic, sporting and cultural excellence. This is reflected in our National Standard results which are above the national average. We strive to ensure our pupils leave Waiau Pa School with the confidence to succeed and make positive choices for their futures. To ensure this happens the Board of Trustees are committed to resourcing a wide variety of programmes that both enhance learning as well as expose students to a range of experience.