



Learning skills for life!

BELIEVE | BELONG | BECOME

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 375 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."

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Students participate and learn in a caring, collaborative learning environment. Relationships between teachers are respectful. Agreed school values are well-promoted in classes and school-wide, and understood by students. Senior leaders actively promote agreed expectations and a consistent approach to behaviour management, with a focus on restoring relationships. The new leadership team has developed an open, inclusive approach to special needs education. Students' diverse languages, cultures and identities are celebrated. Those who need additional support are carefully identified, and programmes and interventions are responsive to their needs. ERO 2019.

Learners:

Waiau Pa is a Decile 9 school with approximately 375 students. The majority of students live in the Clarks Beach / Waiau Pa area with several school bus runs operating in the local area. The majority of learners identify as being NZ European with 16% 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 and our 2019 ERO report. 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.