

Maidstone Intermediate

Te Kura ō Hinepōhatu

Prospectus



Maidstone at a Glance

- ◆ Motivated ākonga (students)
- ◆ Caring and passionate kaimahi (staff)
- ◆ Many break-out learning spaces and rooms
- ◆ Sensory Learning Support Room
- ◆ Full-size hockey / netball turf
- ◆ Full-size rugby and football fields
- ◆ Counselling Rooms
- ◆ Adventure playground
- ◆ Basketball courts
- ◆ Extensive fields and green spaces
- ◆ Fitness Trail
- ◆ Modern classrooms
- ◆ Hard Materials Room
- ◆ Visual Arts Room
- ◆ STEAM Room
- ◆ Food Technology Room
- ◆ Performing Arts: Music and Band Rooms, Dance/Drama Studio
- ◆ Learning Hub
- ◆ Modern Library/Information Centre
- ◆ Hall

A Safe Nurturing Environment

- ◆ Everything we do starts and finishes with supporting our ākonga and their learning.
- ◆ Our self-development programmes include lessons on mindfulness, resilience, coaching and leadership development.
- ◆ A safe environment depends on clear guidelines and high expectations which allow ākonga to learn and take risks.
- ◆ We have a dedicated 'Maidstone Way' of doing things.
- ◆ A counsellor is on site every day of the week.
- ◆ Youth workers on site to support ākonga.
- ◆ We form strong links with outside community agencies to support our ākonga and their whānau.



Ko te ahurei o te
tamaiti arahia ō
tātou māhi

*Let the
uniqueness of
the child guide
your work*

**Nau mai, haere mai! Haere mai ki Te Kura ō Hinepōhatu.
Welcome to Maidstone Intermediate School.**

Thank you for choosing to become part of the Maidstone whānau. I trust your experience will be one filled with adventure and authentic ako (learning).

At our kura, we believe each ākonga (student) can achieve success. 'It is not if you are bright; it is how you are bright'. It is a place where everybody should feel they belong, as we are all passionate about meeting our young adolescents' specific needs and supporting their success.

Our aim is to grow great people by working in partnership with whānau; preparing our young people for living in the 21st century, and to be positive, contributing members of society.

Our prospectus provides you with a brief insight into what Maidstone Intermediate School offers our ākonga. If you would like to know more about us, please contact us to make an appointment. Alternatively, you can visit our website at www.maidstone.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui
Wikus Swanepoel
Tumuaki / Principal



Class Learning



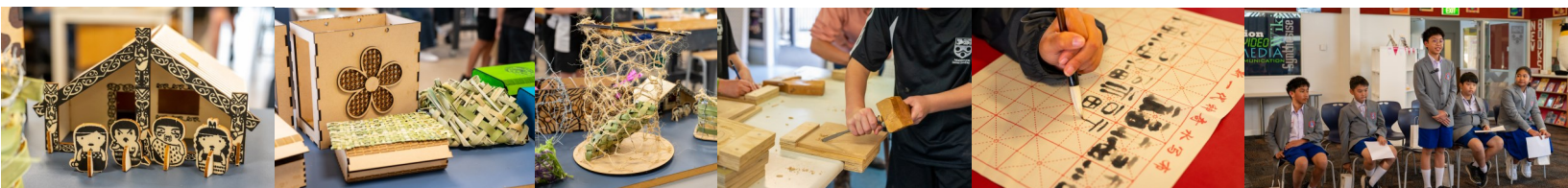
Ākonga explore the curriculum through an integrated approach, along with a focus of equity. Over their two years here, our ākonga will learn from the context of Understand, Know and Do. Ākonga explore learning from a Mana Whenua perspective and have access to te ao me tikanga Māori.

Our MIS curriculum ensures that all ākonga in our kura learn how our ANZH (Aotearoa NZ's Histories) have shaped our present day lives. Furthermore, our MIS curriculum is also dynamic, diverse and innovative; including a whole-school approach to Te Reo Māori, local historical narratives and hands-on support from local iwi.

Ākonga are 'hooked' into projects planned by kaiako; encompassing the essential learning areas of Science, Social Sciences, Health, Technology and the Arts. Project-based learning enables ākonga to become responsible, self-directed, and life-long learners. We strive for ākonga to become critical thinkers and effective problem solvers.

E-Learning - preparing for the 21st Century

We are a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) kura, and E-Learning is an integral part in our learning. Our Digital Curriculum provides authentic learning experiences, and supports higher-order and collaborative learning.



Te Reo Māori

Maidstone Intermediate recognises that Te Reo Māori is an official language of New Zealand. Te Reo Māori, tikanga and kawa are embedded in our learning programme.

Korean

Connections with the Korean Education Centre enables us to be the only Intermediate in Wellington to have a Korean kaiako teaching us the Korean language and culture.

Mandarin

Our kura offers a Chinese Mandarin language and culture programme through the Confucius Institute of Victoria University.

Other languages

Through interactive online programmes our ākonga can learn many other languages.

Languages





Te Awa Kairangi - Kaupapa Mātanga Technology & Arts

Our Kaupapa Mātanga Programme consists of five areas that allows ākonga the opportunity to experience higher levels of learning.

Visual Arts

Ākonga have the opportunity to generate their ideas in a variety of artistic forms, both traditional and digital.

Performing Arts

Designed to give ākonga the opportunity to practically explore the beginning skills of music, dance, drama, and film with their peers.

Materials Technology

Ākonga can explore a wide range of resistant materials. They will learn about the properties of these materials and their suitability for use.

Arts Enrichment

Our aim is to provide creative and cultural experiences for ākonga to engage in across the year including:

Music Tuition

Itinerant music teachers come in weekly allowing us to offer music tuition throughout the year. Ākonga can sign up for small group lessons in: Keyboard, Drums, Acoustic Guitar, Bass Guitar, Ukulele, and Singing.

School Bands

We have two bands that perform at assemblies, Battle of the Bands, and other events.

Showcase / School Production

To celebrate all the mahi our ākonga do in The Arts throughout the year we put on a Showcase which combines the different groups into one big performance.

Showquest

A massive competition where we pull together dancers, gymnasts, actors, film makers, and backstage crew to put together a mini Broadway Production to participate in the national event that is Showquest.

STEAM

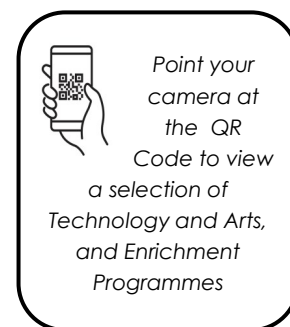
STEAM is an approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry. Students have the opportunity to experiment and test with robotics, electronics, game design and other digital technologies.

Food Technology

Focuses on introducing ākonga to the 'technology process'. This will assist them in designing, making and modifying food products to meet the requirements of a 'brief'.



View Galleries



Maidstone's Got Talent

Once a year our ākonga have the opportunity to sign up and show off their special talents.

Dance Troupe and Acting Troupe

Dance Troupe explores a range of dance styles with the intention of putting on performances both in and out of school. Acting Troupe ākonga can join to refine their acting skills, and learn more about improvisation, stage, and screen acting.

Kapa Haka

This is an opportunity for ākonga to extend their capability in waiata, haka, and tikanga Māori. They also explore different elements and learn the history of traditional weaponry such as mau, rakau, patu, poi, and fīti tōrea in a modern context. Kapa Haka performs at different festivals, challenges and competitions.

Pasifika O Mo I Sa

A fusion of all the Performing Arts and Dance of Pacific Samoa, Cook Islands, Tokelau, Māori and more.



SPORT

Lessons learnt from participating in sport are important for ākonga development. It encourages good health, success, friendships, as well as enhancing team building, and individual confidence.

Sport opportunities at Maidstone include:

After School Sports

Basketball (Term 2 & 3)

Flippaball (Pool Availability)

Netball (Term 2 & 3)

Floorball (All year)

Touch Rugby (Term 1 & 4)

Under Water Hockey & Water Polo

WRISSA Competitions (Inter-School Competition against other Wellington Intermediates)

Baseball, Softball, Athletics, Sevens, Football, Cross Country, Hockey, Tennis, Rugby League, Flag, Volleyball, Netball, Table Tennis, Basketball, Swimming, Touch Rugby and Rugby Union.

Sports Exchanges

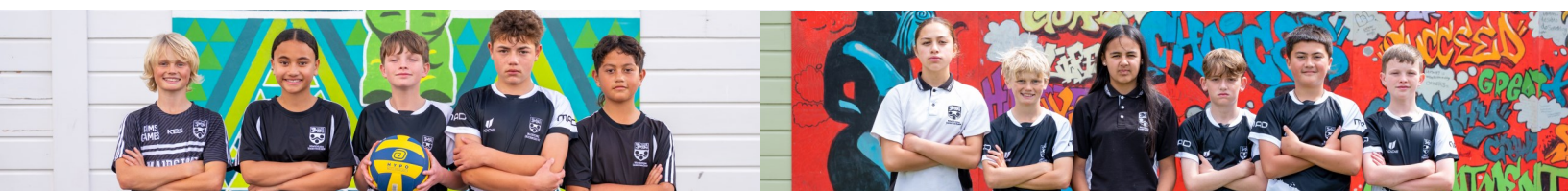
Maidstone has sports exchanges with other Intermediates every year; including Wainuiomata, Masterton and Fergusson Intermediates.

AIMS Games

Maidstone Intermediate attends each year, and has taken Basketball, Netball, Football, Sevens, and individual athletes in the past. AIMS Games are an awesome opportunity for us to test ourselves against the best Intermediate-age teams across New Zealand.

Lunchtime Sport

Challenging other classrooms in various sports and games. Who will have the Challenger Flag at the end of the year? The winners then take on the kaimahi.



Education Outside The Classroom

- ◆ EOTC provides ākonga access to hands-on experiences that are not available inside the classroom.
- ◆ Ākonga learn vital skills such as team building and leadership.
- ◆ Camp in Year 8.
- ◆ Survival Sleepover in Year 7.
- ◆ Rōpū excursions to take learning outside the classroom.



Learning Support

- ◆ MIS has a Special Needs Coordinator (SENCO), and a Learning Support Coordinator (LSC). Their main task is to work collaboratively alongside the ākonga, kaimahi, and whānau to ensure ākonga have access to as many opportunities as possible.
- ◆ We have a purpose-built Learning Centre.
- ◆ We provide high quality holistic support for ākonga who have special educational, emotional, behavioural, or physical needs.
- ◆ We foster a school-wide acceptance and positive attitude towards ākonga with special needs.
- ◆ Learning Support also includes: Resource Teacher of Learning Behaviour (RTLB), reading programmes, and Steps Web



Leadership

We believe that emerging adolescents are very capable of taking an active leadership role in our kura.

Our leadership programmes enable us to foster and grow leadership, and provide ākonga with opportunities for development in their areas of responsibility or interest.

We have a range of leadership opportunities:

- ◆ School Leaders
- ◆ Rangatahi Maia
- ◆ Student Representative Council (SRC)
- ◆ Sport Leaders
- ◆ Performing Arts Leaders
- ◆ Library Leaders



Enrichment Programmes

- ◆ Maidstone Athletic Development
- ◆ William Pike Challenge
- ◆ Kapa Haka
- ◆ Mātauranga Māori
- ◆ Pasifika O Mo I Sa
- ◆ Toi Whakairo (Carving)
- ◆ Food Academy
- ◆ Maths Academy
- ◆ Watts Up Science
- ◆ Literacy Academy
- ◆ Visual Arts Extension
- ◆ Yearbook
- ◆ Gardening Group
- ◆ RAD (Repairing and refurbishing devices)
- ◆ Referees
- ◆ STEAM
- ◆ EPro8
- ◆ Podcast
- ◆ Dance Troupe
- ◆ Acting Troupe
- ◆ Band
- ◆ Chess Club
- ◆ Toast Masters
- ◆ Aquabots
- ◆ Mau Rakau
- ◆ Mandarin & Korean
- ◆ Trash to Treasure
- ◆ WOW



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