



# TAURANGA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



## Kia ora parents, whānau and caregivers.

I am delighted with the start to the school year. I have been impressed by the maturity and enthusiasm of our students, as they navigate their start to the year. Congratulations must go to our Year 8 students, who have done a wonderful job welcoming and nurturing the new Year 7 members of their class.

All students should now be attending school. If you have a legitimate reason for your child's absence, this should have been communicated to your child's classroom teacher. Students not attending school for a long period of time without an explained absence, may be removed from our school roll.

### Uniform

It is great to see students in the correct uniform. Please make sure everything is clearly named including sandals and hats.

### Masks

I have thanked the students for their maturity, resilience and compliance when wearing masks indoors. All teachers are doing a great job providing plenty of fresh air breaks and keeping classrooms ventilated and cooled.

A mask exemption can be sought through the following appropriate channels:

Disabled Persons Assembly NZ [info@dpa.org.nz](mailto:info@dpa.org.nz)

Blind Citizens [admin@absnz.org.nz](mailto:admin@absnz.org.nz)

Deaf Aotearoa [covid@deaf.org.nz](mailto:covid@deaf.org.nz)

Alternatively, if there are specific medical reasons your child cannot wear a mask, you can provide the school with a letter for your child from your GP, outlining the medical reasons for the exemption.

### Drop Offs and Pickups

Please drop off and pick up your child outside of our school. It is too busy and dangerous to have parents driving down our driveway at these busy times. We recommend Grace Road, 18th Avenue or Fraser Cove for drop offs and pickups.

### Meet the Teacher Evening

Our scheduled 'Meet the Teacher Evening' on Thursday 10th February at 6.30p.m, will now take place via Google Meet or Zoom. Information and a link for this will be sent out by each House team early next week. Each House will introduce their teaching team and go over key information for the year. Please make yourself available for this next Thursday between 6.30p.m and 7.30p.m

## SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Phone: 07-578 4401 (absences)

TIS Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com/TaurangaInt](https://www.facebook.com/TaurangaInt)

Tauranga Intermediate Website  
[www.tauranga-int.school.nz](http://www.tauranga-int.school.nz)

Bus queries contact Mike Bibby  
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TIS App - In App Store search  
SchoolAppsNZ  
In the app search for  
Tauranga Intermediate School

Any other questions/queries  
contact the classroom  
teacher.  
<http://www.tauranga-int.school.nz/About-Us/Staff>



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## **Whānau Conferences**

Our Whānau Conferences are coming up in Week 4. These conferences are an important opportunity for you to discuss everything about your child with their teacher, so that we get to know your child as well as possible. This helps us to support all students to the best of our ability. We aim for 100% attendance by whānau at these important conferences. Whānau Conferences will take place in class on a set day during the week of Monday 21st to Thursday 24th February 2022.

Each teacher will have one day set aside for Whānau Conferences. Students from your child's class will be taught by other teachers in their House for that day so the class teacher, you and your child can complete your whānau conference in class or in another suitable room. School will remain open for the whole week and normal learning programmes will continue.

Bookings can be made online using the School Interviews website from Wednesday 9 February. Full details about Whānau Conferences will be communicated with you early next week.

## **Burger King at Fraser Cove**

Students are not permitted to go to Burger King before school (8.00a.m – 8.45a.m) or after school (3.00p.m – 4.00p.m) unless accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

## **Queries/Concerns**

All queries and concerns should be initially communicated to your child's classroom teacher. In the unlikely situation that they are not able to provide you with the appropriate information or response, they will seek advice, or pass on the matter to a member of the school leadership team.

## **School Donations Scheme**

This year Tauranga Intermediate School has again opted into the School Donations Scheme. This means whānau do not have to pay any curriculum related costs or a voluntary school donation.

## **School Camp**

Tauranga Intermediate School is very lucky to own our school camp Ngamuwahine Lodge, located just 25 minutes from school. This is an amazing facility and is always a highlight for our students and parents who attend. The school heavily subsidises the cost of the 5 day camp, covering the curriculum related costs. The camp fee is \$140 which covers food, extra safety instruction and equipment. This is outstanding value and probably the cheapest and best 5 day camp for intermediate students in New Zealand. Class teachers will inform you of camp dates next week.

Finally, have a great Waitangi Day long weekend.

**Ngā mihi nui,  
Cameron Mitchell**

# KIMIHI KIA TAEA

## EXPLORE AND ACHIEVE