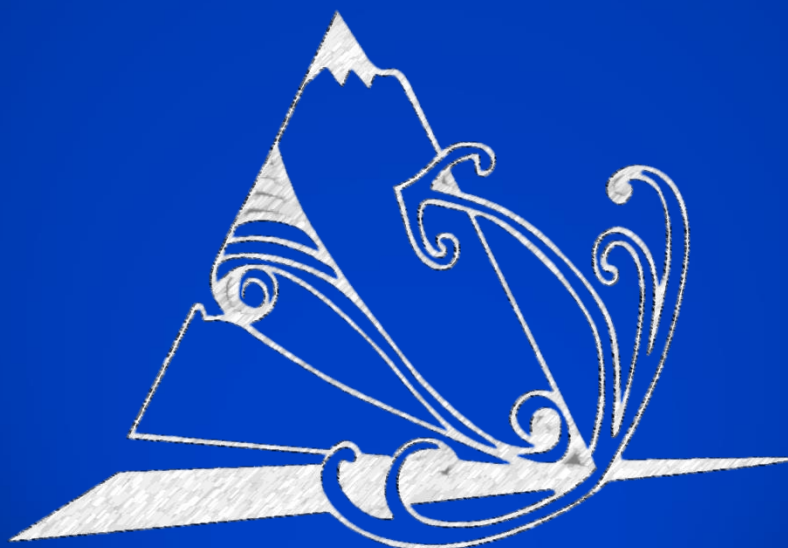


PROSPECTUS

# WAIAU AREA SCHOOL

Year 1–13 Education



*Live to LEARN, LEARN to Live*

# Welcome to Waiau Area School

Waiau Area School offers the opportunity for your child to learn, develop, and grow with special character. Waiau Area School is the **only school offering Year 1-13 education in Southland**.

We offer a **seamless education for students**. Students can transition between primary, intermediate, and secondary school with least disruption. This allows opportunities for students and teachers to **build life-long learning relationships**. We understand your child as a learner. We pride ourselves in the **small class sizes, rural flavour and family atmosphere** for which Waiau Area School is renowned.



Our vision at Waiau Area School is simple. We aim to be recognised as a **high achieving school** which is characterised by its **happy atmosphere, good resources** and **supportive environment**. A place where **education is student-centred** and where the community is involved in all its activities. We stand by our motto:

***Live to LEARN, LEARN to Live***

We provide a **safe, stimulating, and engaging** environment. We provide programmes that address the individual needs of our students. Our team of **dedicated teachers** are committed to providing the best learning outcomes for your children.

Being a small school, we know our students well. We are focussed on **setting clear boundaries** and **having high expectations**. Respectful relationships are paramount.

At Waiau Area School our mission is:

***To provide a wide-range of learning opportunities within the school, our community and our local environment***

# WE SUPPORT STUDENTS

*All hands are on deck to support your child.*



## Homeroom / Mentor Group Teachers ...

Are the **primary pastoral care staff** and first point of contact for any concerns. Students are allocated as follows:

- Yr1-8 are in Homeroom all day.
- Yr9-13 meet with their Mentor Group teacher at 10.20am daily.

## Assistant Principal / Deputy Principal ...

Are responsible for leading and managing their area of the School. They keep their **fingers on the pulse** for all things regarding students in their school.

## Heads of Department...

Oversee overall curriculum delivery.

## Curriculum Teachers ...

Deliver **specialised curriculum content** to students. They oversee student achievement and support the learning needs of our students.

## Career Personnel ...

Our Careers and Gateway staff provide **advice for students** of all ages.

## RTLb / RT:Lit ...

Provide **support to students, teachers, and families** around learning needs.

## Health Nurse ...

Supports the **health and wellbeing** of our students.



## Guidance Counsellor ...

Works with students and their families to **support the needs** of our students.

### **ERO Statement ...**

*"Teachers at all levels of the school have been undertaking professional development to improve the effectiveness of their assessment practices."*

### **ERO Statement ...**

*"Teachers recognise that the engagement and progress of each student is central to boosting student achievement."*



**We put  
Students  
at the  
Centre**



### **ERO Statement ...**

*"Teachers are working together to use their expertise and link content across the junior and senior classes."*



### **ERO Statement ...**

*"ERO saw multiple examples of effective teaching that engaged and motivated students."*



# WE OPEN PATHWAYS FOR STUDENTS

- Small class sizes means **more contact time**.
- Small class sizes means quality and **meaningful relationships**.
- Small class sizes means **more opportunity to succeed**.

*Class Sizes  
16 per Class  
(on average)*



- We **adjust programmes** to meet individual needs, interests, and aspirations.
- We meet regularly to **track and monitor progress**.
- **Isolation is no barrier**; we bring the world to Tuatapere.



*Together, we plan for  
your future*

# WE PROVIDE FOR STUDENTS

*We are resource rich, providing*

- Gymnasium
- Library
- Hall
- Computer suite
- Technology block
- Science lab
- Extensive recreation grounds





# WE OFFER AN ARRAY OF RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- SMAC Maths
- Cross Country
- Southland sport challenge days
- Speech competitions
- Activity Week
- Read-a-thon
- Senior after school tutorials
- Specialist teachers to benefit all students
- Gym Rats
- Camps
- Sports Interchanges
- Annual Area Schools Tournament
- Performance Week
- Market Day
- CareerFest
- Leadership Forums
- Special Olympics

## *Extra Curricular*

- Guitar lessons
- Ski trips
- School Socials / Senior Ball
- Film Club
- Badminton Club
- Basketball Club
- Cricket Club
- Tennis Club
- Tech Club
- Soft Fabrics Club



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