

Matarau School Prospectus

*to be valued
to know self
to make choices
to enjoy learning*

Our School

Matarau School is a progressive rural school providing a quality education for around 280 children from years 1 to 8. Our location only 7 minutes from Kamo enables us to combine the best of both a rural and urban education. We have a proud history of success in a wide range of educational domains and a high level of community involvement and good will.

In more specific terms

We are committed to providing a balanced education (which incorporates both basic skills and opportunities for extension in areas of personal ability and interest). We work hard to ensure this occurs in an environment in which children feel safe and where every individual child is valued for their unique disposition and talents.

The board is committed to

- maintaining the special rural character of the school
- keeping class numbers as low as possible (target of 25 per class)
- employing the best possible personnel
- ensuring the centrality of literacy and numeracy
- ensuring that information technology is updated regularly
- ensuring that educational programmes are appropriately resourced

Physical Resources

- 12 well resourced classrooms
- Resource and specialist teaching areas
- A modern well stocked library
- Computerised library issues and search systems
- Modern computers in each classroom with high quality educational software
- Specialist computer suite
- Science laboratory
- Internet access to all classrooms
- Well developed outdoor recreation facilities including full sized sports field, junior and senior adventure playgrounds, sandpit area, basketball court and two tennis courts
- Swimming pool
- School hall / gymnasium

Educational Philosophy

The following principles underpin programmes at Matarau School

- 1) The belief that a positive attitude is the key to success in all that we do.
- 2) That education should have, as its primary aim, independent, self-managed learners who take personal responsibility for their learning and behaviour.
- 3) That education is both an end in itself and a preparation for life beyond school.
- 4) That values instruction is integral to school life.
- 5) That learning is enhanced when there is a partnership between home and school.

In more specific terms our programmes

- Encourage children to be critical and creative thinkers and problem solvers
- Encourage self-management and goal setting within an encouraging and supportive school environment
- Encourage children to work towards personal bests
- Emphasise the importance of basic skills (especially in English and Mathematics)
- Encourage the active involvement of parents in their children's learning
- Offer specialist teaching in a number of learning areas
- Opportunities to develop skills in areas of personal interest.

We also provide

- A Reading Recovery programme
- One to one instruction for children with learning difficulties
- Accelerated and differentiated learning programmes
- An international student programme
- Calf club and home garden programmes
- Participation in interschool sports and academic competitions
- A school dramatic production / school choir in alternate years
- Regular camps and excursions as part of our outdoor education programme
- A venue for private music tuition
- A values education programme

If you would like to join our school family please contact the school directly on **ph/fax (09) 4335-823**.
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