



Belmont Intermediate School

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Dear parents and caregivers

Belmont Intermediate School is delighted to confirm that the 2026 Year 8 students will attend a week-long camp at Waipu Cove, which is 130km north of Auckland at the southern end of the picturesque Bream Bay. An outdoor education programme has been developed to provide our students with the following opportunities:

- Develop self-awareness and confidence in their abilities
- Increase personal fitness
- Develop and practice a diverse range of skills
- Increase awareness of the environment
- Enjoy the social and personal benefits of interaction with their peers
- Develop tolerance for others and their differences
- Experience challenge and adventure
- Take calculated risks
- Develop and practice leadership

An exciting programme has been planned with our camp providers, Bigfoot Adventures, a respected and efficient provider of camps for many schools across Auckland and the North Island. The programme includes surfing, surf lifesaving, kayaking, a coastal walk, bivouac building, caving, a survivor challenge and beach education. All students will sleep in tents for the duration of the camp.

2026 Camp Dates

Camp 1: Monday, 23 February – Friday, 27 February 2026

Camp 2: Monday, 2 March - Friday, 6 March 2026

Cost

\$615 per student due Friday, 6 February 2026

Please pay the camp contribution via the school's [Online Shop](#). The camp contribution will show in the Payment Requests section on your home page until it is fully paid. Full or part payments can be made at any time through the Online Shop but please note that the total contribution of \$615 will need to be paid in full by Friday, 6 February 2026.

If you are having issues accessing the Online Shop or making payments, please contact Tammy Miles at accounts@belmontint.school.nz. The cost includes all meals, travel, accommodation and activities, but if students require a special diet, there will be an additional fee of \$48 for the week.

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Parent helpers

One of the key factors to the success of our camps is parent help. The camp is a fun, educational and rewarding week for students, parents and teachers. We require quite a number of helpers across the two camps. Please think if you will be available to join us - a form, and confirmation of which teams will be attending on which dates, will be circulated over the coming weeks for all interested parents to complete.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

As the majority of the camp cost is fixed (e.g. transport, instructors, programme management, lifeguards, marquees, tables, chairs and lighting), the school is only able to refund the variable costs of the camp fee (tent site hire and catering) of \$220. The school is required to confirm camp numbers to Bigfoot Adventures no later than two weeks before the commencement of the camp.

Cancellations and refunds will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. However, in general, if the school receives written notice to cancel a child's attendance after the due date but **no later than two weeks** before the child's allocated camp start date then a **refund of \$220** will be made.

Cancellations, regardless of reason, within two weeks of the camp start date will not be entitled to a refund and the full camp fee will be payable. If the camp is cancelled, the school will endeavour to mitigate the costs incurred.

If you have any questions relating to camp finance, please contact Tammy Miles at accounts@belmontint.school.nz.

If you have any concerns regarding the camp programme, please direct your queries to Tim Oldham toldham@belmontint.school.nz or your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Oldham', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim Oldham
Year 8 Dean and Deputy Principal