



# Belmont Intermediate School

Auckland • New Zealand

Established 1957



**Leading Excellence in Intermediate School Education**

respect | excellence | humility | courage | creativity | integrity

# Our location



Auckland is New Zealand's largest city. Belmont Intermediate School, established in 1957, is located on the Devonport Peninsula. Voted New Zealand's safest community, Devonport is just 10 minutes by ferry or a short drive over the harbour bridge to the city centre. An enviable lifestyle awaits you; safe, clean beaches, abundant recreational activities, cafes, bars, restaurants and shops, wide green open spaces and some of New Zealand's top performing schools. We have a partnership relationship with Takapuna Grammar School, our international students have the privilege of direct entry into the school.



## The New Zealand Middle School Concept

New Zealand has a unique concept for educating the emerging adolescent. Students attend a separate two year intermediate school. Students are between 10-13 years of age. The education system is tailored to their needs; active, collaborative and creative. Intermediate schools act as a bridge between the primary and secondary systems. Students are in a homeroom environment, like the primary school system for the additional support this provides, but experience a rotating specialist programme with specialist teachers, preparing them for the challenges of secondary school. At Belmont Intermediate School students can choose electives from a wide range of topics for the afternoon block. In addition, our international students receive an individualised tailored ESOL programme.

**Primary School (Ages 5-10)**  
Years 1 to 6



**Intermediate School (Ages 10-13)**  
Years 7 to 8



**Secondary School (Ages 13-18)**  
Years 9 to 13



# Our school



## Our vision

At Belmont Intermediate School our vision is to lead excellence in intermediate school education. We take great pride in offering a two year programme which provides a range of opportunities to enable our students to develop the skills that are vital to them becoming life-long learners. Our school environment is vibrant and engaging and where diversity is sought and valued.

We have a curriculum which is interconnected, future focussed and child centric. We aim to give every student the opportunity for academic, cultural and sporting success. In addition, our health and life-skills programmes equip our students with essential skills to help them through some of the challenges they will face as emerging adolescents.

At the heart of our teaching and learning is our school's core values of respect, excellence, humility, courage, creativity and integrity. Our staff and students are expected to embrace the core values and show commitment to them in everything they do.

Our goal is not only for our students to achieve personal excellence during their time at intermediate school, but also to prepare them for a successful transition into high school.

## What we offer

When you choose Belmont Intermediate School, you are accepting an opportunity for your child to be included in a learning environment which will challenge and inspire them to achieve personal excellence in everything they do.

Our programmes are tailored to deliver on the school's key learning competencies of adaptable thinker, global citizen, self-directed and reflective learner, effective communicator and collaborative learner.

### **Adaptable thinker**

Thinking in different ways to learn effectively, moving forward to new challenges and developing a growth mind-set.

### **Self-directed and reflective learner**

Regulating how to think and learn independently.

### **Collaborative learner**

Working effectively with others.

### **Global citizen**

Understanding who you are, recognising global interdependence, valuing and respecting individual and cultural differences and protecting the environment.

### **Effective communicator**

Active listening, expressing ideas, interacting and engaging with others.

**608 students**  
**30 international students**

## Class sizes

Homeroom: 27 - 32 students  
Specialist: 15 students  
ESOL: 10 students  
per group

## Facilities

20 Homerooms | 5 Specialist Rooms | ICT Suite | Information Centre | Teaching Resource Centre | School Hall | Learning Support Centre | ESOL & Languages Suite | Extensive Grounds | Sports Fields | Playgrounds

# Our international students



Looking after our international students and parents is important to us. Our International Student Director works hard to support the students and their families and is the first point of contact for enrolment.

Liaising between agents, parents, students, teachers and home-stay families, our International Student Director ensures that settling into a new school and community runs as smoothly as possible.

All our international students will be assisted by our International Student Director and a student buddy in their first week to adapt to the school environment. Students will be given support in:

- familiarisation with our school's layout and facilities
- explanation of school rules and procedures
- counselling services available and role of our International Student Director explained
- ESOL testing
- information on sports and extra-curriculum activities.

A native speaking counsellor is available and our buddy system helps students integrate and make new friends. A quality home-stay family can be arranged, but we encourage students of this age to live with a parent or a relative.

The International Student Director is always on hand throughout the year to personally assist our international students with any other concerns or queries that they may have.

At Belmont Intermediate School we have a dedicated ESOL teacher and a teacher aide to support our international students.

We have an ESOL programme which assists our international students with extra reading, writing, speaking and listening to help our students improve their English skills so that they can easily keep up with their Kiwi classmates. Our programmes utilise online individualised reading, grammar course books, spelling programmes, phonics and small group speaking practise lessons. In addition we offer English for Academic Purposes (EAP) for our advanced learners.

**We are NZQA Code Certified**



**School. For detailed  
information on the Code of  
Practice see  
[www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)**



Belmont Intermediate School students receive preferential entry into Takapuna Grammar School, one of New Zealand's top ranking schools.



# Our electives, enhancement and enrichment programmes

## Electives programme

As part of our school's commitment to offering an exciting and engaging curriculum, an electives programme is offered to all students. The goal of the electives programme is to inspire and encourage students to follow their passion and undertake learning of their choice across multiple disciplines. A vast array of electives is offered to allow our students the opportunity to experience new and challenging ways of learning.



## Enhancement and enrichment learning programmes

We recognise that students do not all learn at the same pace, so we offer extension programmes in mathematics, science, sports, the arts and technology. Equally as important, we have a dedicated enhancement learning teacher and teacher aides available to assist students who require learning support.

For students who seek greater academic challenges, we offer specialist training and support to those wishing to compete in both national and international competitions such as Mathex, Auckland Intermediate Schools Art Exhibition, Kids Lit Quiz, Future Problem Solving, Otago Maths and International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).



# Education outside the classroom



## Self-awareness | Confidence Fitness | Teamwork

Our outdoor education programme provides an opportunity for students to:

- Develop self-awareness and confidence in their own abilities
- Increase their personal fitness level
- Develop and practice a diverse range of skills
- Increase awareness of the environment
- Enjoy the social and personal benefits of interaction with others.

Our Year 7 outdoor education programme spans across 4-5 days and involves a number of activities which aims to challenge students physically, socially, emotionally and creatively. Year 8 students attend a highly anticipated week long camp at Waipu Cove. The students sleep in tents and participate in kayaking, caving, rafting, tubing, surf-lifesaving, survivor challenge, surfing, bush craft and bivouac building.





# Visual and performing arts



Our visual and performing arts programmes offer students opportunities to develop and express their ideas and creativity, in a stimulating environment, under the guidance of our specialist teachers.

In visual arts, students are given an overview of the art elements. This gives them a sound base with which to express themselves in two-dimensional painting and drawing as well as three-dimensional sculpturing using a range of media.

We offer a comprehensive performing arts programme which encourages our students to experience music and dance in an active, creative and collaborative environment. Students participate in producing compositions and musical and dance performances. Some of the performance groups we offer include school productions, J-Rock, Dance Off, Battle of the Bands, BIS Idol, Belmont Intermediate School Kids in Theatre, jazz band, kapa haka, orchestra and rock bands.



# Why Belmont Intermediate School?



When you choose Belmont Intermediate School your child will have access to:

- Excellent academic, cultural and sporting results
- High quality teachers
- Technology integrated teaching and learning programmes
- Enhancement and enrichment programmes
- Dedicated ESOL qualified teachers and ESOL programmes
- Outstanding pastoral care from our dedicated International Students Team
- Committed on-boarding programme to assist international students to adapt and settle into their new school and life in New Zealand
- Preferential entry into Takapuna Grammar School, one of New Zealand's leading high schools
- Amazing location, one of Auckland's safest and most picturesque suburbs.

## Enrolment & enquiries

We welcome enrolments for short term and long term students between the ages of 10 to 13 years with or without parents. Students are not required to live in the immediate vicinity of the school.

If you would like more information on enrolment, enrolment application forms, visa assistance, fees, insurance, home-stays or any other general enquiries please visit our website or contact our International Student Director.

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