



Matamata Intermediate School

Towards 2019 (3) - Enrichment Opportunities

Wananga/Future Focused Learning: To develop a learning framework that is challenging, relevant and engaging.

Students experience a wide range of opportunities to extend their learning across the depth and breadth of the New Zealand Curriculum. The school's core beliefs prioritise the foundations for an empowering learning culture. These are clearly integrated throughout programmes for learning. The collaborative and caring learning environments highlight teachers' responsive practice for nurturing learners. Students' progress and achievement is acknowledged and celebrated. - Matamata Intermediate School ERO review 2018

As part of our vision of "Inspired Learners. Empowered to Achieve", we have a number of enrichment opportunities across a wide range of curriculum areas, including English, Maths, Physical Education, Te Reo, Science and Technology, and The Arts. We work hard to cater for the learning needs of all our students and support the Ministry of Education Vision for Gifted and Talented Students: *"gifted and talented learners are recognised, valued, and empowered to develop their exceptional abilities and qualities through equitable access to differentiated and culturally responsive provisions."*

We see student leadership as an enrichment opportunity and believe every student should have opportunities to develop leadership skills, in a range of both formal and informal situations. During 2019, specific leadership opportunities will be identified, including being responsible for helping to organise and lead house and school events in sport, the Arts and supporting charities. Leadership training and support is provided for students so they are well equipped to carry out these responsibilities. We will acknowledge and celebrate these leaders each term.

We aim to provide learning experiences which inspire students and enrich their lives. Students with identified areas of strength, or who have passion, potential and commitment to excel in an area are invited to explore opportunities in sports, academics, technology, music and cultural enrichment activities. Usually, this will include a trial, audition, submission of exemplar work, or similar, before the student is invited to take part in an enrichment opportunity via a formal notice sent home.

Accessing Opportunities:

- Karen Nicholls is our Enrichment Coordinator and works alongside classroom and specialist teachers to track students who are identified as having learning characteristics that give them the potential to achieve highly (well above average) in one or more areas of the curriculum
- Anita Muter is our Student Leadership Coordinator and works alongside teachers to run our leadership programme
- All students are kept updated with the opportunities available via Daily Notices (parents can also access these online: <http://www.dailynotices.co.nz/view.aspx?school=1812&day=6918>)

Enrichment opportunities include, but are not limited to:

Academic	Leadership	Cultural	SPORT	ARTS/Performing Arts	Community Service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Bookawards -Science Fair -ePro8 -Otago Problem Solving -Waimaths - Baymaths -Taupo Maths -Lit Quiz -ICAS External Exams -Writers Group -Newspaper reporting -Newsletter -University trip 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Leadership in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sport - Hospitality - Cultural - Whanau hui - Arts *Student Forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Kapa Haka -Japan Exchange -International trips 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Aims -Winter Olympics -Inter-intermediate sports days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Band -Ukulele -Rock Band -Public speaking -Creative Dance -Hiphop -Visual Art day -Murals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Golden Oldies -School Environment -Vege garden -Green Team

