



Matamata Intermediate

24th January 2022

Teena koutou, teena koutou, teena koutou katoa, Nga mihi arohanui ki a koe me too whaanau.

Fond greetings to you and your family.

Welcome to 2022. We are looking forward to the year ahead with our returning students and meeting our new year 7s.

The school roll, for 2022, is currently sitting at 388 with a teaching staff of 25 full and part time, and 15 support staff. 29% of our students identify as Maaori with a number of these students identifying with Matamata's three iwi, Ngaati Hauaa, Ngaati Hinerangi and Raukawa. The non-Maaori students in our school identify as 63% NZ European, 3% Asian and 5% of other nationalities (fig. rounded). You may notice our new 'Welcome' sign at the front of the school, which we hope represents all of these nationalities and more who may come.

At Matamata Intermediate, we aim to provide an environment with a wide range of opportunities to develop the potential talents, confidence and independence of our students. We believe the well-being of each of our students is central to the way in which we celebrate commitment, progress and achievement. As the year progresses, we look forward to sharing these opportunities and achievements with you - see below for the forms of communication we use.

This first, welcome newsletter contains some important information around a number of aspects of school, for 2022 including; 2022 Covid response, new uniform, times and dates and communication details. Hopefully, you will find this helpful and there is also a lot of information to be found on our school website.

I am looking forward to seeing all our students on Thursday 3rd February. Unfortunately, with our Covid restrictions, we do not have visitors in our classrooms, but you are welcome (wearing a mask) to drop your child at the classroom door. We will post lots of first day photos which will hopefully help you share in your child's first day.

Nga mihi nui
Debbie Currie
Principal

2022 TERM DATES

TERM ONE

3rd Feb - 14th April

TERM TWO

2nd May - 8th July

TERM THREE

25th July - 30th Sept

TERM FOUR

17th Oct - 15th Dec

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2022

We appreciate the first day of school can sometimes be a bit daunting, particularly for our year 7 students. Unfortunately, we can not have parents or whaanau enter our classrooms, so we ask that you drop your child off at either the front gate or Allenby Road, or outside the classroom door.

Please wear a mask and scan the QR code, if you are coming onto the school site. Mrs Currie and Miss Johnson will be outside, by the main office to help students find their way. We will also have year 8 students ready to help direct new students to their classes where their classroom teachers will be waiting for them.

As it is the first time on site for many of our year 7s, we will be holding a powhiri in the morning. Our apologies, due to limited space and being unable to social distance, this is not an event open to whaanau and parents. We will share photos of this for you to see.

During our first day, we will also hold a bus assembly to explain how the bus system works at MIS. If your child travels on a bus, please make sure they know their home address.

**THURSDAY
3RD FEBRUARY
8:50am - 3pm**

REMEMBER TO BRING:

- Correct uniform (including PE gear) -see details below - please ensure all uniform items are labeled
- Stationery
- Togs and towel (if your child is unable to swim, for medical reasons, please provide a note or email the classroom teacher)
- Drink bottle and lunch

COVID RESPONSE FOR 2022

We do not know what 2022 will bring but we have a response plan in preparation. You can find that plan with this link, if you wish to see the overview for our Covid planning. The key message is that at all times, our aim is to keep lines of communication open and to keep students, staff, parents, whaanau and our wider community informed. - link to [MIS Covid Response 2022](#)

CAMP INFORMATION

Classroom teachers will be communicating with you around your students' class camp. Currently, we are working through the Public Health Measures that external providers are operating within. This has presented some challenges but we are doing our best to find solutions to ensure equal access to Education Outside the Classroom, for all our students. We will keep you informed as planning continues for camps.



The Skool Loop App allows you to let us know your child will be absent and keeps you up to date with notices and newsletters



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UNIFORM

Thank you to the Matamata Warehouse team for working hard to have the uniform ready and well presented for us. As you may know, we were impacted by Covid delays and we really appreciate the way they worked hard to set this up for us.

A number of people have been asking for classification around footwear. Students are expected to wear plain, fully black shoes with black socks or a black sandal which has a back strap. Slides, jandals or Birkenstock type shoes are not acceptable school shoes.



These are the different elements that make up the new uniform. All students require the PE gear (Top and Shorts) and the main polo shirt is unisex. Students then have a choice of which bottoms they prefer.

FOOTWEAR: students will be expected to wear plain black shoes and socks or black sandals.

The school hat is encouraged to be worn during terms 1 & 4.

