

Waimea Intermediate School

Situated at the top of the South Island, Nelson is the sunniest region in New Zealand, and Waimea Intermediate, with a roll over 670, is one of the country's few semi-rural intermediates, with a great mix of town and country kids!

It is situated in a large campus environment with a primary and college sharing expansive grounds and excellent facilities. Classrooms and other spaces have all been upgraded in recent years to provide outstanding spacious learning environments and special attention to outdoor areas has resulted in grounds that are engaging and stimulating for play as well as sport and PE.

But Waimea Intermediate is not just about location; it is about the culture. A culture that lives and breathes collaboration, respect, understanding and a real knowledge of what it means to be a young adolescent learning and growing up in New Zealand.

The curriculum has been specifically designed to engage this unique age group and is centred around global concepts that build upon each other to drive an all encompassing pedagogy. There is a high level of cooperative planning and curriculum delivery within and between syndicate teams. Curriculum committees support curriculum delivery, review and development. More able students are identified and catered for in class, syndicate and school wide programmes. Students with special needs receive in class support from class teachers and teacher aides under the guidance of a special needs coordinator.

In combination with the curriculum Waimea Intermediate holds strong the four key values of Respect, Integrity, Self-Management and Empathy that fuse learning, growing up and building positive relationships in a uniquely restorative way.

With a geographically large enrolment zone there is a diverse range of interests and occupations represented in our parent community including horticulture, forestry, viticulture, fisheries, manufacturing and general service industries. Our ethnic composition is 86% European, 11% Maori and 3% other. Waimea Intermediate is a decile 8 school with all socio-economic groups represented.



"Perhaps it's the sun, perhaps it's the location, perhaps it's the people! Nelson is a lifestyle."



"Intermediate is so much fun! It's pretty much learning but in a fun way. I love WIS. It has so many opportunities. It's a school you would never want to leave."

