



Nāu Mai Haere ki te Kingsway School

What a privilege it is to serve and collaborate with you in this very special part of your child's educational journey.

At Kingsway School we consider parents to be co-workers in the children's learning and development. We are partnered together, with the Lord's help, to do the very best for your child. The first few weeks of school are very important as your child learns school routines, expectations, and attitudes towards learning. Please make sure that you have read the Junior Campus Handbook, which is on the school website under Our Schools/Primary School. This will assist you in settling into the school community and contains valuable information.

Arriving at School

Once students have put their book bag in the designated place and their "brain food" on their tables, they are encouraged to play outside until the bell rings. On wet days, they may stay in but need to be quiet as teachers are still preparing for the day and talking with parents. If your child is **late to school**, they need to get a "late pass" from the **office**. Should you need to 'pick up' your child **during the school day**, please sign them out at the office and remember to inform the class teacher.

Food

Your child will need to bring healthy food for 3 separate eating times. At the start of school, children have "Brain Food" packed in a small bag or container, which goes on their table at the start of the day. (Fresh fruit, fresh vegetable sticks or cheese are some ideas.) **Please do not send peanuts** to school as we have students with severe peanut allergies. Student's morning tea and lunch are kept in their school bag, in their locker until needed. Please do not send lollies and chocolates or highly flavoured chippies like "Twisties" to school. Your child will also need a bottle of fresh water (not juice please) to drink from after sport and play. The children are supervised while eating their lunch and are, in general, expected to eat all their food.

Rubbish

Although we do have rubbish bins around the school, we do prefer that students pop their food wrappers and peels back into their lunch boxes to be disposed of at home. We endeavour to encourage a rubbish-free school.

Homework / Home Learning

The children will have 15-20 minutes of homework Monday to Thursday night. This will be set out in the weekly communication letter and in their Homework / Home Learning books. Once routines are established, work can be done quickly and is very important revision of recent learning. Right attitudes towards homework are vital for success and we appreciate your support with our Home Learning Programme.

Toys

Children may bring ONE toy to school that fits into their school bag. Toys are to remain in the locker until break to avoid distraction during learning times. Please explain that care of this precious toy rests on your child, thus building responsibility and ownership.

Behaviour Expectations

We have 3 Studio rules. They are:

- Respect the teacher (obey quickly, speak politely, listen attentively)
- Respect others (use gentle touch, say kind words, listen politely)
- Respect property (look after school property, look after other people's things, look after your own things)

In our Ōwhanga, we focus on these things too:

Using:

- Thinking brains
- Listening ears
- Kind words
- Gentle hands
- Quiet voices
- Walking feet

Teacher Availability

Please feel free to email the class teacher at any time or have short informal chats before and after school. For more serious or private discussions, please make an appointment with the class teacher after school when there is more time. Young children often encounter social conflict during the school day. We encourage a restorative resolute approach to solve conflict and build healthy relationships. If you are concerned about what your child may share with you at home, please check in with the class teacher for clarification and reassurance.

Process for reporting a concern

Class Teacher → Head of Learning → Primary School Management → Executive Management

Biblical worldview

Please be careful with the books and games the children bring to school. We encourage the children to think about things that are true and good and appropriate to God's Kingdom. In all things we aim to please the Lord.

Prayer

Please make a point of praying every day with your child, for their learning, for their classmates, for me as their teacher and for the school as a whole. We want to invite the Lord into every aspect of this journey and require His guidance, provision and strength. May the Lord guide you as parents in the nurturing and training of your precious child.

We are looking forward to partnering with you this year!

In His service,

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train UP a child in the way he
should go: and when he is old,
he will not depart FROM it.

Proverbs 22:6