



# Breens

## *Intermediate*

Te Puna  
Waiora o Hereora

PROSPECTUS



*Opportunities for*  
**EVERYONE**



# Welcome to our SCHOOL



Haere mai ki tenei kura o Te Puna Waiora o Hereora  
Welcome to Breens Intermediate School

I am delighted to introduce you to our school.  
We pride ourselves on being a specialist year 7 and 8 school with  
strongly embedded school values, focused on personal  
excellence and opportunities for everyone.

Our teachers are a dedicated team of  
professionals who have a sound understanding of  
the specific needs of pre-adolescent young  
people. They have a reputation for being devoted  
to student success and creating a caring and  
highly engaging school culture.

The specialist staff and facilities at Breens in  
foods, workshop, design, digital technologies,  
science and visual arts ensure high quality and  
dynamic learning in these areas. Our students tell  
us they enjoy being able to experience a wide  
range of specialist learning areas and  
experiences both in and outside of the classroom.

Breens students have maximum opportunities to  
succeed in leadership, sport, culture, the arts and  
a wide range of varied academic pursuits. There  
are numerous opportunities for all students to  
pursue their passions and interests across  
many contexts.

We want our school to be one where our children  
can feel at ease with who they are as individuals  
and achieve to their very best ability. Our aim is  
to create confident learners who are well  
prepared for secondary school and beyond.

We look forward to welcoming you to Breens  
and working in partnership with you to provide  
the best possible education for your child during  
these important years of schooling.

Nāku noa, nā  
Nikki Clarke  
Tumuaki / Principal



# Our VALUES



Our Vision  Our Values and Guiding Whakatauki	<b>Better Every Single Time</b> <b>PAI AKE I NGĀ WĀ KATOA</b>	
	<b>Beauty</b>	Kia maumahara ki tōu mana āhua ake Cherish your absolute uniqueness
	<b>Brilliance</b>	Mēnā, ka whakapono koe, ka tūtuki koe If you can believe it, you can achieve it
	<b>Belonging</b>	Mā te tuakana te teina e tōtika. Mā te teina te tuakana e tōtika Both tuakana and teina have valuable knowledge to share
	<b>Boldness</b>	Ko ngā rangatahi ināianei, a, ko ngā rangatira āpōpō The youth of today will be the chiefs of tomorrow
	<b>Bravery</b>	Titiro atu tō kanohi ki tairāwhiti Ana te rā e whiti rā, ki te ataata ka hinga ki muri ki a Koe Turn your face to the sun and the shadow falls behind you

The Breens way:

Brilliant - striving to do your best, being a critical thinker

Bold - being curious and creative, leading your own learning

Beautiful - supporting others, being an up-stander and not a bystander

Brave - demonstrating integrity and accepting challenges

Belonging - contributing, collaborating and making a positive difference



*We strive to be our very BEST*



# *Learning at* **BREENS**



**We are future focused.**

Our school has modern, well-resourced learning spaces including specialist facilities in visual arts, science, food technology, digital technology, design technology and workshop technology.

Classrooms are designed to be flexible and enable students to work closely with their homeroom teacher, as well as collaborate with other students in their teams.

**We are a team.**

Teachers work as a team to support students, design engaging learning opportunities, assess and identify next steps for learning.

There is a strong identity and culture within each team, this creates positive and prosocial interactions between learners.

**We value service and leadership.**

Students are expected to contribute to our school community and to make a positive difference to others.

We intentionally look for ways for learning to connect with the local community and build leadership and service learning into our programmes.

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# The Breens

# CURRICULUM

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## Learning is designed to spark interest

Students spend the majority of their time in the mornings engaged in learning that is rich in english and mathematics. The teaching is structured, targeted and intensive with a mix of individual, small group and whole class learning.

The afternoon programme includes broader curriculum options. Social Sciences, Physical Education/Health, Languages and the Arts are taught using a mix of teacher-directed, guided and self-directed learning.

There are further opportunities for children to extend themselves and to lead their own learning - striving for Values badges, BEST badges, and Mathematics & Science badges.

All students are supported to utilise Breens online learning hubs and access appropriate digital tools to enhance their learning.



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## Learning is designed to challenge and extend

Physical Education, The Arts and Languages are taught within teams utilising the strengths of our very talented staff.

Children spend 2.5 hours per week working with specialist teachers in food technology, art, science, design, digital technology and workshop.

Fridays are rich in opportunities for children to be extended and to pursue an area of interest and work towards BEST badges.

# Opportunities for EVERYONE



## Music & Culture

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|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Pasifika Group                  | Rock Bands       |
| Te Reo Māori Rōpu               | Choir/Chorale    |
| Drama and Dance                 | Orchestral Group |
| ChCh Schools Music Festival     | Singing Lessons  |
| North West Music Festival       | Band Quest       |
| Violin, Flute, Cello, Clarinet, | Kapa Haka        |
| Drums, Guitar and Bass Guitar   | Whānau Class     |
| Keyboard, Saxophone, Trumpet    | Ukulele Group    |

## Sport & Outdoor Education

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Cricket                 | School Camps    |
| Softball                | Mountain Biking |
| Football and Futsal     | Netball         |
| Skiing and Snowboarding | Sailing         |
| Badminton               | Surfing         |
| Basketball              | Tramping        |
| Jump Jam                | Caving          |
| Swimming                | Athletics       |
| Duathlon                | Kayaking        |
| Cross Country           | Coasteering     |
| Volleyball              | Orienteering    |
| Disc Golf               | Rugby           |
| Hockey                  | Dance           |
| Rhythmic Gymnastics     | Touch Rugby     |
| Water Polo              | Squash          |
| Table Tennis            | Handball        |
| Korfball                | Tennis          |
| High Ropes / Abseiling  | Pickleball      |
| Flag Football           | Dodgeball       |



# Opportunities for EVERYONE



## Student Leadership

Senior Student Leaders / Kaiārahi  
Team Leaders  
Hauora Leaders (Health and Fitness)  
Jump Jam Leaders  
Sport Leaders  
Digital Technology Leaders  
Tuakana Teina Leaders (Peer Support)  
Technology, Science and Arts Leaders  
Tōtara Mai Leaders (Leading Values Badges)



## Extension Groups & Clubs

Literacy Extension  
Mathematics Extension  
Te Reo Māori Extension  
Canta Maths  
Leadership Workshops  
Mathematics Badges  
CAIMS Speech Competition.  
Psychology  
E-sports Rocket League  
Cultural Diversity Group  
Code Club  
Otago University Maths  
Sport Extension Options  
Food Around the World  
ICAS Assessments  
UC Kiwi Assessments  
Rotary Speech Competition

Science Fair  
Wearable Arts  
Art Club  
Dance  
Science Badges  
E-pro 8 Challenge  
Lego League  
Improv Group  
Sign Language  
Podcasting  
Vex Robotics  
Science Club  
Print Making  
Young Designers  
Young Writers  
Preschool Leaders  
Classics





# Opportunities for EVERYONE



## Tōtara Mai badges

Authentic learning linked specifically to school values

- Home-school learning
- A series of tasks designed to engage, challenge and extend our students in a variety of areas.
- Students are encouraged to lead their own learning



## BEST badges

Striving for Brilliance

- Offered through Friday Extension and Enrichment
- Learning is facilitated by teachers in specialist learning areas
- Challenges that require communication, curiosity, creativity, innovation and teaching others.



## Breens Challenge Award

Outdoor pursuits, service and commitment

- Available to all year eight students
- Physical pursuits in the outdoors, service to others and commitment to an area of personal interest
- Activities include: tramping, surfing, caving, kayaking, climbing, coasteering, running, mountain biking & river walking

# Support for EVERYONE

## Wellbeing Support

Learning about Hauora (Wellbeing) is included for everyone

- The Wellbeing Team includes the Principal, Deputy Principal, Public Health Nurse, Counsellor, Mana Ake Lead, Resource Teacher of Learning, Special Education Needs Co-ordinator, Wellbeing Lead, Youth Workers and Staff Mentors. This team works together to help support children with more specific health needs in a confidential and professional manner.



## Learning Support

Tailored support designed to meet specific needs

- An experienced and dedicated Special Education Needs Coordinator (SENCO) works closely with our team of Learning Assistants and the local Resource Teacher in Learning (RTLb) to coordinate a high level of support for our students.



## International Students

English Language Learning Support

- Our ESOL teacher provides learning support for students as well as specific support for international families and home-stay families.
- For more information, see the International Students section on the school website.
- We welcome enrolments from international students.





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*let's get in touch*

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