



St Heliers School





Welcome to St Heliers School



Our school is a Year 1 to 8 full primary school situated in the beautiful suburb of St Heliers.

Being a full primary school, we are in the unique position to see the development of the children from young bright-eyed five year olds to confident, independent young adolescents.

Our aim is to guide and nurture each child to reach their full potential in all areas of school life, striving for excellence in all that we do.

We form close links with our families and wider school communities, valuing and encouraging parent involvement in all aspects of their child's schooling.

This school prospectus will outline our educational programme and give you a sense of the many wonderful opportunities available to our children.

Craig McCarthy
Principal



Our School



Values

HONESTY

Always be truthful.

RESPONSIBILITY

Be trustworthy, reliable and accountable for own actions.

DILIGENCE

Be conscientious and hard working.

SELF-DISCIPLINE

Show self-control.

RESPECT

Display manners and courtesy to each other, to adults, and look after all school equipment and property.

CARE

Value and appreciate our environment by caring for our school community, planet and future.

Vision

St Heliers School is a welcoming community that stands for excellence in academic achievement and in all other areas of school life and fosters independent, well-rounded students. A community that is innovative and encouraging, where sound values underpin all school activities.

Learning Programmes

Core Curriculum

The school curriculum is made up of eight essential learning areas that are prescribed by the Ministry of Education:

- English
- Mathematics & Statistics
- Science
- Technology
- Social Science
- Health & Physical Education
- The Arts
- Learning Languages

Underpinning the curriculum areas are five key competencies;

- Thinking
- Understanding language, symbols and texts
- Relating to others
- Managing self
- Participating and contributing

Inquiry Learning

Inquiry learning is a school-wide approach to learning, where many of the essential learning areas are taught through an inquiry model.

St Heliers School inquiry learning enables students to become responsible, self-directed, and life-long learners who are critical thinkers and effective problem solvers, with the ability to ask and act upon higher order questions.

Our inquiry themes are:

- Diversity
- Responsible Citizenship
- Enterprise
- Change

Digital Technologies

Students are provided with rich learning experiences to develop their understanding of how technology works and to prepare them for a world where digital skills are increasingly valuable. Students use technology to support learning and have access to digital tools that allow them to create solutions to real world problems.

Technology

Year 7 and 8 students attend technology programmes at Selwyn College - an approved Technology Training Centre.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

ESOL and International Students are placed in mainstream classrooms. ESOL teachers assess the needs of these students. If assistance is required, they are grouped and targeted by qualified, experienced TESSOL teachers.



Learning Programmes



Māori

Aotearoa New Zealand has a proud bi-cultural history. At St Heliers School, our students are exposed to a range of cultural experiences relating to Tikanga and Te Reo Māori. We uphold all the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Second Language Programme - Mandarin

Mandarin is offered to students in Years 5-8. Students are taught to use Mandarin to communicate with one another in a variety of real-life social situations. Learning about other cultures encourages global citizenship.

Sport



Sport and Physical Education

Sport is an integral part of the school curriculum. Students participate in organised programmes to develop physical skills, co-ordination, learn co-operation and determination.

Sports on offer include:

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Flippaball
- Football
- Netball
- Rugby
- Running Club
- Softball
- Swimming
- Touch Rugby
- Water Polo



Enrichment Opportunities



To complement the core curriculum, St Heliers School provides a wide range of experiences and resources to foster student learning.

Learning Enrichment Programme

St Heliers School runs a Learning Enrichment Programme, intended to enrich and widen the learning experiences of more able and gifted students from Years 3-8. The programme encourages the development of thinking skills, problem solving abilities and creativity. Programmes are designed to meet identified needs of our students who benefit from small group teaching where they can contribute their ideas and develop their abilities. Differentiated programmes within classrooms also cater for the needs of our more able and gifted students.

Aquatics

St Heliers School features an aquatics programme that prepares students for safe use of the local environment and develops swimming competencies.

Tutored Swim Programme

Students in Year 3 and 5 are tutored by specialist swimming tutors at a local swimming pool.

Aquapass

This is a swim skill and personal survival programme for Year 7 students, held at Sacred Heart College.

Waterwise

St Heliers School is one of seven schools that form the Okahu Bay Waterwise Society. The Waterwise group own Optimist sailing dinghies and kayaks. Year 8 students receive instruction in sailing and kayaking. This is carried out by trained instructors with parent support.

Education Outside of the Classroom

Opportunities are provided for students to make use of resources within our region. These experiences are an important part of enriching learning.

Essay Competition

Year 8 students take part in an essay competition, which provides two substantial prizes to assist students with their secondary school education expenses.

Mathematics Problem Challenge

Years 7&8 students take part in the University of Otago's 'Problem Challenge'.

Performing Arts

Each year many opportunities are available for students to take part in performing arts groups, including the school choirs, boys' singing group, cheer squads, ballroom dancing and school shows.

Camps

Highlights of the students' time at St Heliers School are the Year 6 and Year 8 camps. The camps challenge students in a variety of outdoor pursuits, encouraging problem solving, self-management and social co-operation.

Speech Contest

Each year, students from Years 5-8 compete to represent the school in speech competitions held throughout the Auckland region.

Student Council

Students from Years 4-8 make up the Student Council. Each classroom has two elected representatives. They attend regular meetings to discuss issues, help organise school events and support students, staff and the community.

Student Leaders

Student Leaders are Year 8 students who demonstrate leadership qualities, who consistently display our school values and have a high level of maturity. Student Leaders are a voice for the student body, support the staff and represent the school on various occasions.

Student Leadership Opportunities

Opportunities exist for students to develop leadership skills through becoming student monitors.

These include:

- Librarians
- Road Patrol Monitors
- Computer Monitors
- Sports Leaders
- Wet Day Monitors
- Student Council
- Travelwise Team



School Information



Facilities at School

- Visually exciting and well-resourced Library
- Multiple information and communication technologies throughout the school
- Full-sized multi-purpose hall, including full size basketball court
- Beautifully maintained grounds
- Fully equipped teacher resource areas
- Fully equipped Science and Technology room
- Dance and Drama room
- All year round, all purpose artificial turf playing fields
- Designated adventure playgrounds for junior and senior children
- Specialist English Second Language room

Caring and Committed Community

St Heliers School is a welcoming community that recognises the role that parents play in their children's education. Parents are encouraged to be involved in all aspects of their child's schooling and in general school life.

The Board of Trustees

The Board's primary role is to assure the community that the students are receiving the highest possible standard of education at school. The Board provides excellent governance of our school in strategic management, resourcing, health and safety, property and staff development.

The Parent Teacher Association

The Parent Teacher Association consists of parents who organise and support school fundraising and school community events.

School Staff

The school is staffed by a wonderful team of dedicated, quality teachers and support staff. The primary role of all school staff is to provide the very best learning opportunities and resources to the students in a caring and supportive environment.



Enrolment

All students who live within the home zone shall be entitled to enrol at the school. Please refer to the school website for more information.

Pre-school Visits

As a child nears their fifth birthday, pre-school visits are arranged.

Assemblies

Assemblies are held regularly throughout each school term. Assemblies highlight students' learning, achievement, and citizenship. Parents are always welcome to attend.

Road Safety

Road safety is of key concern for children travelling to and from school. Pupils are constantly reminded, both in and out of the classroom, of the safety rules that must be observed daily. Programmes such as Safe Walking and Safe Cycling are taught within the curriculum.



International Students



Why St Heliers?

St Heliers School is situated in the seaside area of St Heliers Bay, one of Auckland's most beautiful, safe, and desirable suburbs.

Our school is located just 20 minutes from the city centre of Auckland. We provide education for students from Years 1-8 (5 years to 13 years).

International students are well-integrated into the life of the school and are enrolled in mainstream classroom programmes.

Excellent Support for International Students

St Heliers School has a wide range of experience in hosting international students from all over the world.

We have a dedicated team of staff to care for our international students. An orientation programme on arrival helps students to quickly settle into school life.

International students receive high quality pastoral care from an experienced, well-qualified specialist team.

The social and academic progress of each student is monitored carefully to ensure students are working to their potential and are happy at school and at home.

International Enrolment

St Heliers School has NZQA Signatory Status to enrol international students.

Our school accepts the following categories of international students:

1. Long term students:

Students in Years 1-8 (aged 5 to 13 years).

Students in Years 1-6 (aged 5 to 10 years) must live with a parent. Students in Years 7&8 (aged 11 to 13 years) can live with a parent or a designated caregiver.

Students enrolled for more than one term will need to apply for a Student Visa.

2. Short term students:

Students enrolled for less than 12 weeks may study in New Zealand with a Visitor's Visa.

Accommodation

All young international students in Years 1-6 enrolled at St Heliers School, must live with and continue to live with a parent.

All young international students in Years 7&8, or aged 11 to 13 years, may live with a parent or a designated caregiver.

St Heliers School monitors all categories of student accommodation in accordance with the NZQA Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice.

Parents and caregivers must advise the school of any change in their contact details, type of accommodation and residential address.

Learning Programmes

Our comprehensive teaching programmes are based on the New Zealand Curriculum as prescribed by the New Zealand Ministry of Education.

The New Zealand Curriculum Standards are highly regarded internationally.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

The school has a language unit, which caters for students for whom English is a second language (ESOL).

Students requiring ESOL assistance are targeted in small groups, at a level of support according to their needs, by experienced, specialist ESOL teachers, who are also primary school teachers.

ESOL teachers support the mainstream classroom with the programmes for ESOL and international students.

Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice

St Heliers School has agreed to observe and be bound by the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016. Copies of the Code are available from the NZQA website at www.nzqa.govt.nz

For more information about our International Student Programme, please go to the International Students pages on our website at www.stheliers.school.nz







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