

# MBIS Offers

A strong family and school partnership, ensuring children are able to make the most of available learning opportunities.

- A positive transition from primary education
- An emphasis on academic excellence
- A wide range of subjects for students to study
- Extension programmes
- Learning support programmes
- Introduction to a second language
- Participation in external competitions including University of NSW (Australia) curriculum competitions, Mathex and BP Technology Challenge
- Sound preparation for secondary school
- Intraschool communication via email and television linkups

## Participation in Cultural Groups

Quality arts programmes with specialist teachers for

- Choir
- Orchestra
- Beginner Band
- Concert Band
- Jazz Band
- Drama and Musical Productions
- Chess
- Music Festival
- Dance, Dance sport, Hip hop, Jazz, Lyrical, Contemporary
- Public Speaking and debating
- Maori Culture
- Visual Arts

## Participation in Physical Activities

- Core physical education
- Lunchtime interclass sport
- Participation in out of hours sport
- Opportunities in over 30 sporting codes
- High performance sports development

## Social Learning

- Action Group
- Community Service learning
- Discos, Socials
- Enviro Group

## School Services

- Stationery Shop
- Lunchroom
- Uniform Shop

# Academic Studies

At intermediate school students continue to be taught all curriculum subjects by their class teacher. Specialist staff teach the Arts and Technology part of the curriculum. Students are encouraged to enter the annual Australian Maths, Science, English, Writing, Spelling and Computers Competition.

Our academic teaching and learning programmes are based around personalised, future focussed learning and collaboration. Each classroom is an active and dynamic learning community, which promotes action research across all areas of the community, fully utilising and developing 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills and tools. Emphasis is placed on developing competent and confident students who are independent critical thinkers ready to successfully enter secondary school.

## Gifted and Talent Programme

Students with particular gifts and talents are catered for in the Gifted and Talented Programme. This programme is designed to cater for students with gifts and talents in all curriculum areas as well as in the arts and sport.

## Learning Support

The learning support team at Murrays Bay Intermediate School is headed by a senior staff member and currently supported by our Senco and 14 teacher aides. A number of programmes, including Step to Literacy, Numicon and Fast Forward are used to support students who require academic support. Teachers have in-class support for students where this is appropriate. The Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour (RTLb) work very closely with our staff.

## Technology

Every student experiences activities that cover all technological areas of the curriculum: Enterprise and Innovation, Information and Communications Technology, and Structures and Mechanisms Technology. Students spend time designing their own solutions. Specialist teachers run extension classes in technology for students identified with ability in these areas. Murrays Bay Intermediate School has modern hard-materials and design rooms with an excellent range of equipment. Foods and textiles rooms provide hands-on learning experiences on a wide range of machines and equipment.

## Arts

Every student experiences classes in the Arts area with teachers who are specialists in their area. Murrays Bay Intermediate School has a very strong Performing Arts Programme and has a particularly strong reputation in music. MBIS values music education and has resourced the school with excellent equipment. Students learn about and create art in a range of media. In the Multi-Media programme students use Apple computers to design computer generated art works.

# Music and Arts

## Band Programme

The Beginner Band Programme offers a unique music opportunity to all enrolling students. Students who wish to join the Beginner Band have small group lessons during the school day. We have qualified music tutors visiting the school weekly. Instruments can be hired through the school and in addition to weekly lessons students participate in band rehearsals, assembly performances, fun trips and regular concerts to families. As the tuition is in small groups, the cost to families is very reasonable.

**Band Programme Information Evening – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm in the MBIS Hall**

**Instrument Hire Evening – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm in the MBIS Hall**

Join us to see and hear how your child can become involved in our Music Programme. Enrolments will be taken during the information evening. Any questions email [sarah.holmes@mbi.school.nz](mailto:sarah.holmes@mbi.school.nz)

Enrol your child and have fun with music!

- No previous musical experience is necessary
- All students are guaranteed to be in the Band
- Hire your instrument through MBIS
- Lessons during the school day at MBIS

## Extension Music Groups

Extension programmes cater for specific interest groups during the years. The Beginner Band becomes the Concert Band in their second year at Intermediate. Other groups include: School Choirs, Orchestra, Strings, Hand Bells, Big Band, as well as Rock Bands. Regular music evenings and concerts are presented by the students to families and community groups.

## Performing Arts

Murrays Bay Intermediate has a very strong Performing Art programme. Students can participate in a wide range of dance activities including Dancesport, Jazz Dance, Hip Hop, Cheer Leading and Kapa Haka. Students are given the opportunity to choreograph their own dances and there are many dance performance opportunities and competitions throughout the year.

## School Production

The school puts on a major school production each year. This involves a large number of students. A lot of the preparation for this takes place during our day talent programme.

# Uniforms

All students must wear school uniform which can only be purchased from Murrays Bay Intermediate School. Uniform fitting and purchasing for 2020 Year 7 students, will take place at MBIS on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November between 2pm and 7pm and on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> we will also be open 7.30am to 9am.**

The school uniform shop is open during the term Monday to Friday 8.00am to 1.30pm. Uniform can also be purchased online through our Kindo payment system during the school term. This uniform will be given to your child during the school day.

## Boys

Polo Shirt – Green with school monogram  
Shorts – Navy blue drill school shorts  
Sweatshirt – Green sweatshirt with school monogram  
Socks – Plain navy knee high length

## Girls

Polo Shirt – Green with school monogram  
Skirt – Multi toned green check skirt to be worn to the knee  
Shorts – Navy blue drill school shorts  
Sweatshirt – Green sweatshirt with school monogram  
Socks – Plain navy ankle length or knee high  
Tights – Optional navy opaque tights in the winter  
Hairband or ribbon – Plain dark green, black or navy

## Physical Education and Sports – Boys and Girls

Shirt – MBIS yellow and green school sports shirt  
Shorts – MBIS green school sports shorts

## Winter Option

Polar Fleece Jacket with full zip. Worn as an over garment. These are only made to order.  
Scarves – Dark green, black and navy are optional in the winter.

## Footwear – Boys and Girls

Plain black flat shoes or sandals may be worn all year round.

## Cap

Mini School Hat or Green Cap.

## Jewellery

Earrings must be small studs, one necklace is permitted. Rings, bangles or ankle adornments are not permitted.

## Make up and Nail Polish

Lipstick and eye makeup are not permitted. Nail polish is permitted as long as it is a transparent (clear). Nude colours are also permitted (excluding white). Nails must be kept short and neat

## Hair

Hair must be well groomed and tidy. Only hair colours in the natural human hair range are acceptable. Purple, orange, lime green etc. are not permitted. In the interest of safety or hygiene, any teacher has the right to request hair is tied back, or jewellery removed.

Uniform is to be kept clean and in good order and each garment must be named.

## Second Hand Uniform Sale

Second hand uniform sale is Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - 9.00am to 1.30pm.

# Physical and Outdoor Education

## Physical Education Curriculum

Students participate in PE or fitness each day at school. Students are required to change into their PE uniform for these lessons. The PE programme throughout the year covers a variety of sporting techniques and skills.

## Outdoor Education

The whole school participates in an Outdoor Education experience. Year 7 students will have a day based programme and the Year 8 students have a 5 day camp experience. It is essential we have parent assistance for these activities.

## Zone Days/Sport Teams

Murrays Bay Intermediate School takes part in all Intermediate Zone Sport Days. These take place throughout the year where we compete with teams in the North Harbour area. Teams in a variety of sports participate in ongoing after school sports competitions. Students joining sports teams are required to attend practices regularly. MBIS teams traditionally achieve notable successes and this is achieved by the commitment of students, staff and parent support. We seek parent coaches and managers for teams in several sports.

## Sports Camp and NZAIMS

Each year the school sends teams to the Matamata Sports Camp and the NZAIMS Sports Tournament in Tauranga. The sports camp is an opportunity for students to compete in a wide range of sports against students from other intermediate schools. The NZAIMS Sports Tournament is an opportunity for our top sports people to compete both individually and in team sports against other intermediate schools from throughout New Zealand.

## School Gymnasium

The school has a modern well equipped Gymnasium that features full sized netball, basketball and volleyball courts as well as four badminton courts. There is also a well-equipped fitness room that is used by selected students.

# Communication

## Communication

We encourage all families to ensure their email details are current and correct as this is our main form of communication. Please ensure all phone numbers and home addresses are also current. Notices are placed on the website. Student's phones must be handed in to the classroom teacher on arrival at school. Phones will be kept secure and returned to students at the end of the school day. All necessary communication with students throughout the school day should be directed through the front office or classroom teacher.

## Newsletter

Parents are kept informed of what is happening at the school by means of a fortnightly newsletter. The newsletter is emailed to families every alternate Thursday. It is also available on the school website: [www.mbi.school.nz](http://www.mbi.school.nz)

## Reporting to Parents

The school has a policy of reporting to parents regularly on their child's learning progress. Parent/teacher/student conferences are scheduled in Term 1 and midyear. Parents are welcome to seek additional interviews with teachers at any time. Two written reports are issued each year, one at midyear and one at the end of the year.

## Home Learning

Formal homework is not assigned at MBI. We recognise that many of our students are highly engaged in after-school commitments; these commitments range from sport, music, to a variety of additional tuition. Furthermore, with our school-wide focus on well-being, we also recognise the importance of our students having down time and an opportunity to pursue personal interests.

For families that value homework and homework routines, we have our MBIS Home Learning website as an option: <http://mbishomelearning.weebly.com/>

## School Dates for 2020

Term One: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
Waitangi Day Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
Easter Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Term Two: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
Queen's Birthday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Term Three: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Term Four: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Labour Day Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October

# Other Information

## Stationery and Equipment

It is essential that students have the necessary equipment to facilitate their learning. For the first few days of the school year, students will need to bring from home their device or a pad and pen. Stationery is sold through a company who deliver individual packs to the school. Details will be emailed before the end of year on how to order your child's stationery.

## Devices

Murrays Bay Intermediate School is a BYOD teaching and learning community. Students are encouraged to bring their own device to school to enhance and enable online learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## Lunchroom

The school runs a lunchroom that operates a daily lunch scheme. This supplies students with a range of substantial lunch options and snacks. The menu varies from time to time. A list of available products and prices will be issued at the beginning of the year. Changes to the menu will be indicated in the newsletter. The menu is also on the school website.

## Mufti Days

Once a term students have the opportunity to come to school out of uniform. Usually these days are arranged by the School Council and a small fee is collected for the privilege of wearing mufti. Monies collected are for charitable causes and School Council projects.

## Visits by Parents

Parents wishing to see students for any reason during the course of the school day should go to the school office and make their request.

## Absences from School

The Education Act requires that the Board of Trustees takes all reasonable steps to ensure that children attend school whenever it is open, unless they are sick or absent for some other reason. A phone call on the day of sickness before 8.30am (477 2121) or an email to [absentees@mbi.school.nz](mailto:absentees@mbi.school.nz) is required.

## Accidents or Sickness at School

The school has very limited sick bay facilities so we ask parents who are advised by phone that their child is ill, to collect them immediately. In cases of emergency the school will get a child to medical attention, either GP or hospital, if no caregiver can be contacted. Medication can only be given on receipt of a letter from a parent as per the school policy. All communication regarding sickness or accidents will be conducted by the school to parents, not through students.

## Finances

Like most schools, Murrays Bay Intermediate depends on the school donation to support learning programmes. The school donation levels for individual students and for families with more than one child at school are set by the Board each year. If a family is experiencing financial hardship they should contact the Principal in confidence as the school can generally assist. Our policy is that no child shall be disadvantaged due to inability to pay.

## Discipline

The school requires high standards of behaviour from students. The school guiding rule is 'that students speak and act in ways they would be happy for their parents to know about'. Parents will be advised of behaviour causing concern. It is essential that parents and school work closely together to ensure responsible behaviour.

# Languages

At Murrays Bay Intermediate School there are opportunities to learn to speak several languages from the following selection:

Japanese	Chinese	German	Indonesian	Te Reo
Spanish	French	Korean	NZ Sign Language	

These languages are taught during Day Talent.

## **Japanese Exchange**

Murrays Bay Intermediate School has a partnership with Nishi Hanahata School in Fukuoka City (Auckland's sister city) in Japan and an exchange of students between the two schools for a group of year eight students is an annual event. It is envisaged that such exchanges will continue in future years.

## **ELIP (English Language Intensive Programme)**

Many of our international students require additional English at the commencement of their education in New Zealand. They spend part of their school day with our very experienced ELIP staff and the rest of the time in regular classrooms. We aim to buddy our international students with a speaker from their home country who is now fluent in English. The Director of International Students at Murrays Bay Intermediate School is Mrs Sandra Jacobs to whom inquiries about enrolment should be made. The Dean of International Students is Mrs Janene Levett.



# Transport

## Buses

The school's catchment area is served by the Northstar and PBC buses which deliver students to the school and collect them from school in the afternoon. Arrangements for travelling by the most appropriate bus are made during the first day at school. The school take responsibility for each student's behaviour while travelling on a school bus and maintains the right to withdraw the privilege if necessary. Bus routes are available from our website or the school office.

## Cars

Many students are driven to school. For safety reasons parents must observe the parking restrictions in front of the school. There is no parking allowed on the yellow lined area at any time, even to allow passengers to alight or to pick them up. Stopping in these areas inhibits the movement of bus traffic and causes danger to students. The bus bay is reserved for buses only in the afternoon from 2.30 – 3.20pm. In the morning the eastern end may be used to drop students off at school.

## Bicycle

Children are permitted to ride to school if they have parent consent to do so and if they are responsible road users. Cyclists must wear safety helmets if they are biking to Murrays Bay Intermediate. Doubling is against the law. Bikes must be wheeled in the school grounds. Where children need to cross the road they should wheel their bicycle across a pedestrian crossing. Scooters are to be folded up on the school grounds.

## Walking

Good manners on footpaths are required of our students. If it is necessary for children to cross Sunrise Avenue they must use the pedestrian crossing.

# Day Talent

Day Talent occurs on the sixth day of the timetable in terms two, three and four. Each student may take up to five sessions for five weeks of learning aimed at either developing a student's potential or providing extension where this is desirable.

Options may include this such as:

- Coaching for Specific Sports
- Dance/Jazz
- Art Extension
- Art and Crafts
- Technology Extension
- Environment Studies
- Gardening
- Language Extension
- Maths Problem Solving
- Maths Extension
- Production
- Microscopic Science
- School Magazine
- Creative Writing
- Squash
- Beach Volleyball
- ELIP
- Ukulele Lessons
- Imagery in Writing
- Web Design
- Sports Development
- Ski and Snowboarding lessons
- Film and Advertising Studies
- Leadership skills
- Calligraphy
- Create a Te Reo Picture Book
- Creative Photography
- Singing
- Cake Decorating
- Acid/Base Experiments
- Trampolining
- Citizenship
- Wearable Arts
- History
- Survival Skills
- Knitting for Africa
- Kayaking
- Triathlon
- Mathex

# Miscellaneous

## Mini Schools

The school has four mini schools which are each headed by experienced teachers who oversee the work and activities in their group of classes. There are mini school challenges throughout each term where points are awarded and a winning mini school is found each term.

- Rangitoto Mini School – Kelly Pawson
- Motutapu Mini School – Bronwen Davidson
- Tiritiri Mini School – Gareth Kruyen
- Kawau Mini School – Teresa Aporo

## Sleeve Badges

Sleeve badges are awarded for a wide range of sporting, cultural and academic achievements.

## Philosophy/Future Focus Thinking

The school incorporates Philosophy/Future Focus Thinking throughout their programmes, which is the foundation on which students are taught to examine their thinking, their assumptions, and generalisations and are encouraged to contribute to intelligent dialogue.

# International

The school provides a high standard of care for each international student so that they are happy and settled as they are integrated into a new country and school setting.

## Code of Practice

Hosting your child is a privilege and responsibility we take seriously. The school is a signatory to the New Zealand Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of international students and is fully compliant with all sections of the code.

## English Learning Programme

English Learning Programmes are taught at the appropriate levels - beginner to advanced, up to 5 hours a week in small groups. The balance of the time International Students are integrated into classrooms with New Zealand students. Teachers are highly qualified, experienced and caring.

## Student Support and Pastoral Care

The school provides first language support staff to ensure the welfare of students. Pastoral care staff will meet with your child regularly and also visit their New Zealand homes. Students' advisors are available 24 hours a day to help and support international students and we provide access to translators to assist students when needed.

Students, caregivers and parents are welcome to read our termly newsletters which are sent out which acknowledging student success and highlighting various activities and excursions International Students go on.

## Orientation

All new International Students are welcomed to the school with an orientation programme (in their first language and English) which includes a tour of the school and a meet and greet with members of the International Team. ELIP leaders (selected students) are at the orientation so they have a buddy to communicate with. Stationery and a welcome gift are given to students.

When leaving, all students are invited to a farewell at the International house where they are given a card, leaving certificate and small gift from the school.

## Specialist Subjects

International students are integrated into all classroom programmes and attend Specialist Subjects: Food Technology, Soft Materials, Hard Materials and Enterprise and Innovation, Drama and Dance, Core Music, Graphic Art and Applied Art.

They participate in education outside the classroom such as water safety courses and school camps. Additionally as part of their fees, they are provided with one free excursion to various Auckland attractions per term. Students have the opportunity to learn an instrument, be part of the Music programme by joining the school Orchestra and can participate in a wide range of sporting opportunities.

Special cultural events such as Chuseok are celebrated annually by the International team/students and we have a cultural assembly each year to celebrate the diverse range of cultures we have at Murrays Bay Intermediate.

## Accommodation

Students may live with their parents, their friends or the school can arrange a homestay. The schools homestay programme has quality homes with caring New Zealand homestay families.

We look forward to meeting your child and assisting them with settling into our school.