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Gisborne
 Intermediate
 School



OUR MISSION

Create personalised learning opportunities for our tamariki with connections to the world around them through powerful partnerships between students, teachers and whānau.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou – greetings to you all.

As the Principal of Gisborne Intermediate, it is my privilege to introduce you to our school and give you an insight into the many exciting learning opportunities we have to offer.

GisInt has a long history as a high performing school that is focused on meeting the unique characteristics and needs of emerging adolescents. This is a really important time in our students lives and while learning is always at the forefront, we also acknowledge the many changes and challenges the students are going through physically, emotionally and socially. We care for our students and understand there are ups and downs as they navigate these changes while transitioning to a large intermediate. We have strategies and systems to support our students and help them to engage in all the opportunities that GisInt offers.

Our aim as a school is to work collaboratively with whānau to grow great people. We support the students and prepare them for the next stage of their learning so they are positive, contributing members of society.

Our teaching team works hard to provide quality teaching and learning programmes to ensure that our students learn and achieve to their highest possible level. We have quality learning support workers who help and encourage students who may need a little bit extra. Our programmes are balanced and designed to develop the whole person so that they are able to excel at high school and beyond.

GisInt offers numerous opportunities for students to experience and be extended in academic, cultural, sporting and leadership activities. We encourage our students to take risks, to go out of their comfort zones and be exposed to new experiences.

Our school RISE values are evident in the environment and students are taught and encouraged to live these values in all parts of their lives.

The best way to see if GisInt is the school for your child is to come and have a look around. Our Open evening is on Wednesday 18th October or, if you'd like a more personalised look around, contact the office and we will organise either a staff member or a student to accompany you.

I look forward to meeting you and working in partnership with you to provide the best possible learning environment and opportunities for your child.

Ngā mihi

Andy Hayward
PRINCIPAL

CORE VALUES

OUR VISION

Growing Great People | E tipu, kia rea

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Put students welfare and learning at the centre of all our decisions.
- Build relationships with our school whānau and community.
- Prepare students with core skills and values.
- Develop high performing staff.
- Respect our social, cultural and physical environment.
- Give effect to Te Titiri o Waitangi.

Our beliefs mean we employ and develop staff who:

- Meet individual student needs with consideration of a futures perspective.
- Live the school values and are prepared to be learners themselves.
- Are prepared to be accountable and have challenging conversations around evidence of learning.
- Have high expectations of themselves and their students but have some fun in the quest for success.
- Have an expectation that everyone reaches their full potential by supporting cultural aspirations.
- Are highly professional in working with all stakeholders to achieve maximum impact.

Our beliefs mean we aspire to create learners who are:

- Well rounded people who fulfill their potential.
- Aware of their next learning steps and set challenging but achievable academic goals.
- Curious innovators who take responsibility for themselves and demonstrate a sound work ethic.
- IT savvy and globally connected contributors who are future focused.
- Empathetic team players with good manners and show appreciation.
- Brave and resilient in the face of challenge and disappointment.



OUR VALUES

MANAAKITANGA KINDNESS
LISTENING SHARING
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WHAKAWHANAUNGATANGA **RELATIONSHIPS**

RESPECT



WALK WITH MANA HONESTY
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CONSISTENT UNITY
WHAKAPONO OWNERSHIP
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INTEGRITY



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EXCELLENCE



LITERACY

Programmes and resources to raise student achievement in reading and writing.

Our students are immersed in language rich environments where there is a strong focus on developing a deep understanding of literacy which is integrated across all learning areas. Literacy programmes teach students the skills, knowledge and attitudes to enable them to be effective writers, readers and communicators.

For extension we provide:

Interschool debating, public speaking, Australasian English and Writing exams, writer's workshops, writing competitions, spelling exams, reading and writing groups.

MATHEMATICS

Programmes to develop in every student the skills to enable them to cope confidently with mathematics in real life.

Our experienced staff have high expectations of students' success in numeracy and focus on learning programmes that address students' specific needs. Our students develop the ability to think creatively, critically, strategically and logically by being provided with a learning programme that is delivered through rich, balanced and real-life contexts.

For extension we provide:

An inter-school challenge with Whakatāne Intermediate, Otago Problem Solving, Australasian Mathematics exam and withdrawal groups.

INQUIRY LEARNING

The integration of Science, Social Studies, Technology and Health.

Our Inquiry Learning model ensures students develop their ability to ask the right questions, gather, record and present information. Topics of student interest are used which challenge their thinking and provide students with the opportunity to address their own questions and to focus on real life issues that are relevant to them.

For extension we provide:

Australasian Science exam, EPro8 Challenge and withdrawal groups for extension and enrichment.

OUR CURRICULUM

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Programmes to develop student well-being through learning in health related and movement contexts.

Our teachers pride themselves in delivering learning programmes in health education that enables students to make informed decisions and act in ways that contribute to their personal well-being, the well-being of others and of society as a whole. Themes taught through health programmes include our school RISE values, personal well-being, healthy communities and environments, relationships with others and digital citizenship. Gisborne Intermediate develops skilled games players who develop thinking, physical and social skills.

For extension we provide:

PE programmes and sports exchanges.



*Our curriculum provides
unrivalled academic, creative &
physical opportunities.*

GROWING GREAT PEOPLE THROUGH CELEBRATING SUCCESS... AND DELIVERING EXCELLENCE

AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

As a school we recognise a broad spectrum of student achievement from the smaller successes in every day improvements to major awards. Successes are recognised in a variety of ways including: classroom awards, syndicate awards, values certificates, assembly presentations, Students of the Week, acknowledgement in our weekly newsletters, school Facebook coverage, newspaper photos and articles. The recognition of your child's success enables them to develop a keen sense of their self worth and to apply themselves with a greater enthusiasm and determination to develop their skills and talents.



DELIVERING EXCELLENCE

Gisborne Intermediate provides a focus on academic excellence and encouragement to challenge themselves through a wide range of opportunities.

We support learners to aim for excellence by:

- Ensuring access to vibrant and passionate teachers.
- Providing highly successful learning environments specifically developed to meet the needs of 'emerging adolescents'.
- Creating detailed programmes to enhance literacy and numeracy learning.
- Implementing a curriculum that is challenging and integrated.
- Matching students with the right teachers.
- Having opportunities to play sport, learn a musical instrument and join extension programmes regardless of which class they are in.
- Giving students access to extension and enrichment learning.
- Expanding their horizons through our Outdoor Education and Action Week programmes.
- Coordinating an academic and sporting exchange with Whakatane Intermediate.
- Delivering an inclusive, safe and caring environment.
- Guiding them through a clear set of values and providing clear boundaries.
- Offering access to comprehensive guidance and support services.
- Encouraging learners to achieve to their full potential in and out of class by ensuring they are well prepared for high school.



HOW WE CONTINUE TO DEVELOP A HIGH PERFORMING STAFF

Professional learning opportunities

We invest in staff by giving them access to experts in education. New Zealand has an abundance of professionals who have a proven track record in making a difference in education. We support staff to tap into that knowledge and encourage them to adopt approaches which make an impact and improve the educational outcomes for all learners. Looking outside our local school community not only offers the opportunity to be exposed to new ideas but often provides reassurance that we can match best practice from within our profession right here at Gisborne Intermediate.

Professional learning conversations

Our staff have scheduled meetings with the Leadership Team and colleagues to engage in dialogue around their practice and explore progress being made against personal learning goals. Learning is not just the domain of students as we expect our staff to be on a continual journey of self-improvement themselves. Whilst these learning conversations create accountability around student data and wellbeing, it also energises staff to seek improvement and be better than they were yesterday. Teaching is a dynamic industry which is challenged with constant change. Rather than accepting the status quo, our staff are looking for ways to evolve in order to give learners the best possible deal.

GROWING GREAT TEACHERS

Professional accountability

Our staff are well used to providing evidence they are making a difference. Making impacts on student achievement and wellbeing can be measured. We have a culture of requiring teachers to inquire into the impact of their teaching and to respond accordingly. Whilst opportunities for celebration are provided, our teachers understand that a great school is built on the foundation of great teaching and learning. They are constantly self-reviewing, being coached and have observations to help them grow.

We are proud of the quality of teaching staff we have at Gisborne Intermediate School. This is not down to luck. We have robust systems of inquiry and support to ensure that every teacher is having a positive impact on student learning and wellbeing. This is delivered in a supportive way which teachers appreciate and creates a happy environment where people love coming to school to work, learn and have fun on a daily basis.

Gisborne Intermediate School is committed to developing high performing teachers. We understand that we can promote amazing philosophies, promise wonderful opportunities and create high expectations and then we have to deliver. Giving every learner access to a teacher who delivers best practice and is focused on continual personal improvement is imperative to meet the needs of each and every student we get the privilege to work with. Integral to providing a high quality education is ensuring we employ outstanding teachers.



DIGITALLY ENHANCED CLASSROOMS

Today's students - the generation of digital learners - expect to be connected anywhere, anytime. For many years our BOT has invested a significant amount of money to ensure that all learning environments are digitally supported.

Our focus is on utilising digital equipment at times to enhance the learning of literacy, numeracy and inquiry learning. There is a balance of computer to book work with students using digital activities to support their learning. Accessing an ever increasing range of digital resources and online learning programmes enhances the learning experience and outcomes. Time on devices is carefully managed with limited screen time per day. Every day offers a balance of digital interaction with interpersonal, hands on and aspects of traditional learning.

DIGITAL ACCESS FOR ALL CLASSROOMS

Gisborne Intermediate is a place of learning which strongly encourages learners to bring their own device (BYOD). Our school has successfully integrated Chromebooks as a device to support learning and we believe this is a smart investment. A machine with at least 4GB of memory is recommended.

We do not allow cell phones in classrooms. Please talk to one of our staff members if you require further information. All access to the Internet is monitored at Gisborne Intermediate. We have robust processes to ensure learners are only using digital technologies to enhance learning.



SPECIALISATION PROGRAMMES

Over the years our specialist programmes have included Art, Music, Dance & Drama, Science, Food Tech, Horticulture, Sports Education and Industri-Tech. All pupils will work in specialist areas during the year, with additional opportunities for extension and enrichment for those with special talents or interests.

Dance & Drama

Hip Hop and Drama clubs are available to all students. Our school competes in dance at the highest levels. Special opportunities in events such as Stage Challenge also exist.

Technology

Working with food and hard materials with specialists in these areas.

Languages

We recognise the importance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the bicultural foundations of Aotearoa. Students have the opportunity to acquire skills to communicate in Te Reo Māori and learn Tikanga.

Kapa Haka

Competitive/Non competitive.

Sports Education

Learning about the importance of mental and physical wellbeing in attending to hauora.

A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO EDUCATION

Art

A well resourced Art Room and experienced teacher, enabling all children to realise their artistic talents.

Music

Creating and performing music in classes. Group tuition is also available for various instruments including flute, guitar, bass guitar, violin and keyboard. Currently over 100 students are being tutored within the programme which is subsidised by the Board of Trustees.

STEAM

An integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics to inspire collaboration, creativity and problem-solving. Students design and develop physical and digital outcomes, linking their learning to real-world contexts.

Horticulture

Hands on experience in growing food and exploring ways to engage in healthy eating.

DEVELOPING THE WHOLE STUDENT

Our holistic approach to education is evident throughout the school. We believe your child is born with inherent talents in music, art, speaking, writing and performing. All the arts flourish within our classrooms and our specialist teachers deliver extension programmes in Dance and Drama, Art, Music, Languages, Technology, Cooking and STEAM.



CATERING FOR ACCELERATED LEARNERS

All of our pupils have a range of opportunities to develop their known talents and to uncover new ones.

Accelerated Learners

Students are clustered together within learning hubs.

Extension Withdrawal Programmes

Writers Workshop, Reading Extension, Debating, Mathematics, STEAM, Technology and our own arts extension programmes in Music, Art, Dance and Drama.

Music

Talented students are able to participate in our rock bands, performing at Rockshop Bandquest and Showquest for our school. We also have groups for ukulele and drumline. Students can also create music tracks; developing mixing and mastering, recording and song writing.

Sport

Our elite sports people are able to compete at the highest level across a wide range of sports including national sporting events (AIMS Games). They regularly compete against other intermediates from throughout the Bay of Plenty.

Leaders

Leaders are supported to demonstrate leadership projects and are recognised for their endeavours and contributions. We also look for opportunities to invite motivational presenters to inspire the next generation of leaders.

Leadership Opportunities

Students who have been identified as having talents in interpersonal and leadership skills are given the opportunity to further develop and put these talents into action. This will benefit themselves, their peers, classrooms, school, families and communities.



We have an established reputation in the education community for offering rich and challenging experiences to help realise the potential of all the young people who attend our school. If they discover a talent for any particular aspect of the school's curriculum they are invited to join an extension group.

TESTIMONIALS

I can't believe 2023 has nearly come to an end! It has been a big step up from Primary school but an amazing journey throughout the year. From the start of the year to now I have earned my sports COLOURS, won the speech finals for year 7 girls, and represented the school at Whakatane Exchange. Including those activities, I also got picked to represent the school in the AIMS games for Hip Hop. AIMS Games is a tournament where students from Intermediate schools all around the country compete against each other. You can choose to participate individually or get picked for a team. I got picked for the AIMS Games Hip Hop team and in swimming. That was definitely the highlight of this year as I made new friends and met new family members.

Unlike most primary schools, Gisborne Intermediate has a cycle called Tech. Tech is a subject that can unlock new hobbies, there are Art, Industri-Tech, Music, Sports Ed, Horticulture, Foodtech, and STEAM. One of my favourite Tech cycle's is Foodtech where you can cook your own food for yourself and eat it. Yummy! Overall Gisborne Intermediate has provided me with so many opportunities this year, I can't even count them all! I can't wait until next year to see all the new and old faces ready to have a great two years at Gisborne Intermediate, just like me.



CHARLIE W

When I first started Gisborne Intermediate I was so nervous, not knowing what it was going to be like. After being here for 3 terms I have learnt so much. There are so many fun opportunities to choose from including sports and academics. You get so much support from your teachers and peers in and outside of learning. Tech is one of the best things about GisInt, because there are so many different things to do. We get to do Industri-Tech, Art, STEAM, Cooking, Music, Sport Ed and Horticulture. Tech classes allow you to try things that you might enjoy or haven't tried before. Another cool thing about GisInt is getting your honours badge; to achieve this badge you have to get all of your colours. It may be very scary coming from a small school moving to GisInt where it may be twice as big with twice as many people. If you aren't comfortable being in a big collaborative class you can choose to be put in a single cell where there aren't as many kids and teachers. We are expected to use our RISE values at GisInt, R - Respect, I - Integrity, S - Self Management, and E stands for Excellence. Moving into a class with none of my friends was a big challenge for me, but as the year went past I made heaps of new friends, not only in my class but around the school as well. I have had an amazing first year at GisInt with all of the awesome opportunities as well as making heaps of new friends and hope that you have as much fun as me.



RIRIA A

When I first started Gisborne Intermediate I was extremely nervous, not knowing what was it was going to be like. It was actually ok for me because I was around nice and kind people who were welcoming. I'm so lucky to be in a school that welcomes you in and cares for you like Gisborne Intermediate.

When you come to Gisborne Intermediate you will get so many opportunities like badges, being in a class you enjoy being in, and way more. Every day we use our RISE values which are Respect, Integrity, Self Management, and Excellence. I have lots of support from my teachers, friends and cousins and I always have a smile on my face every day. It's always a pleasure and exciting to meet new people at school. I love learning new things in different techs and in class for example, Maths, Reading, Writing, Cooking, Art, Sport Ed, Horticulture, STEAM, Industri-Tech, and last but not least, Music. I was really happy and kind of shocked when I found out I got Student of the Week. I was really proud of myself and extremely happy. We have lots of opportunities at Gisborne Intermediate for example, trips, Action weeks and lots more. Gisborne Intermediate celebrates students following the RISE values and we get to do Green Card day. It is pretty good when we get to do those celebration things because we get to choose from things like going to the movies and skatepark. It has been an amazing journey at Gisborne Intermediate.



SEPULON K

So many different emotions ran through me when I started at Gisborne Intermediate. The hardest part of changing schools was making different friends, but at GisInt you have so many opportunities to make new friends. The great thing about Gisborne Intermediate is all of the support and love you get from your teachers and peers. Tech is the a great thing at GisInt and been a change from primary. You have a range of different techs from Cooking (my favourite), Music, Art, Horticulture, STEAM, Industri-Tech and Sports ED. The other great thing about GisInt is the opportunities to go away and represent our school for sports and academic subjects. As a sporty person myself I have signed up to about 7-10 different sports already, and had the chance to go away for lots of those sports to different places around NZ. Even though I have only been here for almost 3 terms I already feel like this is my home, my place to strive and reach my goals. My biggest goal to complete was to get my Honours. When you earn 3 Academic, 3 Sport, 3 Culture and 5 Contribution badges you get your Honours badge. I think it would be amazing to get my Honours because I will leave behind a legacy on my name. I believe that GisInt is an amazing school that offers everything anyone needs to reach success in any area they choose. I hope your journey will be as good as mine has already been. Have fun.



ZOE T

TESTIMONIALS

CLASSROOM LEARNING OPTIONS

Our commitment is to develop high performing teachers who continually look for improvement in a rapidly changing world.

We appreciate that different classroom environments will suit different learners. Rather than imposing a one-size-fits-all approach to educating your child, we are evolving a range of environments that best meet the needs of individuals and their preferred learning styles.

As we prepare learners for an increasingly diverse, globalised and media-saturated society, schools are being challenged to equip students with the skills to cope with the demands of an uncertain future. We offer a variety of classroom environments which have slightly different approaches but prioritise students' learning needs with a view to learners being able to reach their full potential and having an eye on the future.

At Gisborne Intermediate our learning hubs are either a single-teacher learning environment or a collaborative learning environment. Teaching pedagogy and technology used to support learning is the same irrespective of the physical environment the teachers and students are in.

Single Cell Learning Hubs

Learning hubs with one teacher is a preferred option for some parents and students. Our teachers are skilled at meeting the academic and social needs of a diverse range of learners through a combination of whole class, group and individual teaching. For some learners this approach works. Many parents feel secure in this method of delivering educational outcomes knowing that just one teacher will be responsible for meeting their child's needs on a daily basis.

At Gisborne Intermediate we recognise the importance of finding the right learning environment for every learner.

Collaborative Learning Environments

At Gisborne Intermediate we have created a number of collaborative learning environments in order to deliver a responsive and future focused education. These learning spaces allow students to have flexibility with their learning and to be supported by teachers with their expertise in collaborative teaching strategies. Many learners discover the benefits of having access to more than one teacher in their learning environment.

Te Ao Māori learning Environment

E tipu e rea mō ngā rā o tō ao. Ko tō ringa ki ngā rākau a te Pākehā Hei ora mō te tinana. Ko tō ngākau ki ngā taonga a ō tīpuna Māori.

Ngā Manu a Rehua is an education team within our kura which is about whānau – through our identity as individuals and as a collective, our tamariki are nurtured into being the very best that they can be. Where each of their talents and strengths is utilised to capture the very best for their learning. A characteristic of this learning programme is that learning is not confined within four walls, the classroom moves to get the most enriching learning experiences possible. Te Ao Māori is proudly woven through all that is done.



TESTIMONIALS

In the beginning of the year, I was nervous. I had never been to this school before. This school is much bigger than Te Hapara. My favorite thing about this school is that you can do lots of PE and get into rugby. My rugby team got to travel to Tauranga and Whakatane to play rugby.

I was nervous about meeting so many new people when I started at Gisborne Intermediate. But now I have LOTS more friends than last year. You do lots of different tech subjects such as Cooking, Sport Ed, Music, STEAM, Art, Industri-Tech and Horticulture. My favourite tech is Sport Ed because I love sports. At the end of each term, if you have put in a lot of work and shown your RISE values you can be part of green card day. A green card day is a day where you can do heaps of fun stuff like going to the movies, going to the pools or enjoying LOTS of PE for a day. If I could say something to a year 6 who is starting GisInt, I would say that it is going to be a lot of fun at this school. GisInt has a lot of awesome teachers who are so smart and kind. See you there!



HEMA T

I can't believe that 2023 is almost over – I guess time really flies when you're having fun! When I first arrived at GisInt, I was placed in Hub Mako. Hub Mako is a collaborative classroom with 3 teachers and 75 kids! That might sound like a lot of kids in one class, but somehow it was one of the best things that happened to me this year. Since there are so many meetings for trips or sports trials throughout the week and your friends might not always be there, you have to make friends with new people. Even if you didn't know much about them at the start, after you sit with them a few times you might realise that you have heaps in common with them. I was nervous that my friends would make new friends, but I've kept all of my close friendships too. Two of my closest friends were with me from day one, as soon as I stepped into my new classroom they were there talking to me and making me feel at home. There are so many opportunities for students at GisInt, like different sports, badges, trips and a whole bunch of different tech classes and extensions. Some of the different techs are Sport Ed, Horticulture, STEAM, Art, Industri-Tech, Cooking and Music. My favourite tech is Cooking. Almost everyone at GisInt has a favourite tech, and if you choose to come here you will too. I am so excited to welcome the new year 7's joining GisInt in 2024.



CLEO B

When I came to GisInt there were so many exciting things for me to do that I have never experienced before at my primary school. I was introduced to the tech arts programme where I experienced Cooking, Art, Horticulture, Industri-Tech and STEAM. All of the teachers were able to assist me with my learning and they were very kind.

In my Uenuku classroom there are small numbers of students and we focused on improving my learning and enriching my day with lots of fun activities to do. I have been introduced to netball, swimming, athletics, pump track/skate park and trampolining. This has built my confidence to try new sports and activities that I have never done before. This year I got to be involved in the GisInt Action Week and we had some amazing things to do that I never knew were available in Gisborne.

All of the teachers and teacher aides are here to help me to be the best that I can be. I enjoy working with them to improve my reading, writing and mathematics. I received lots of certificates for my work in STEPS and Mathletics which I really enjoyed as I like to be rewarded for my mahi.

I have made some great friends in the school and we are able to explore our shared interests with the help of the teachers and teacher aides. The school lunches are very yummy and we have a lot to eat and I never go hungry.



ANTONIO M

I remember clearly when I first started at GisInt, it was a big change compared to my old school last year. I was worried because I didn't know which teacher I was going to be with, or if I was going to be with my friends or not. I couldn't have asked for a better class than LH14. Matua Dylan made us feel very welcome and so did the Yr 8's. Everyone has helped me over the terms and I have become more of an outgoing person. It was hard making friends at first, but I've met some really caring, funny and loyal friends. I still hang out with some of my friends from last year, but I have made some really caring friends this year too. I look forward to looking after my Year 6 friends when they come to GisInt next year so that they know their way around the school. GisInt is a such short period of time so you really have to get out of your shell and go for every opportunity you get. I wish I had taken up more opportunities at the start of the year but there is always next year.



HALEY R

TESTIMONIALS

EDUCATION BEYOND THE REGULAR CLASSROOM

ACTION WEEK

Venturing into the wider world

Action week is a unique week designed to develop interests, passions and provide learning opportunities beyond Gisborne. During Action Week, the whole school is involved in an activity outside of their normal class programme. It is a week full of excitement that students really look forward to.

Year 7 students experience many of the options that our local area provides. Some activities are hosted at school, others are out and about in our region. There is plenty of choice and something for everyone.

Year 8 students can choose to participate in one of our local activities or choose an out-of-town option. In recent years we have had groups go to Rotorua, Waikato, Auckland, Wellington, Taupo, Queenstown and Rarotonga.

CAMPING

All students take part in a camping experience at the beginning of the year with a focus on water safety.

SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

We have close and easy access to Gisborne's best sporting facilities and these are regularly used during lunchtime, physical education lessons and sports times, before and after school.

Staff are directly involved in the coaching of cricket, netball, rugby, kī-o-rahi, hockey, soccer, gymnastics, road cycling, mountain biking, swimming, touch rugby, badminton, squash, surfing, basketball, golf, kayaking, waka ama and ultimate frisbee. In all, over 30 sports are on offer.

In addition, all students also have access to lunchtime sports, cross country, swimming, triathlon, athletics and interclass competitions.

Our top sports students, teams and individuals compete in sports exchanges with Whakatāne and compete in the Bay of Plenty/Poverty Bay Intermediate Schools Championships sporting fixtures across at least 18 sporting codes.



ACTION WEEK



CAMPING



SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

At Gisborne Intermediate we ensure all students are offered a varied range of physical opportunities and challenges.

TESTIMONIALS

When I first came to GisInt, I was quite nervous, because I thought it would be a massive school. Now, 3 terms into the year, I've been having a great time, and wonder why I worried so much! GisInt teaches you about Respect, Integrity, Self-Management, and Excellence; also known as the RISE values.



MATTHEW

There are many activities to take part in such as sporting, cultural, and academic opportunities! I have tried activities that I didn't realise that I'd enjoy so much, such as Ultimate Frisbee, and Debating! You also get to meet many people of different skill sets, likings, and make new friends from these opportunities.

There are 7 tech classes and they're all so different, so you are basically guaranteed to have one you love! If you want to go the extra mile, you can also sign up for an extension, like I did with STEAM! Also, if you are sociable then you can be in a double cell class with 60 kids; if that sounds a bit too big, you can join a single cell class with 30 people, and get to know them really well! At GisInt, there are badges that you can work towards. When you get your first badge it feels amazing, and makes you strive to be better than before. GisInt lets you explore many activities that are exciting, and thrilling! If you want to have a great 2 exciting years of fun, GisInt is the place to come!

Ko Hikurangi te maunga tu te po - tu te Ao. Ka ngā wai o tōku awa ko Waiapu e tere nei - e au mihi nei. Utaina toia ra taku waka ko Horouta I u mai ki tēnei whenua taurikura. Kia tu ai ko toku whare tipuna ko Taharora e tu tonu nei. E hora atu nei i te aroha o toku marae ko Taharora ki te tai whakarongo ki te tai whakararo. Tēnei a Te Whānau a Rakairoa taku hapu e mihi nei. Otira a Ngāti Porou toku Iwi e maioha atu nei ki a koutou. Tihei mauri ora!



BOB

Before I started at Gisborne Intermediate I was nervous about everything. Day 1 was extremely nerve racking. I was worried that everyone was going to make fun of me instead everyone was really supportive and comforting. My class is named Ngā Manu a Rēhua. I have four teachers Kōkā Ana, Kōkā Tracey, Matua Rapiata and Papa Puri who are all super kind and supportive. I really enjoy being here and learning through Te Ao Māori. Our school has our GisInt RISE values that we all strive to follow - Respect, Integrity, Self Management and Excellence. We attend seven different types of tech's which are really fun such as STEAM, Art, Industri-Tech, Music, Sports Ed, Horticulture and my personal favourite Cooking. Another cool kaupapa we have at GisInt is our Badge System. Your honours badge is the badge of all badges and to get this badge you have to get your 4 colours which are Sports, Contribution, Academic and Cultural. I'm proud I only have one left to earn before the year is out as I'm a Year 7.

This year has been a great year for me and my learning. Gisborne Intermediate is a excellent place for opportunities in sports, going camping, and going to different places. When I first started I was nervous about who was going to be in my class, whether I would have my friends, and what I would do during break times. But now it is just,



CONRAD

"where are my mates and where are we playing touch today?" The classrooms there are single cells and collaborative classrooms. I'm in a single cell with about 30 students and collaborative classes have about 60 students. At Gisborne Intermediate, I'm in LH8. Learning Hub 8 the best class, we call it Hub Moana. There are different names for some classes. There are four colours badges: Sports, Cultural, Academic, and Contribution. Once you have got all of the colours badges, you will receive a GisInt Honours badge. At Gisborne Intermediate, we have values called RISE values. R stands for respect, I stands for integrity, S stands for self management, and E stands for excellence. There are 7 techs: Sports Ed, Cooking, STEAM, Art, Industri-Tech, and Horticulture.

If I don't know something, I can always ask a Year 8 for help. It's great as they have already experienced different opportunities before we arrive here, so they can give us information.

In my opinion, Gisborne Intermediate is the best school in Gisborne! Why you say?



TYSON

Let me tell you about my first year of Intermediate. On my first day, I was so nervous because I didn't know what it was going to be like. I didn't know what class I would be in but when I got some of my friends in my class I knew it would be a good experience.

In just the second week of school, my favourite sporting event surfing, was just around the corner. I managed to get into the team but I had to stay with a billet I'd never met before. I was so nervous because I've never stayed anywhere without my family. But it was great, my billet lived right by the beach and the cool thing is, I made another friend that day. I've been on another 6 school trips since then and they were heaps of fun.

At GisInt there are a variety of classes you can choose from. There are single cells with one teacher, collaborative classes with 2 or more teachers, and there is Ngā Manu a Rēhua which is a Te Ao Māori learning environment.

There are 7 Tech classes in our school. I think the best tech is Sports Ed because it's basically PE which I love. Maybe you can come to GisInt and try all these cool things.

TESTIMONIALS

WHAKATANE EXCHANGE

The annual exchange with Whakatane Intermediate School is an eagerly anticipated event which has been happening for 30 years. The exchange has students from both schools competing in sporting and academic challenges to decide who takes home the trophy and the bragging rights.

The hosting school changes each year, meaning a student can represent our school at home, and away. This involves a large number of students. In 2023 Gisborne Intermediate had close to 150 participants who travelled to Whakatane.

Billeting is a special part of this exchange. Most students are a bit nervous about their first time being billeted, however, by the next day they are best mates with their billet and full of exciting stories. Many students stay in touch with their billet and try to host them when they come to Gisborne.

This event is unique as it encompasses competition in sport and in the classroom. It also allows the teachers from both schools to build a connection and learn from the knowledge and experiences of each other.



TESTIMONIALS

When I first started at GisInt, I did not know what to expect. But after only one term, I learnt that there were so many opportunities for me to explore. It gives you a chance to find what you're naturally good at, and what you love doing.

I like the badge system because it gives me something to work towards and set my mind to. The sense of achievement when you accomplish your goals feels extremely rewarding. I enjoy the fact that I can manage my own learning and the teachers target the learning to the specific things I need.

It's awesome that you can pick between a single classroom and a collaborative space to suit what you're comfortable with. Every day I step into school, it feels like home. I feel like I can express myself and just be me when I am at GisInt. I like to be my own person and follow my own path. GisInt offers so many ways to stand out and look different to everyone else. I'm looking forward to the opportunities Year 8 brings.



MITCHELL

I can't believe we are almost at the end of Term 3! The year has gone by so fast. On the first day, I was nervous thinking that I would be on my own, but I was wrong. I have had so much fun at GisInt, trying new things like different sports and meeting new people. I also thought that the Year 8s wouldn't like me

very much, but now most of my friends are Year 8s. The Year 8s have also been super helpful by helping me find my way around the school and helping me in tech. GisInt is very good at getting you to test your limits in all different kinds of sports. The academic stuff is also pretty cool. There is the maths team, literacy team, debating, and all different kinds of stuff that you can do to get your academic, sport, contribution, and cultural badges. I am close to getting my sport and contribution badges and hopefully my honours. Getting my honours would be so amazing and it would really be the highlight of my two years of GisInt. GisInt has so many opportunities and is a really amazing school!



CHARLIE

It's amazing how much you can learn in such a short period of time. My time here at Gisborne Intermediate has flown past very quickly. First I'm listening to our awesome principal discuss what happens at our school on the very first day, and now it's nearly the end of term 3.

I knew going from primary to intermediate was going to be a huge step in my life. When I walked into my class on the first day, all I saw were faces I had never seen before, but a warm, welcoming smile from my teacher made me feel at ease. I was so nervous because none of my friends were in my class with me, but so many new people had flooded into my life, and I soon made more friends. The Year 8's were so welcoming, they showed us around the school, and were very kind to us on our first day. GisInt offers so many different opportunities, from sports to extensions and enrichments, in so many different categories. The teachers always encourage us to do the things we love when we think we can't. Two years of school may sound like a long time, but it really isn't, because as they say, time flies when you're having fun. So take opportunities while you're a Year 7, as they might not come back the next year. GisInt is a wonderful school and I can't wait to see what happens in the upcoming 5 terms.



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TESTIMONIALS

GENERAL INFO

OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 18 October 2023
5.30pm to 7.00pm

This is an opportunity to experience the school environment, see aspects of the school programme in action and talk to the Board, staff and students.

ENROLMENT SCHEME

Enrolment at Gisborne Intermediate in 2024 is governed by an enrolment scheme. Details of the scheme can be found on our school website www.gisint.school.nz

The Board has determined that there will be 40 spaces available for out of zone applications.

Out-of-Zone Enrolments:

Enrolments close: Friday 13 October 2023

Enrolments confirmed: Monday 30 October 2023

SCHOOL TERMS

Term 1 Start Year 8: Tuesday 30 January 2024
Start Year 7: Wednesday 31 January 2024
End: Friday 12 April 2024

Term 2 Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July 2024

Term 3 Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September 2024

Term 4 Monday 14 October - Friday 13 December 2024 (TBC)

STATIONERY

All stationery requirements will be provided free of charge by the school in 2024.

BUSES

Bus transport is available for pupils.

For full details of bus routes and conditions please contact Go Bus, phone: 06 867 5290.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

The aim of the uniform is a neat, well-groomed appearance which fosters pride in the school and in the student. The uniform regulations must be adhered to with the correct school uniform being worn at all times.

Pole/bleuse/shirt

Plain white collared shirt with sleeve above elbow.

Shorts

Regulation GisInt navy shorts, above the knee.

Track Pants

Regulation GisInt plain navy (without stripes/bands).

Shoes

- Completely black school shoes (below the ankle); or
- Plain black sandals, worn correctly with backstrap and no straps above ankle. No socks with sandals. **Jandals, slides or Crocs are NOT permitted.**
- Running shoes predominantly blue, black or white.

Socks

GisInt regulation socks or short navy blue socks.

Sweatshirt

Regulation navy sweatshirt (optional).

Jacket

Regulation GisInt jacket (optional).

PE UNIFORM

PE Shirt

Regulation GisInt shirt.

PE Shorts

Plain black sports shorts above the knee (no stripes or non-school logos).

Swimwear

Swimming shorts (not below the knee) only are to be worn in the pool.

Boys – no boxer shorts in the pool.

Girls – full togs, no bikinis. Rash-vest and swimming shorts permitted as over-garments.

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www.argyleonline.co.nz
0800 110 059
aohelp@argyleonline.co.nz

OTHER ASPECTS OF UNIFORM

Jewellery (optional)

Small plain studs may be worn. Sleepers optional for ears only. A taonga may be worn inside the shirt. No other jewellery permitted.

Hair

Hair must be kept tidy at all times. Hair bands and hair ties must be plain black, white or navy.

Hats & Sunglasses

Students are strongly encouraged to wear a sun hat and sunglasses when outside. Plain navy, dark blue, black or white hats.

Plain navy, dark blue, black or white beanies are permitted in Terms 2 and 3.

Hats are to be worn the correct way around and removed when indoors.

Make-up

NO make-up or coloured nail polish permitted.





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