

2027
PROSPECTUS

GISBORNE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



GROWING
GREAT
PEOPLE



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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 to help them become positive, contributing members of society.

We have an outstanding teaching team that works hard to provide quality teaching and learning programmes that ensure our students learn and achieve to their highest possible level. Alongside our teachers we have quality learning support staff who help and encourage students that may need a little bit extra. Our learning 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 Tuesday, 15th September 2026, 4pm-5.45pm** 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 show you our school.

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

Ngā mihi,

Andy Hayward
Principal



Glenda Sambrook (Assistant Principal), Andy Hayward (Principal), Jodie Leach (Deputy Principal)

What students' say

"At Gisborne Intermediate, we are encouraged to be the best version of ourselves by living our RISE values every day. We try to show these values in our classrooms, with our friends, on the sports field and in everything we do at school.

RISE stands for Respect, Integrity, Self-Management and Excellence. These values help us make good choices, take responsibility for our learning and actions, support others and keep trying our best. We like that RISE gives us something to aim for and reminds us how we can be positive role models for others."

Willow Keast
& Ava Kingi Te Purei



MANAAKITANGA KINDNESS
LISTENING SHARING
SUPPORTIVE OF OTHERS & DIFFERENCES
USING GREAT MANNERS **CARING**
APPRECIATION OF SELF, OTHERS & SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT
CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS
WHAKAWHANAUNGATANGA **RELATIONSHIPS**



AIM HIGH TEAMWORK
PERSONAL BEST
CELEBRATE SUCCESS PERSEVERANCE
GOALS ACHIEVED
WHAIA TE ITI KAHURANGI
CAN DO ATTITUDE



WALK WITH MANA HONESTY
KOTAHITANGA RESPONSIBLE
RELIABLE DOING THE RIGHT THING
CONSISTENT UNITY
WHAKAPONO OWNERSHIP
SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TRUST
EMPATHY FOCUSED



SOLVING PROBLEMS COMMITMENT
FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS
COOPERATIVE PUNCTUAL
LOOKING AFTER PEOPLE, BELONGINGS & PROPERTY
ORGANISED FOCUSED
CONSISTENT INITIATIVE
EMBRACE LEARNING



Our Vision

Growing Great People | E tipu, kia rea

Our Mission Statement

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

Our Values

Embedded in the fabric of Gisborne Intermediate, our RISE values shape how adults and students live, learn, and lead together. They bring our vision of 'growing great people' to life by nurturing empathetic citizens who are ready to make a positive impact.



What we do

When your child is enrolled at Gisborne Intermediate a lot of effort goes on behind the scenes to ensure that their transition to our school is a positive experience that fully supports them in their learning. Your child will be placed in a Learning Hub (classroom) where the teacher teaches the core curriculum - Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Health and PE and Inquiry. In addition, students enjoy two or three blocks exploring our specialist subjects - Music, Steam, Cooking, Sport Education, Horticulture and Industrial Technology.

Our classroom teachers are trained in Structured Literacy which is an approach to teaching reading and writing that builds strong decoding, spelling and comprehension skills for all students. In Mathematics we are currently using the Pr1me Mathematics resources which provides a well structured programme that includes a mixture of explicit teaching, practice books and some online learning. On top of the support and extension that happens with a class, throughout the year, our school offers blocks of extra support for those needing a boost and also extension opportunities to really stretch the learning.

Education Outside the Classroom is important too, with local resources such as the Museum, Wild Lab, Heritage Trails, and Tōnui Colab utilised to add value and context to our learning programmes.

What you see

Our learning hubs are energetic and engaging spaces where learning comes alive. Our teachers design learning programmes that captivate curiosity and inspire growth. Literacy and Mathematics take priority, equipping students with essential skills that open doors to the wider curriculum. Alongside dedicated instruction in reading, writing, and mathematics, key elements of literacy and numeracy are woven naturally through our inquiry and specialist subjects. Digital devices play an integral role in modern learning, but emphasis is also placed on rich hands-on, collaborative, and practical experiences.

What students' say

"At Gisborne Intermediate, we are encouraged to challenge ourselves and always try our best, no matter what level we are working at. Our teachers are really supportive and give us help when we need it, while also encouraging us to reach our next learning goal."

Our teachers have high expectations and push us to work hard and achieve our best. We learn lots of different strategies across all areas of our learning to improve understanding of new content."

**Nikau Leach
& Nell Alder**



Our Learning Hub options

Single cell classrooms

To best serve our community, we continuously adapt to the needs of our families. While we previously offered a choice between single-cell and larger collaborative spaces, family preferences have shown a clear demand for traditional classroom settings. **Consequently, from 2027, we will focus exclusively on single-cell learning hub teaching.**

Ngā Manu a Rēhua

Our Te Ao Māori learning environment will continue to offer a collaborative, whānau-centred space rooted in cultural identity and shared learning.

Uenuku

Our learning support hub is a cherished part of our school, offering a tailored, nurturing environment for students with additional learning needs, guided by a skilled and compassionate team.



Ngā Manu a Rēhua provides all the learning opportunities of a mainstream classroom while enriching every aspect of learning through a Te Ao Māori lens. Students experience the full New Zealand Curriculum alongside authentic learning that celebrates te reo Māori, tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori, and our unique local stories.

Our programme welcomes learners at every stage of their te reo Māori journey, from those taking their first steps to those who are fluent speakers. The language component is delivered at approximately Level 2, with support provided to ensure every learner can grow with confidence.

At the heart of Ngā Manu a Rēhua is whanaungatanga. We believe that when students have a strong sense of identity, know where they belong, feel connected to their culture, and experience genuine partnerships between home and school, everything else flows from there. These foundations enable learners to flourish academically, socially, culturally, and personally.

We hold high expectations for every learner and actively encourage whānau involvement in all aspects of school life. Learning regularly extends beyond the classroom as students visit places of significance within our local area, connecting with our iwi, hapū, marae, maunga, awa, and local histories. These authentic experiences deepen students' understanding of who they are, where they come from, and the important role they play within their communities.

In Ngā Manu a Rēhua, Te Ao Māori is not a separate subject—it is woven throughout every aspect of teaching and learning. By nurturing identity, language, culture, and strong relationships, we grow confident, capable young people who are proud of who they are and are well prepared to thrive in both te ao Māori and the wider world.



Student testimonials

"On my first day at GisInt I was amazed because GisInt looked way bigger than my primary school Elgin. There were way more people, some were big, some were small and there were a lot of teachers too. My class Ngā Manu a Rēhua is fantastic especially when we do karakia and pepeha with Kōka Ana and Kōka Tracey. What I like mostly about Ngā Manu a Rēhua is that we do mahi toi with Matua Rapiata. I have trialled for waka ama, Tē reo extension and Kapa Haka extension. I have also been in Pangarau with Ms Manson and I have made a lot of friends. One of my favourite things about Gisborne Intermediate is Tech especially doing music because I have learned how to play guitar with Matua Rikky. My other favourite tech is cooking tech because I have learnt how to cook. I would recommend that other people should come to GisInt because the teachers are really nice and Gisborne Intermediate is a great school."



**Kingston
Mete**

"Gisborne Intermediate is such an amazing school. There are so many sporting opportunities, like rugby, touch, and ultimate frisbee. All the teachers are really nice and help you when you need it.

There are 5 different tech classes. In industrial tech, you learn to make things with wood; in horticulture, we learn about gardening and growing things from seed. In cooking, I learnt to make lots of different foods like butter chicken and nachos, and in music, I was able to pick an instrument to learn and perform in a band. I am looking forward to sport education because I really like doing P.E. in class and want to learn more games.

One of my highlights this year has been going to camp with my team; we went swimming at the beach and had lots of time to play and get to know each other at the start of the year. Playing spotlight at night is a really good memory for me. If you are wondering if GisInt is for you, then I would recommend that you come here...it is a fantastic school."



**Sophie
Rolls**

"One of the cool things about Gisborne Intermediate is Tech. Tech is one of my favourite things to do. My favourite tech classes are Sport Ed and Woodwork. In Sport Ed we learnt lots of different games and in woodwork I made a car with lights using electronics. At break times we play games like handball and catch up with our friends.

At the start of the year our class went to Anaura Bay for camp. We went with our whole syndicate and had heaps of fun swimming in the sea, snorkelling in the rock pools and having a sand castle competition. On camp I got to know my classmates and other kids in the syndicate. It was great! We also had great food like hamburgers, sausages and hot milos.

Another thing I really do like about GisInt is how all the teachers are very friendly and nice. The teachers help you learn to get better with your reading, writing and maths. They take lots of sports and organise competitions with other classes like Ultimate Frisbee. It is a great experience at GisInt - you get to make heaps of friends - you will love it."



**Sione
Talakai**

"GisInt is such a welcoming school with kind and understanding teachers. There are lots of sport opportunities, and so much more. GisInt also has a lot of interesting tech classes, some of my favourites are sports education, STEAM and wood work. When I first entered GisInt, I started off a bit nervous. With a big school, it's easy to make new friends which makes you forget all about being nervous.

The best way to make new friends at GisInt is with school camp at the start of the year. On our camp, we visited Anaura Bay, where we had heaps of fun with all of our syndicate. A tip I have for you is to give everything a go! That way, you won't miss out on any of the great things GisInt has to offer."



**Emma
Cook**

Our RISE values are embedded in our school culture and are used to set our expectations for behaviour. Students having a clear understanding of what is expected sets the tone and ensures consistency across the school. Schools should be a place where students feel safe and supported, where they know they'll be heard, and know that any issue will be followed up. We care, and want our students to enjoy their time at Gisborne Intermediate.

All learners display our school RISE values in different settings by:

All settings

- Manaakitanga
- Caring
- Listening
- Sharing
- Be Kind
- Appreciation self, others & environment
- Supportive of others & differences
- Using great manners
- Considerate of others
- Whakawhanaungatanga
- Relationships
- Walk with Mana
- Honesty
- Consistent
- Focused
- Reliable
- Kotahitanga Unity
- Responsible
- Ownership
- Trust
- Doing the right things
- Seek opportunities
- Whakapono
- Empathy
- Contribution
- Punctual
- Organised
- Use initiative
- Co operate
- Consistent
- Initiative
- Embrace learning
- Looking after people, belongings & property
- Ignore others actions
- Solve Problems
- Follow instructions
- Commitment
- Whaia te iti Kahurangi
- Goals achieved
- Aim high
- Can do attitude
- Perseverance
- Teamwork
- Celebrate success
- Positive legacy
- Personal best

Office / Tari

- Be polite to the office staff
- Wait patiently for your turn
- Use the office only when needed
- Use the correct entrance



Representing the school

- Listen carefully to speakers
- Treat visitors and rooms appropriately
- Take care with equipment and environment
- Know and follow requirements
- Participate positively in all sporting activities
- Support each other in their efforts
- Be gracious in victory or defeat
- Come prepared for the days sporting activities
- Use equipment appropriately
- Follow all teachers/adults instructions
- Complete all activities to the best of your ability
- Be polite and respectful to all staff & helpers

Learning environments

- Use appropriate voice (tone & volume)
- Classroom Devices & resources
- Others and your own learning
- Others personal space & belonging
- Give every activity 100% effort
- Tidy room before leaving
- Know and follow requirements
- Participate positively in all activities
- Be on time
- Prepared for lessons
- Ignore others actions
- On task with learning
- Use initiative
- Remain on task
- Complete work to the best of their ability
- Strive to gain badges & certificates

Group gatherings

- Listen
- Celebrate others achievements
- Sitting quietly
- Follow agreed school procedures regarding uniform
- Follow the agreed procedures in the hall
- Listen
- Celebrate others achievements
- Follow the agreed procedures in the hall



PE

- Listen to peers and staff
- Actively support others efforts
- Follow the agreed rules of the game
- Equipment
- Game officials
- Use equipment correctly
- Fair Play
- Inclusive of all
- Have PE gear
- Put gear away in appropriate place
- Represent the school in sports
- Striving to be a Skilled Games Player
- Participate to the best of your ability

Bus / Pahi

- Wait patiently in line for your bus and support bus monitor
- Thank bus driver
- Follow all instructions
- Act responsibly at all times
- When dismissed from class go directly to bus area
- Take all belongings with you
- Stay seated
- Be considerate towards others

Playground

- Include all
- Take care of equipment, environment & others.
- Share equipment
- Use equipment correctly
- Support peers
- Remain in designated lunch areas
- Follow duty teachers instructions
- Remain within the school grounds
- Place rubbish in the bins
- Return lost property to the office
- Place rubbish in the bins
- Engage in positive games and activities

Toilets / Wharepaku

- Look after facilities & equipment
- Be considerate of others privacy
- Report any problems to a staff member
- Use good hygiene
- Use toilets only for their intended purpose
- Use supplies and equipment appropriately

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.



Accelerated learners

All of our students have access to a range of opportunities that can develop their known talents and to uncover new ones. We offer rich and challenging experiences to help realise the potential of all the young people who attend our school.

Extension withdrawal programmes

Throughout the year extension opportunities are offered outside of the class through Writing Workshops, Reading Extension, Debating, Mathematics, Te Reo Māori, Food, Industritech, Creative Arts, Dance and Drama, and Sports.

Music

Students are able to participate in our rock bands, performing at Rockshop Bandquest and Showquest for our school. We also have groups for ukulele, drumline, and our choir.

Cultural

Students have the opportunity to join and, in some cases compete, as part of our school kapa haka group. We also have a Poly Beats group that students can join.

Sport

Our students compete at the highest level across a wide range of sports including national sporting events (AIMS Games). They regularly compete against 10 other intermediates from throughout the Bay of Plenty.

Leadership opportunities

Withdrawal opportunities are provided to support students to develop their leadership skills and put these talents into action.



What students' say

"We like how our teachers support us and celebrate our achievements. It's not just our classroom teachers either – teachers around the school notice when we are doing well and make us feel proud.

We have Green Card Days, certificates and Student of the Week to celebrate positive behaviour and achievements. We also get to share our learning with our whānau at learning conferences.

We also get lots of chances to extend our learning in Maths, Reading, Writing, Te Reo Māori and Tech. We enjoy these because we get to try new things, challenge ourselves and learn about things we might not have tried before."

Penelope Charteris
& Cyrus Newman

Gisborne Intermediate School is committed to growing and celebrating great people. We pride ourselves on regularly acknowledging our learners and we are excited to share another opportunity for our great people to be recognised. Our badge, colours and honours system acknowledges student achievements and motivates learners to set goals.

Who: All students will be eligible for the badges below if they meet the criteria.

What: Students will receive their badges to wear on their sweatshirt or jacket.

Why: To inspire our students to become great people and to recognise their achievements along this journey.

SPORTING BADGES

What can you do to achieve this?

- Represent GisInt in any sport offered at Gisborne Intermediate to a regional level or better (must have a trial process)
- PE extension
- RISE badge – Integrity

ACADEMIC BADGES

What can you do to achieve one of these?

- Otago Problem Solving (attained at least a merit)
- Attended and completed tasks in the following groups: Maths extension; Reading extension; Writing extension
- Qualified for the school semi-final Speech Competition
- EPRO8 Challenge
- Game development
- Te Reo extension
- Debating team – Whakatāne Exchange
- Literacy team – Whakatāne Exchange
- Numeracy team – Whakatāne Exchange
- Whaikōrero finalist
- Represented the school in chess
- RISE badge – Excellence

CULTURAL BADGES

What can you do to achieve one of these?

- Catering
- Choir
- Drumline
- Drama extension
- Kapa Haka extension
- Bands
- Pasifika Beats
- Stage Arts
- Student leadership
- Ukulele
- Art extension
- Tamararo Roopu
- Cooking extension
- Sports Ed extension
- Industrial Tech extension
- Ngā Ahikāpuni Storytellers
- Paho Crew
- RISE badge – Self Management

STUDENT OF THE WEEK BADGE

Selected by hub teachers based on our school RISE values, can be used towards a colours badge once.

CONTRIBUTION BADGE

What can you do to achieve this?

Complete at least 5 of the following (a number of times):

- Office duty
- Billeted a student from another school
- PE duty
- Library duty
- Chaperone
- Enviroschools
- Bus monitor
- Lunch monitor
- Tea duty
- RISE badge – Respect

ACADEMIC COLOURS BADGE

What can you do to achieve this badge?

- Qualified for at least 3 Academic Badges

CULTURAL COLOURS BADGE

What can you do to achieve this badge?

- Qualified for at least 3 Cultural Badges

SPORTS COLOURS BADGE

What can you do to achieve this badge?

- Represented the school in at least 3 sports at regional level

HONOURS BADGE

What can you do to achieve this?

Have achieved the following 4 badges:

- Sporting Colours Badge
- Academic Colours Badge
- Cultural Colours Badge
- Contribution Badge

Once Honours has been achieved, you are invited to have a celebratory hui with a member of the Senior Leadership team. Please make an appointment with Mrs Sambrook or Mrs Leach.

Student testimonials

"From the very first day at GisInt, I found everyone welcoming. The year 8 students were really friendly. You get to meet people from all over Gisborne and make heaps of new friends at GisInt. The teachers are also very kind. For instance, on my first day I was a bit worried, but after a couple hours I felt like I had been here for ages because my teacher made us feel so comfortable. All of the tech classes are amazing, especially food tech. If you like the outdoors, horticulture is definitely for you. The sporting opportunities are fabulous because you have the chance to face kids from all over the Bay of Plenty. There are also many academic opportunities like math, reading and writing extension classes. Gisborne Intermediate is amazing."

Oscar Willock



"This school is amazing, and the teachers are so kind and supportive. I made heaps of new friends in my first week, and there are so many opportunities to be pushed, to get involved, to achieve your best and earn badges and awards."

In my class Ngā Manu a Rēhua, we are encouraged to aim high academically while learning through a te ao Māori lens. We learn about who we are, where we come from and the people and places that connect us. Our class is a whānau who support and encourage each other and are proud of who we are.

One of my favourite moments to date was delivering a whaikōrero about my Nanny Liz Nikora. Sharing her story made me so happy but seeing how proud it made my whole whānau was even more special. My Te Reo Māori has improved so much this year and I am excited to keep growing.

If you want to work hard, achieve your best, be proud of who you are and belong to a class that feels like whānau, Ngā Manu a Rēhua might be perfect for you too."

Monty Nikora



"Gisborne Intermediate is a really great school. Coming from a school that has about 80-120 kids, I found it kind of scary to be at such a big school. In my class, there are a lot of Makaraka kids, so having people that I already knew helped, and I soon made a lot of new friends as well."

There are 5 different tech classes: music, sport, STEAM, industrial tech, horticulture, and cooking. My favourite tech so far has been sport education; we created and played Blooket quizzes to share our research and practice new sports. We also learnt how to play Coney Island.

Another highlight for me was going to camp at the beginning of the year. It was so much fun because we did a lot of swimming, played spotlight at night, and ate really good food. We spent a lot of time playing and getting to know each other—it was a great way to make new friends at the start of the year. You should consider coming to Gisborne Intermediate; it's an amazing school."

Harper McLean



"On my first day, I was a little nervous walking into Gisborne intermediate but the teachers help you out a lot, and you get to make heaps of new friends. On my second day, it was a lot of fun, because we did heaps of activities like PE where you learn fun games like coney island, dodgeball, touch, and also lots of other fun games."

For Tech you get put into groups from across your team so you get to make heaps of new friends.

Tech is REALLY fun because you can do cooking, building, planting, steam and the last tech is sports which a lot of people love it because you have a lot of fun.

When it comes to sports, you have many opportunities to make teams, which there is so many fun sports you can try out for fun. In breaks time we get to play games like handball, tag, playing on the playground and also just hanging out with friends. GisInt is such an awesome school – you would love it."

Rea Broughton



In 2026 our specialist subjects were Music, STEAM, Food Tech, Horticulture, Sports Education and Industri-Tech. Over the course of the year, all students will participate in all of the programmes on offer.

Food Technology

Learning skills and recipes that will last a lifetime. Food Tech is a wonderful place to visit with sumptuous smells and tasty treats. The students make something special every session and then get to enjoy what they have made — sometimes leftovers even get home for families to taste too.



Sports Education

Through a game-based approach, students build fitness, refine physical skills, and sharpen their game awareness. They explore new games that challenge their abilities and foster cooperative teamwork.



What students' say

"We love our Tech classes because they give us a chance to learn in a different way and have a break from our normal classroom learning. We get to be hands-on, creative and learn new skills while having fun. There are six Tech subjects: STEAM, Cooking, Sports Education, Horticulture, Industrial Technology and Music. Each one is different, so there is something for everyone. We get to try new things, explore our interests and discover skills we didn't know we had."

Adele McFarlane & Georgia Jones



Music

This programme gives all our students the opportunity to experiment with a range of musical instruments, and then use their musical talent as part of a band. They even have a lit up stage that they perform on! Everyone has a talent and has a chance to give it a go.



STEAM

An integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. This programme encourages students to collaborate, be creative and problem solve. Our STEAM curriculum empowers students to fabricate physical models while engineering digital applications, linking their learning to real-world contexts.



Industri-Tech

A combination of hard materials are used to create projects to bring home. A woodwork and metal work combo where students learn practical skills that will set them up for a bit of DIY in later life.



Horticulture

What an opportunity to learn life skills, this programme is hands-on! Planting, weeding, and harvesting what they have grown are all part of the experience. Our students love hanging out with the chooks.

We have close and easy access to many of Gisborne's sporting facilities and these are regularly used during breaks, physical education lessons, sports times, and before and after school. Staff are directly involved in the coaching of **cricket, netball, rugby, ki-o-rahi, hockey, soccer, gymnastics, mountain biking, swimming, touch rugby, badminton, squash, surfing, basketball, golf, kayaking, waka ama and ultimate frisbee**. In all, we offer close to 30 sporting opportunities.

As a component of our sports offerings, our students compete regularly in the Intermediate Super 11 competition. With close to 18 different sports featured in the programme, these fixtures take place across the Bay of Plenty and Poverty Bay.



What students' say

"We love Super 11 Sports because it gives us the chance to try new sports, compete and represent Gisborne Intermediate. We love that we are encouraged to have a go at sports we haven't tried before and discover new things we might be good at. We get to work as a team, challenge ourselves and have fun with our friends, while also building positive relationships with new people.

One of the best parts is travelling outside Gisborne, staying with another school's whānau and meeting new people. We get to visit different places, compete against schools from around the Bay of Plenty and make awesome memories along the way."

Tawhiri Pona
& Hannah Loffler



Student testimonials

"One of the really cool things I have been involved with at Gisborne Intermediate is Horticulture Extension - known as Dirt Busters. We learn about planting seeds and getting plants to grow. We also get to watch chickens hatch and grow.

In cooking tech we learn to make yummy food like honey soy chicken and fried rice. We take the recipe home and get to cook for our families, I made my family self saucing pudding after cooking it at school.

There are lots of sporting opportunities that we can be involved in. I have been involved in tennis, cricket, pickle ball and touch rugby.

In the classroom we have lots of fun learning - like reading, writing and maths and inquiry learning. We also do te reo."



**Austin
Bunyan**

"When I first walked into GisInt, I was amazed to see that everyone had a smile on their face. My class, Ngā Manu a Rēhua, is amazing, and so far I've learned over 20 karakia. I've made it into three sports: lightweight rugby, squash, and basketball for the Whakatāne Exchange.

I've also made it into maths extension, te reo Māori extension and reading extension, and I'm a whaikōrero finalist. I've trialled for lots of other things too. I've made so many friends because everyone here is so friendly and welcoming. My teachers are the best, and I wouldn't want to change a thing."



**Arthur
Donnelly**

"One of my favourite things about GisInt is sport education, where we learn to play all kinds of different sports like football, coney island and long ball. In music, I am learning to play the drums and sing in our group's band. In my class this year, I have learnt a lot of new maths and I have really enjoyed it. We also have learnt a lot about our school values - Respect, Integrity, Self-Management and Excellence. I like my class because we have all become friends and we play together at break times. You should come to GisInt because this school is a really good place, where you have some great experiences."



**Harshveer
Singh**

"There are a lot of great things about Gisborne Intermediate, for example you can earn badges for being a part of different cultural, sport, contribution, and academic opportunities. My favourite thing about our school is the sports trips; we get to go away and be billeted with other schools around the North Island. It's a great way to make new friends. If you are interested in sport, there are heaps of sports to be a part of at GisInt, like rugby, tennis, and swimming. If you're not into sports then there's tech classes where you get to learn all different things, like horticulture, industrial tech, STEAM, cooking and music. Maths and reading extension have been a really good challenge for me this year. GisInt has helped to push myself and has made me want to try harder in everything I do. If you're looking for an Intermediate that will help you to be your best self, then this is the school for you."



**Noah
Atkins**



WHAKATĀNE EXCHANGE

The annual exchange with Whakatāne 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. Our school has 150+ competitors in the exchange and a lot more are involved when we host.

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.





What students' say

"We love being part of the Whakatāne Exchange because we get to meet new people from their school and then see them again at different Super 11 events throughout the year. It's cool getting to build friendships and have people we know to catch up with when we compete.

We also like that we can be part of more than one sport or academic team if we make the teams and they don't clash. One of our favourite things is how the exchange brings our whole school community together. Everyone gets behind us, comes out to watch and cheers us on, which makes representing our school even more special!"

**Tomas Warren
& Elayna Ang**



At Gisborne Intermediate we pride ourselves in offering our students the chance to experience an exciting and challenging range of opportunities both in school and outside the classroom. Our experience has shown that students engaging in these opportunities are able to explore and discover interests and passions that they never knew they had, learn about themselves, develop self-confidence and also encourage them to become more engaged in their education.

Growing Great Explorers is an elective programme for Year 8 students who wish to be part of a trip with students from across the school. Students applying for a trip should be motivated, curious, and ready to try new things in a safe, supportive environment. It is important to note that these trips are self funded so require a significant financial commitment from those families who wish to participate.

The options this year for Growing Great Explorers are Rotorua, Hillary Outdoors at the Tongariro National Park, Wellington and Rarotonga.



Rarotonga

"We are looking forward to learning about another culture, learning about their language, dances, songs and the food. We get to visit and learn alongside a local school and can't wait to help out, make connections with the kids there and to make friends with them. We are looking forward to travelling with our friends and making new friends along the way. Another big part of going to Rarotonga is to understand a new culture. It will be a trip of a lifetime."

Isla Rose Gavin and Avia Kingi



Rotorua

"We chose Rotorua because of the cool activities we get to do – we get to go on the Gondola and have rides on the Luge. The Zorbs sound like heaps of fun and we go jet boating, trampolining and mountain biking through the Redwoods. We also hear that the Genji Mongolian Restaurant is amazing with delicious food. A big part of it too is that we get to meet new people and make new friends."

Bentley Chapman and Fletcher Sutherland



Wellington

"We didn't know that there were so many cool things that you can do in Wellington and can't wait to go. Wearable Arts, Weta Workshop, the Zoo, Cable Car, Go Carting, Capital E and the Escape Room are just some of the new experiences that we get to do. It's hard to choose what we are looking forward to the most."

Kaitlyn Wells and Mackenzie Hamblyn

Hillary Outdoors

"The main attraction for us for this trip is that it is outdoors and includes physical activities that will challenge us and test our fitness. Some of the things we get to do are kayaking, caving, hiking and bush navigation. It sounds awesome. We love being outside and being in the bush. We can't wait."

Benji Thorpe and Lucas Rofe



Show Quest

Held annually at the War Memorial Hall, this vibrant showcase celebrates the dedication and hard work our students have put in throughout the year. From dance groups, drama, and rock bands to the choir, kapa haka, Wearable Art creations, drumming, ukulele, and Poly Beat – the sheer variety of talent is spectacular. To top it all off, our student catering team showcases their culinary talents by welcoming guests with a selection of delicious morsels.

From 2027 all Gisborne Intermediate students must wear the updated school uniform. The uniform is designed to promote a neat, well-groomed appearance and to foster pride in both school and self. The uniform must be worn correctly at all times.

Formal/daily uniform

Students **must** wear this to school **daily**.

Polo

- School regulation polo

Shorts / Skorts

- Regulation GisInt black shorts or skort

Track Pants (Term 2 & 3 only)

- Regulation GisInt trackpants
- Plain black, no stripes or bands
- Dress pants are not permitted
- Must be worn with covered black shoes; sandals must not be worn with track pants

Shoes

- All covered shoes worn to school must be completely black and below the ankle (no high-tops)
- Alternatively, students may wear sandals that are completely black with a back strap and no straps above the ankle. **Socks are not to be worn with sandals**
- **Jandals, slides or Crocs are NOT permitted**

Socks

- Black socks

Hoodie

- Regulation GisInt hoodie (optional)

Jacket

- Regulation GisInt jacket (optional)

PE Uniform

Students must **bring** this to school **daily**.

PE Shirt

- Regulation GisInt PE shirt

PE Shorts

- Plain black school regulation sports shorts - just above the knee
- Stripes, non-school logos, and bike pants are not permitted

Swimwear

- Swimming shorts (not below the knee)
- Boys – no boxer shorts/underwear in the pool
- Girls – full togs, no bikinis. Rash-vest and swimming shorts permitted as over-garments

Other aspects of uniform

Jewellery

- Small plain studs or sleepers
- A taonga may be worn
- Watches may be worn
- No other jewellery may be worn

Hair

- Hair must be kept tidy at all times.
- Hair bands and hair ties must be plain black.
- Standard hair colours only (no bright colours).

Hats & Sunglasses

- Students are encouraged to wear a sun hat and sunglasses when outside. Plain black hats only
- Plain black beanies are permitted in Terms 2 and 3
- Hats to be worn the correct way around and both hats and beanies removed when indoors

Make-up

NO make-up is to be worn, including:

- Coloured nail polish (clear nail polish is fine)
- False eye lashes and fingernails
- Coloured lip gloss

Thermals/Long Sleeves

- If you are wearing these items, they must be under your regulation school uniform and not visible



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Open night

Tuesday, 15 September 2026
4pm-5.45pm

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 is governed by an enrolment scheme. Details of the scheme can be found on our school website www.gisint.school.nz

We have determined that there will be sufficient places available for out of zone applications, provided they are received by the closing date of Friday, 6 November 2026.

Out-of-zone enrolments:

Gisborne Intermediate and Ilminster have aligned the dates for enrolment.

All enrolment applications will be accepted from Monday 31 August 2026 (Week 7, Term 3)

Enrolment applications for out of zone places close Friday 6 November 2026 (Week 4, Term 4)

Out of zone places offered by Friday 13 November 2026 (Week 5, Term 4)

School terms

One Y8 returning: Thursday, 28 January 2027
New Y8 & Y7: Friday, 29 January 2027
End: Friday 9 April 2027

Two Tuesday 27 April - Friday 2 July 2027

Three Monday 19 July - Friday 24 September 2027

Four Monday 11 October - Tuesday 14 December 2027

Stationery

A stationery pack will be provided free of charge at the start of the school year.

Buses

Bus transport is available for students.

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





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