



Welcome to Kaurilands School

Kaurilands School is a large, well-established primary school located in the beautiful bush setting of Titirangi in West Auckland, New Zealand. Nestled on the edge of the Waitākere Ranges, our school enjoys a unique natural environment that supports rich, authentic learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

The school caters for students in Years 1–6 and has a roll of approximately 700–800 students. While we are a large school, we pride ourselves on maintaining a strong sense of community, where every child is known, valued and supported to succeed.

At Kaurilands, we are committed to providing an inclusive and engaging learning environment that promotes student wellbeing, academic achievement and a lifelong love of learning. Our vision, “E tū pakari ana, e totoro teitei ana” (Standing strong, reaching high), reflects our focus on empowering students to grow in confidence, resilience and capability. We are proud of our diverse and connected community, where strong partnerships with families enhance learning opportunities for all students. Our spacious grounds, including native bush, open fields and outdoor learning areas, provide unique opportunities for environmental education and exploration.

Located just 20 minutes from central Auckland, Kaurilands School is part of a vibrant and creative community with access to local amenities, parks and cultural experiences. We warmly welcome families to be part of our school and look forward to sharing the Kaurilands journey with you.



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At Kaurilands School, we are proud to offer a warm, inclusive environment where international students and their families feel welcomed, supported, and connected from the moment they arrive. We value the rich diversity that international students bring to our community and see this as an opportunity for all learners to grow in understanding and global awareness.

As a large primary school, we are intentional about maintaining a strong sense of belonging for every child. Our dedicated staff work closely with students to ensure they are well supported both academically and socially, with a focus on building confidence, language development, and meaningful friendships.

We believe that strong partnerships with families are key to student success. We look forward to working alongside you to provide a positive and enriching experience, ensuring your child thrives during their time at Kaurilands School.

Education

Our teaching staff provide high-quality learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom, supported by a balanced curriculum that prioritises strong foundations in literacy and mathematics. Alongside this, students engage in rich, authentic learning experiences across all curriculum areas through an inquiry-based approach that encourages curiosity, critical thinking, and real-world connections.

Digital technologies are thoughtfully integrated to support personalised learning, ensuring all students can access learning at an appropriate level and be appropriately challenged. Our students consistently achieve excellent academic outcomes, and we are proud of the positive, engaged approach they bring to their learning each day.

We place great importance on the partnership between home and school. Open, effective communication is central to this, and our open-door approach ensures that whānau are warmly welcomed and actively involved in their child's learning journey.

Facilities

We are proud of our facilities at Kaurilands School, which provide a unique and inspiring environment for learning. Nestled among lush native bush, our setting naturally extends the classroom outdoors, offering authentic opportunities for exploration and environmental learning. Our expansive grounds include three playgrounds, well-maintained courts, and a large field bordered by bush and a creek, creating space for both structured and active play. Our modern, well-designed classrooms support effective teaching and learning, while our spacious school hall provides a central hub for the school to come together for assemblies, sporting events, and celebrations of learning. Our newly renovated library offers a welcoming and engaging space where students can enjoy a wide range of activities and access a rich variety of books to support their learning and foster a love of reading.





Opportunities

Education Outside the Classroom:

We are proud of the wide range of extracurricular opportunities we offer throughout the year. These include overnight camps for Year 3–6 students, as well as enriching day trips to places of local interest such as museums, MOTAT, art galleries, the zoo, and beach experiences. Students also have the opportunity to participate in a variety of sporting competitions, building teamwork, resilience, and school spirit. During lunchtimes, we offer a range of clubs and interest groups including chess, art, Dungeons & Dragons, dance, and music-based activities. For families seeking additional support outside school hours, we offer enrolment in after-school programmes such as art education and sports clubs.

We also partner with Kelly Club, an external provider who operates a trusted before-school, after-school, and holiday programme on our school site, providing a safe and engaging environment for children when needed.

Bush School:

Kaurilands School is uniquely located, surrounded by lush native bush that provides an inspiring natural learning environment. Our students have the opportunity to take part in our Bush School programme, where learning extends beyond the classroom into this rich outdoor setting. Working collaboratively, children develop skills in teamwork, problem-solving, and environmental stewardship as they learn to thrive in nature, build shelters, and care for our environment—all while enjoying meaningful, hands-on learning experiences.

Dig In Programme:

The children in Year 3 have the opportunity to take part in Dig In sessions. Here, the children take care of our beautiful vegetable gardens. They plant new seedlings and seeds, look after them and then use the produce they grow to cook and eat tasty food!

Sport:

Sport is an important and valued part of life at Kaurilands School, and we encourage all students to participate in a wide range of sporting opportunities throughout the year. Our senior students have the opportunity to train for and represent the school in a variety of interschool events, developing teamwork, confidence, and school pride. We also have a specialist Sports Teacher who leads engaging and enjoyable weekly sessions, helping students to develop fundamental skills and a lifelong love of physical activity.





Māori and Pasifika Cultural Experiences:

Our international students will have the opportunity to participate in kapa haka and Pasifika groups, where they learn traditional Māori and Pasifika songs, dance, and cultural practices.

Pastoral Care:

The pastoral care of our international students is a key priority at Kaurilands School. We provide dedicated support from the very beginning, including assistance with enrolment and a warm, well-supported orientation into both the school and the local community. Our committed team works closely alongside students and their families throughout their time with us, ensuring they feel welcomed, valued, and fully supported in every aspect of their learning journey. To further support clear communication, we also provide access to translation services where needed.

English Lessons:

Children primarily develop their English language skills through active participation in classroom learning programmes. In addition, specialised ESOL programmes are offered each week to support individual needs and language levels, ensuring targeted instruction that helps each student build confidence and make strong progress.



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