



FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Specialists in catering for the emerging adolescent.

VISION

Exceptional Learners, Exceptional Place

Whakaharahara ākonga, whakaharahara wāhi

MISSION

We specialise in high quality learning for emerging adolescents.

We provide a broad range of opportunities in a safe, inclusive, connected learning community.

We embrace the potential of our unique and diverse community.

Students leave Fairfield Intermediate School as confident, critical and creative thinkers, equipped to take their place as responsible contributors to a global society.

VALUES

We promote the virtues programme and our vision is attained in the four C's:

Courtesy

Courage

Co-operation

Commitment

These four C's are an integral part of the day to day running of our school. They are communicated and promoted in such a way that they are understood by all members of our community – especially our students.

KIA ORA, GREETINGS



Welcome to Fairfield Intermediate School.

We are a multicultural school of almost 600 students situated in Fairfield, Hamilton. I was appointed as Principal in term three, 2016. I am committed to providing programmes of excellence for all of our students and to offer them challenging experiences. This includes offering a comprehensive Options curriculum programme run concurrently with our Academy programme so all students are given the opportunity for enrichment or extension either through the Academy programme or the Options programmes. At Fairfield Intermediate we create significant opportunities for leadership across the school from within a safe and secure environment.

As a school we strive to develop programmes that engage our students and enrich their learning. We offer a substantial range of unique features including:

- Academy programmes which include: arts, sports, science and technology, hospitality, academic and leadership.
- Our schoolwide focus on the four virtues which are the corner stones of our behavioural programme.
- A vast variety of E.O.T.C (Education outside the Classroom) experiences for children to engage in.

The two years at Fairfield Intermediate School are an exciting and challenging time where students begin to develop, grow and change. We specialise in this emerging adolescent age group. I urge all of the students to approach their time here with determination, grasp the opportunities that come their way, and we will celebrate you being an Exceptional Learner at this Exceptional Place.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the staff and current students, I look forward to welcoming you to our school and developing a partnership with you over the next two years.

Andrew Shortcliffe JP – BA Dip Teaching

White Ribbon Ambassador

2012 National Excellence in Educational leadership Regional Award

2013 Kiwibank Local Hero Regional Award

Principal

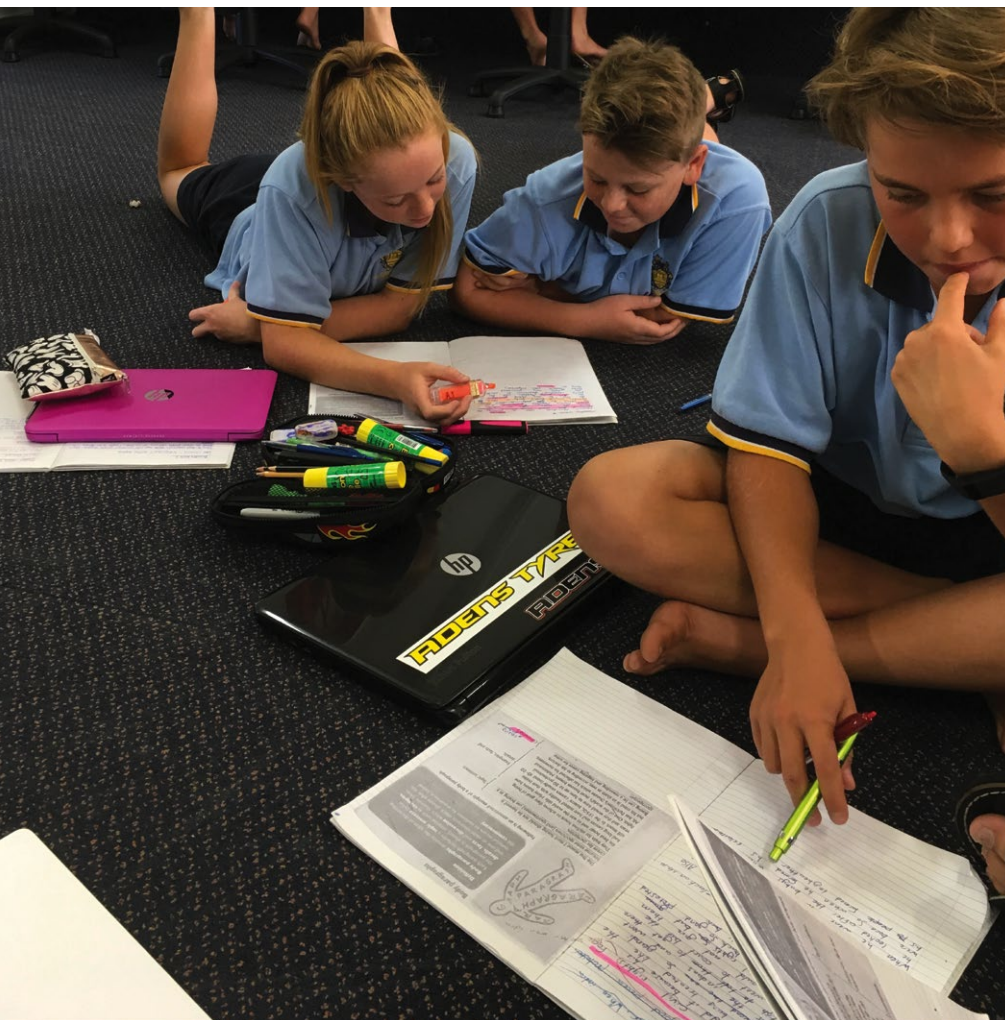
CURRICULUM

The New Zealand Curriculum

The school provides a dynamic, evolving curriculum with a strong emphasis on literacy and numeracy while also delivering high quality programmes in all the areas of the New Zealand Curriculum, English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, The Arts, Health Physical Education, Languages and Technology. Students are encouraged to be innovative and collaborative and to develop skills in the key competencies of thinking, using languages and text, managing self, relating to others and participating and contributing. The core curriculum is primarily taught by the student's classroom teacher and we aim for high levels of competence in all areas.

In addition to their regular class programme, students spend time with specialist teachers in the curriculum areas of Food, Fabric and Workshop technology along with Music and Visual Arts. This gives students the opportunity to experience higher levels of learning in these areas with specialist teachers and facilities.

We also offer students the chance to test themselves in a range of additional academic opportunities including ICAS exams, Speech Competition, Otago Problem Solving Challenge, Literature Quiz, the Waikato Science Fair and the Waikato Spelling Bee.



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e-Learning

Fairfield Intermediate prides itself on its ability to provide authentic learning experiences for all of our students through the use of ICT (information and communication technology). We have a variety of class options which include digital classrooms, bring your own device laptop classrooms and two computer suites.

e-Learning provides students with access to 21st century information sources and tools that can be integrated into their learning. It has huge potential for growing self directed learning and provides multiple avenues for student creativity, design, communication and presentation. e-Learning also provides students with the ability to be technologically confident and flexible and provides opportunities for students to learn in new and innovative ways.

Our laptop classrooms are dedicated rooms that provide students with access to a range of information technology equipment and opportunity. Classrooms utilising digital technologies and e-Learning in various forms have been operating successfully within the school for over 10 years.

We use a range of technologies now and as new forms of information and communication technology become available we plan to be in a position to make the most of these where we can to support student learning.



SPORT



**basketball • hockey • netball
• cricket • gymnastics •
tennis • league • volleyball •
football • softball • athletics
• in-line hockey • touch
rugby • swimming • triathlon
• duathlon • waterpolo •
cross country sports camp
basketball • hockey • netball
• cricket • gymnastics •
tennis • league • volleyball**

Sport and Physical Education

Our sports and physical education programmes are designed to allow all children to take part and to achieve success. We encourage all students to participate in some kind of sport, in addition to their class physical education time. For those students with abilities in sports there is an opportunity to match themselves in competition with the best locally through Waikato Intermediate Sports and nationally (at the National AIMS Games) in their age group.

We have many teams that operate through school, but are for Saturday or out of hours based competitions. We appreciate the parental support for coaching, managing and provision of transport that allow these teams to function.

Our school participates in virtually all of the Waikato Intermediate sporting fixtures. These include basketball, hockey, netball, cricket, gymnastics, tennis, league, volleyball, football, cross country, softball, athletics, in-line hockey, touch, rugby, swimming, triathlon, duathlon and waterpolo. The school has had considerable success over the years in many and varied sports. This success has continued right through to medals at the AIMS Games, arguably the premier sporting competition for this age group in New Zealand.

The school has made a considerable investment in sports' uniforms for both seasonal and travelling teams, much of it fundraised for by PTA activity. We want our students to wear the uniform with pride as they represent our school.



EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



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Education Outside the Class

School camps and trips play an important role in students' physical, social, intellectual and emotional development. The camps, in particular, give students the opportunity to take part in experiences that cannot be provided at school, to learn some non-academic skills of an outdoor nature and to build links within their class and school team.

EOTC experiences include learning experiences linked to the current big learning focus. These are a chance to build authentic learning experiences to reinforce classroom work.

All students have the opportunity to attend camps during their time at Fairfield Intermediate and we urge you to support your children in these.

We appreciate that camp costs can be financially challenging for some families. Please contact us if this is the case and we can put in place payment options to make things easier.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMMES



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Year Eight Programmes

Fabric Technology

Technology in a fabric context is attended by all year eight students. Once they have mastered the basic machine skills, they move onto planning individual and unique projects that incorporate elements of their class learning. They showcase their skills learnt and are then provided with opportunities to further their learning in areas like appliqué, machine embroidery, chenille and ICT by creating images on fabric.

Workshop Technology

Our school workshop is an exciting place where students can explore new skills and materials. The spacious and well equipped environment allows students to be creative while becoming technologically literate. Students are encouraged to manage their time and materials and to be innovative and take pride in their work. Contexts include wood, electronics, other hard materials and use of ICT.

Food Technology

Food Technology offers the opportunity to learn important life skills in the areas of practical cooking, preparation techniques, healthy food choices, recipe designing, hygiene, decision making, reading, measuring, tolerance of others and self management while being in an exciting, challenging and safe environment.

Students have the chance to discover the nutritional value, use and function of a wide variety of ingredients. They are encouraged to extend their taste buds, experiment with different combinations, and produce a modified recipe of their own in a programme that is designed to whet their appetites for future learning.



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Year Seven Programmes

Visual Arts

The Visual Arts programme provides an opportunity for students to develop confidence and pride in their art making skills. Students will learn to think creatively by inventing meaningful expressions while sculpting with clay, exploring a variety of drawing skills, developing painting techniques and designing significant symbols and patterns.

The school's Visual Arts is of a high standard. National and international participation in competitions and exhibitions has resulted in excellent achievements in the past.

Music – Sound Arts

Music plays a huge part in today's society, students' lives and at Fairfield Intermediate School. All students have the opportunity to experience playing musical instruments and to participate in a wide variety of musical activities. The music room, a modern state of the art facility, gives students a wide range of theoretical and practical learning experiences, with an emphasis on keyboard, guitar, drums, singing, reading music and composition. Many students continue to pursue music through high school and beyond, after their passion and love of music has been fostered at our school.

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musical activities**

A group of approximately 15 students, all wearing black long-sleeved shirts and black leggings, are performing a choreographed dance on a stage. The stage is lit with vibrant purple and blue spotlights, creating a dramatic atmosphere. Some students are standing on white rectangular blocks, while others are on the floor. Their movements are synchronized, with many having one arm raised high. The background is a dark, solid color, making the performers and the stage lights stand out.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMMES

Music – Sound Arts and the Performing Arts

Music Tuition Itinerant teachers, who visit the school weekly, teach a large number of students. Instruments available include flute, keyboard/piano, drums, guitar, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and vocals.

School Orchestra All students are welcome to join the orchestra as soon as they have basic skills on their instrument.

School Production The school puts on a major production which involves a large number of students on stage, acting, dancing, singing, playing in the orchestra as well as backstage, lighting and sound technicians.

School Choir Every alternate year we participate in the Fairfield Cluster Music Festival, an opportunity to work with other students and schools in the music context.

Rock Bands School performances, Pulse (Inter-Intermediate Rock Band competition) and our own Fairfield Battle of the Bands competition are all an integral part of our music scene.



Music Tuition • Rock Bands • School Orchestra • School Production • School Choir • Music Tuition • Rock Bands • School Orchestra • School Production • School Choir • Music Tuition • Rock Bands • School Orchestra • School Production • School Choir

CLASS TYPE

We have an ongoing commitment to teaching the New Zealand curriculum and utilising digital learning opportunities in a variety of differentiated learning environments as outlined below. All classrooms have literacy and numeracy as priority learning areas.

Laptop: Bring Your Own Device

Our laptop rooms are classrooms that provide students with access to a range of information technology equipment and opportunity utilising their own computers.

Digital-Core

These classrooms have a strong concentration of literacy and numeracy skills while providing a full programme based on the New Zealand Curriculum. Digital opportunities are an inbuilt part of these classes' operation.

Accelerate Classes

Students are offered the opportunity to gain entry to the school's accelerate classes. Entry to these classes is based on academic merit. The programme within these classes is aimed at extending and enriching students in their learning.



TE REO MAORI ME ONA TIKANGA



Te Reo Māori me ona Tikanga

There is an emphasis on Tikanga Māori within all our classes along with some language acquisition. It is expected that elements will be learnt in all classrooms. Having an understanding and appreciation of Māori language and culture are a part of the New Zealand curriculum.

The school Marae, Nga Maramara o Nga Waka, helps to strengthen our Te Reo Māori programme with facilities for overnight stays and a wharekai. The marae atea which is directly in front of the wharenuī, is used for school powhiri.

Te Kura Takawaenga O Marawatea Kaphahaka

Whole school kaphahaka operates where all students have the opportunity to participate and learn waiata, haka powhiri and haka. Fairfield Intermediate also has a specialised kaphahaka group who will represent our school at various occasions and travel to competitions.

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ACADEMIES AND OPTIONS



'It takes a whole village to raise one child'

"A teacher affects eternity; they can never tell where their influence stops. "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." Benjamin Franklin

Our academy programme was created to provide unique and challenging opportunities for staff and students. It is designed to enrich existing curriculum programmes and cater for students whom we have identified as possessing passion, ability and talent in specific areas.

The school's resources, both financial and personnel are managed carefully to ensure we can provide programmes of excellence across our six academies. Teaching personnel are carefully selected to lead or assist with academies based on their abilities, experience and passion in curriculum areas. All academies are led by an HOD (Head of Department) with selected staff being included in academy focus teams to assist with facilitation of programmes, events, budgets and reporting.

Our academies offer our students and indeed the wider community, a pathway to explore learning opportunities beyond the classroom walls. The academies provide a vehicle to involve our community as presenters, hosts and sponsors.

Nearly all FIS staff are actively involved in running academy programmes as members of an academy focus team, a further twenty non FIS personnel operate as presenters/facilitators offering additional workshops and opportunities for students. Our academies have a wide and extensive reach, positively influencing students and the community alike. In this way our school caters for the higher learning needs of identified students whilst involving numerous people and agencies in Hamilton, the Waikato and New Zealand.



ACADEMIES AND OPTIONS

ACADEMIC: The Academic Academy programmes extend and enrich students who have demonstrated a high academic ability in literacy, numeracy and inquiry learning. Modules are facilitated by either Fairfield Intermediate staff, or specialist facilitators from outside the school. Sessions generally operate once a week but this can vary.

ARTS: This Academy offers specialist extension classes in Singing, Drama, Dance, Visual Art, Kapahaka and Musicianship/Orchestra. The criteria for acceptance into these groups is very specific to ensure a high level of talent and commitment. Students attend a range of workshops, galleries and performances during the year.

HOSPITALITY: In the context of food and nutrition, the Hospitality Academy will evaluate current issues and theories of nutrition, identify and reflect on factors that influence people's food choices and use this knowledge to make informed decisions regarding menu planning. Through the process of selecting, preparing, cooking, and serving food, students develop their creativity and experience a sense of accomplishment.

LEADERSHIP: The Leadership Academy is available to Year 8 students only and offers students a specialised programme cultivating leadership, personal development and citizenship. In essence, it is a leadership development programme catering for emerging adolescents. Students have numerous workshops and trips away to Wellington and Auckland where they are able to meet leaders in the community and government, and broaden their experiences. They attend a Leadership Camp at the end of each term with workshops on Te Reo, voice projection, drama, team building, stress management, conflict resolution, S.W.O.T. analysis and vision setting. A highlight

for the academy is their nine day annual trip to our sister school on Wayailai Island in Fiji.

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING: At Fairfield Intermediate we want students to experience hands-on science – to learn what science is about and how scientists work. Students selected in the Science & Engineering Academy meet once a week to experience a range of modules. There are many highlights of the year, one being the Science Camp which incorporates workshops run by visiting local experts and covers a range of sciences and technologies from computer programming to pinhole photography.

SPORT: The Sports Academy has been designed for students who demonstrate ability and/or potential in either our core sports, or across a range of sporting codes. The Sports Academy is a mixture of practical, written work and trips. Students learn about fitness, nutrition, hydration, training techniques, sports psychology, game strategies and how to cope with success/defeat. Guest speakers (trainers, administrators, medical professionals and pro-athletes) share their experiences and knowledge with the students. A highlight for the academy is their annual five day sports camp.

OPTIONS: Fairfield Intermediate has introduced an Options Programme into our school. Options are run once a week for 90 minutes. All children who are not involved in a school academy will be required to select an option, ensuring that we are being inclusive as a school and offering all children equal opportunities. Teachers have been working hard on developing options that will appeal to all children, and that have a strong link to the curriculum.

specialist teachers run
extension and enrichment
classes



INTERNATIONAL



Fairfield Intermediate has a strong International Department with students from many countries coming here to study English and be immersed in New Zealand culture.

International students are integrated into all aspects of our school as well as receiving specialist assistance to improve their English language skills. Interacting with International students provides a wonderful opportunity for all students to widen their knowledge of the world and its many peoples and cultures.

International Exchanges

Currently we have a number of international exchanges operating to Japan, China and Fiji. One is a fully funded scholarship exchange the other a longer experience that is funded by the students' families.

Highlights of our International programme include:

- Quality English language programmes delivered to small group ESOL classes along with individual ESOL

programmes tailored to specific student needs with experienced, well qualified English Language Teachers and in-class support and assistance from the International Staff.

- A close family environment with a focus on the happiness, safety and well being of International children. Caring and thorough Pastoral Care Systems as required by the NZ Code of Conduct for International Students matched with friendly, experienced homestay families overseen by the school.
- Participation in all school wide activities – particularly camps, trips, sporting and cultural interschool events.
- Email, video-conferencing, telecommunication facilities for communicating with families in their home country.
- Visa, banking, insurance and immigration services available.



UNIFORM

Wearing of school uniform is compulsory both in school and while involved in school events and trips unless specific exemption permission is given by the Principal. The only exception to this is while attending school camps where mufti is worn.

Girls Uniform

Skort	Navy blue with school logo
Polo Shirt	Blue with school logo
Sweatshirt	Navy blue with school logo
Socks	White ankle or knee length
Footwear	Black school type/style leather lace up shoes. <i>Black boots, slip on and/or brown shoes are not within the acceptable school uniform code.</i>

Boys Uniform

Shorts	Navy blue with school logo
Polo Shirt	Blue with school logo
Sweatshirt	Navy blue with school logo
Socks	Fairfield school socks
Footwear	Black school type/style leather lace up shoes. <i>Black boots, slip on and/or brown shoes are not within the acceptable school uniform code.</i>

Physical Education Uniform for Boys and Girls

Top	Official Fairfield PE shirt
Shorts	Official Fairfield PE shorts

For Boys and Girls

Hat/Beanie	Navy blue with logo
Cap	Fairfield cap
Trackpants	Official Fairfield Trackpants
Jacket	Tracksuit top or official Fairfield jacket

Jewellery

Single gold or silver stud in each ear lobe. Necklaces, nose and other piercings are not acceptable.

Hair Accessories

Hair is to be in a tidy style and long hair is to be tied back. Hair ties are to be either navy blue, gold or white

Uniform can be purchased from

NZ Uniforms, corner Tristram and Rostrevor Streets. Phone 839 4550



Absences

Please notify us of your child's absence at the earliest opportunity.

This can be via:

Phone: **855 9718 Ext 5**

Text: **021 250 5968**

Email: **absent@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz**

Appointments

Classroom teachers and senior staff can always be contacted for an appointment if you have a concern or problem. It is much better to deal with these earlier rather than later.

Contact Details

If your details or those of emergency contacts change please keep us informed as we need to keep them up to date.

Dental Treatment

Our students will receive treatment at the Fairfield Community Clinic at the school's Kensington Place entrance. To contact please ring 0800 825 853.

Emergencies and Sickness

If a student is sick or injured they must report to the Student Centre. Only when a parent or caregiver has been contacted and arrangements made will the child be released from school to go home.

Lateness

It is important that students are on time to start their learning each day. If students are late then they need to go to class via the Student Centre where they must sign in.

Naming of Belongings and Uniform

Please ensure that uniform items are clearly labelled so that they can be returned to the rightful owner if they become misplaced.

Permission to Leave School

If your child needs to leave school during the school day please notify us in writing. A special leave pass will be issued.

Stationery

We sell stationery through the school. Prices are competitive, quality is very good and we get a very small profit that goes back into school funds. Stationery can be purchased from late January. Please refer to the school website for hours and days.

Reporting

We hold formal learning conferences twice a year. Additionally, a report will be sent home with your child's learning journal at mid year and again at the end of the year.

PTA

The school has an active PTA that supports programmes and students in many ways. Membership is open to all. Meetings are usually held monthly in the school staffroom with a 7pm start time. Watch the newsletter for dates.

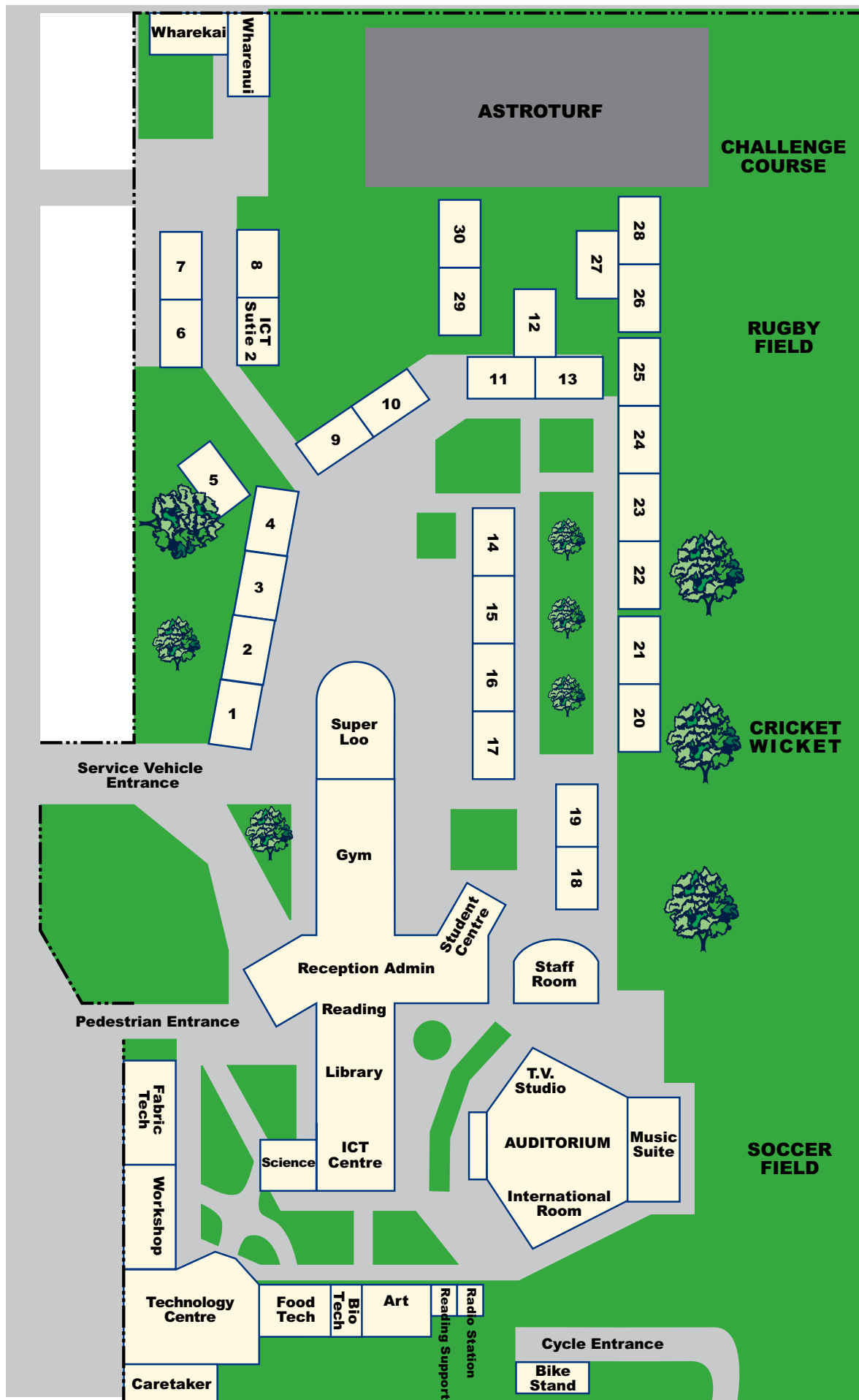
Valuables and Mobile Phones

Each classroom has a lockable cupboard. Mobile phones, ipods, etc. must be handed in to the teacher at the start of the day and collected at the end of that day.

Please note that it is all care but no responsibility.

FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BUILDING PLAN

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