



**PORRITT  
SCHOOL**

# **PROSPECTUS 2022**

**DELIVERING HIGH QUALITY TEACHING AND LEARNING  
TO MEET THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF OUR LEARNERS.**



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# NAU MAI, HAERE MAI! WELCOME TO PORRITT SCHOOL

Kia ora! It is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to Porritt School for your child and to you, as whānau and caregivers.

Porritt School prides itself on providing high quality teaching and learning that enables your child to thrive and progress, as a learner and as an individual. We believe in the power of positive, proactive relationships, and the principles of equity - understanding the needs of each learner, and adapting our practice to meet these needs.

We are a school that places emphasis on the importance of developing the whole child. The Key Competencies, the dispositions and life skills outlined in the NZ Curriculum, are an essential focus for all learners, alongside strong literacy and numeracy programmes, and our whole school inquiry model.

We are a diverse school. We believe in being culturally responsive and look for all opportunities to get to know our tamariki and their families. We believe it is our role to affirm who our tamariki are, their unique identity, while they are in our care.

We have developed our own Porritt School PRIDE Values. These five core values are central in our kura. Our tamariki go forth into the world with PRIDE!

We are always excited at the prospect of having new learners and families join our Porritt School whānau. We look forward to touching base and welcome any new enquiries.

Come in, have a chat and see what makes Porritt School a special place to be, and a great place to learn and grow.

Ngā mihi whakamiha - respectful regards,

Maaka Papuni - Principal  
[principal@porritt.school.nz](mailto:principal@porritt.school.nz)



**"At the heart of all success is relationships"**

**- Dr Lucy Hone**



# PORRITT SCHOOL PROFILE

Porritt School serves the community of Tamatea, Napier. Our school is Decile 4, and has a current roll of 355 students. Established in 1975, we are a contributing school of students in Years 0-6.

We have a highly engaged and supportive whānau, and are well served by a dedicated, capable Board of Trustees, and an amazing Home and School group.

We have a team of committed, passionate support staff, teachers and learning support people. Our staff team is diverse, with a wide variety of professional strengths and passions in education. We are keen to work hard and constantly ask ourselves, our tamariki and whānau, how we might best deliver a model of education for our tamariki that is responsive, future focused and personalised, allowing our tamariki and whānau to be affirmed in who they are, and to flourish now and in the future.

Our school is well resourced, and is currently undergoing significant property development, with a school rebuild on the horizon.



# SCHOOL LEARNING TEAM ORGANISATION

At Porritt School, we take a collaborative approach to teaching and learning. We have four teaching and learning teams across our school, with all staff in those teams working together to support our learners. Here is some information about our learning teams;

## TEAM TAHI

- New Entrant - Year 1 Learners
- Teaching and Learning through Play
- A positive transition from early childhood ed. to school
- Early literacy and numeracy foundations



## TEAM RUA

- Year 2 - Year 3 Learners
- Learners becoming more involved in understanding themselves as a learner - powering up!
- Core literacy and numeracy embedded



## TEAM TORU

- Year 4 - Year 5 Learners
- NZ Curriculum Key Competencies being developed through rich learning experiences and Inquiry learning
- Growth of collaborative skills and independent learning habits



## TEAM WHĀ

- Year 6 Learners
- Empowering learners through the breadth of the NZ Curriculum
- A diverse range of leadership opportunities
- The development of learner autonomy





# BEGINNING SCHOOL AT PORRITT

**Our Early Childhood Education to Porritt School transition is;**

- Flexible
- Responsive to the needs of children and their families
- Focuses on the wellbeing of the child.

Our process reflects best practice in ECE to school transitions.

**There are five steps to the enrolment process at Porritt School;**

**Step 1:** Hui with Maaka Papuni, our principal, to take a tour of the kura, and create a personal connection (for new families to our school).

**Step 2:** Completion of enrolment application

**Step 3:** The organisation of transition visits alongside transition visit coordinator Leanne Heaven

**Step 4:** Learner begins the transition visits, meeting key teaching staff and support staff alongside whānau and caregivers

**Step 5:** Learner progresses through transition visits and begins school on or after their 5th birthday

**Pictured:** Transition Visit Coordinator  
Leanne Heaven - [leanne.heaven@porritt.school.nz](mailto:leanne.heaven@porritt.school.nz)



# NEED-TO-KNOW INFORMATION

## Our School Uniform

Our school uniform can be purchased from The Warehouse, Napier. It is also available online at;

[www.thewarehouse.co.nz/c/schools/porritt-school](http://www.thewarehouse.co.nz/c/schools/porritt-school)



## No School Fees & Free Healthy School Lunches

Our school does not charge school fees. The only charge you will pay is for optional extracurricular activities, school camps and stationery. All students are also provided with a free healthy school lunch.



## Communication at Porritt School

At Porritt School, we believe in clear communication with our whānau and caregivers. We use the HERO app for sharing important information and learning progress, and we have a vibrant school Facebook page and website as well - [www.porritt.school.nz](http://www.porritt.school.nz)



## Contact us regarding enrolment today;

If you're interested in enrolling your child at Porritt School, call our school office on **06 8444 620**, or email our Principal Maaka Papuni directly at [principal@porritt.school.nz](mailto:principal@porritt.school.nz) - nau mai, haere mai!