



**HIGHFIELD SCHOOL
PROSPECTUS
2025**

Ka eke ngātahi atua mātau ki ngā taumata hou

Together we soar to new heights





HIGHFIELD SCHOOL

Ka eke whakahi atu matau ki nga taumata hou
TOGETHER WE SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

Critical Thinkers

Communicators

Collaborators

Creative Thinkers



Resilient Reliable

Respectful Motivated

WE ACTIVELY CREATE AN INCLUSIVE KURA WHERE WE CAN FLOURISH, THRIVE AND SOAR TOGETHER.

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WELCOME TO HIGHFIELD SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Highfield School prides itself on its warm caring atmosphere. In welcoming your children into our school, we also welcome you and encourage you to involve yourself with activities in which you may be interested. These include the Highfield Board, Home and School, helping with activities and school outings, in class support when teachers request, coaching sports teams and attending sports events. By doing this you will be a great assistance to the school, and it will also give you the opportunity to meet the staff and other parents. Our newsletters, Facebook posts, and Hero will inform you of school activities and advise when help is required.

Location

Highfield is a well-established suburb in the western area of Timaru, a port city serving the surrounding rural farming area of South Canterbury. The school is situated in Rimu Street, which runs parallel to Wai-iti Road and is approximately 3km from the town centre. The original classroom blocks were built in 1962 with further buildings added when the school recapped to take year 7 and 8's. We have a separate hall, staffroom, well equipped library, swimming pool, extensive playing fields, sealed court areas, and two adventure playgrounds.

The special character of our school is further enhanced by an attached two teacher unit for children with severe physical and intellectual disabilities.

We look forward to welcoming you to our community and to your long-term involvement with our school.

Yours sincerely,

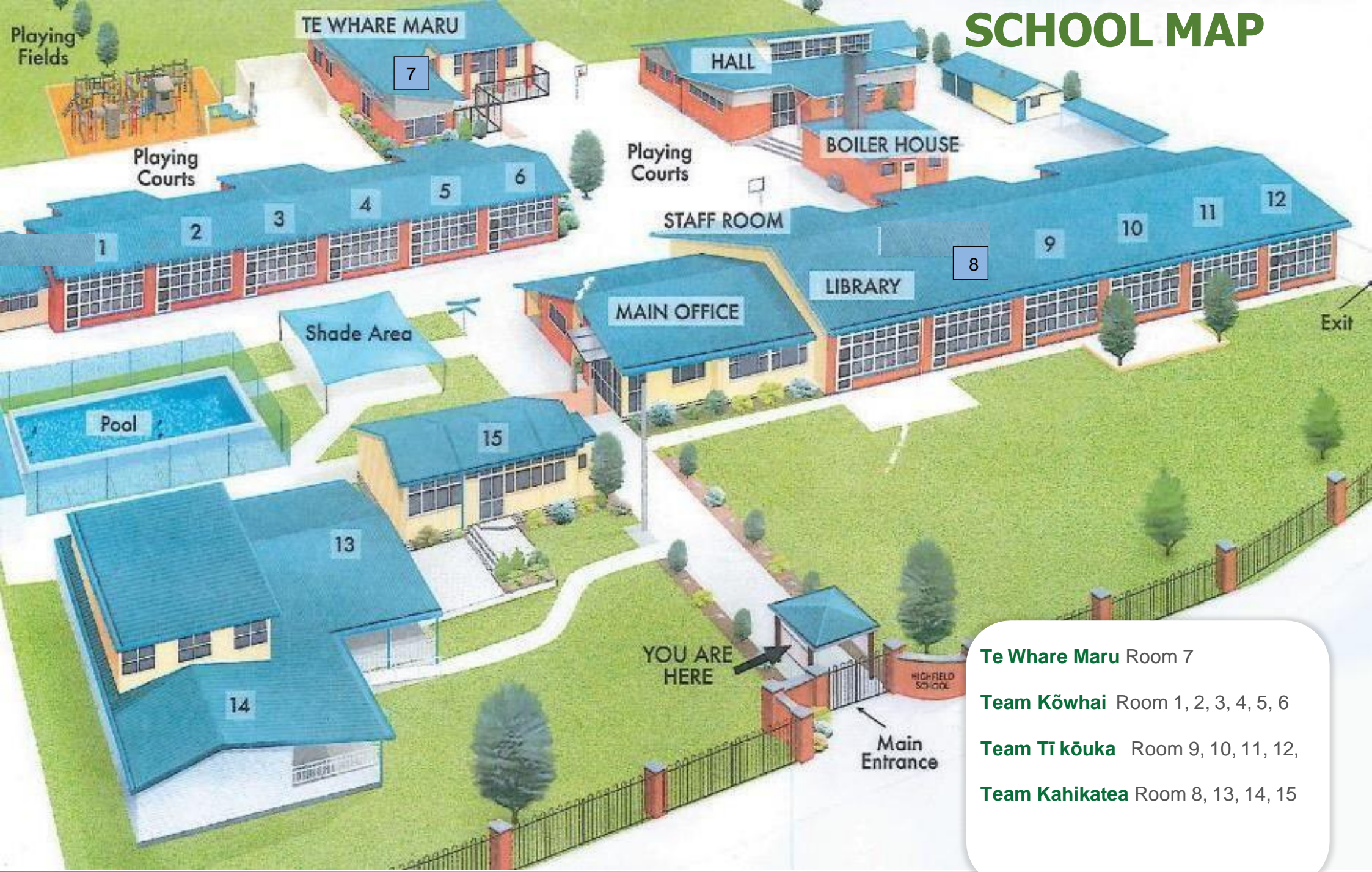
Principal

Amy Logavatu

Presiding Member - Highfield Board

Campbell Main

SCHOOL MAP



YOU ARE
HERE

Main
Entrance

Exit

Te Whare Maru Room 7

Team Kōwhai Room 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Team Tī kōuka Room 9, 10, 11, 12,

Team Kahikatea Room 8, 13, 14, 15

OUR FACILITIES

Dental Clinic

The school's community is advised in advance of the dates and times when the dental van is in attendance at the school. There may be occasions when children with dental problems will need to be treated at the Dental Clinic in town. The phone number of the Dental Clinic is 0800 846 983. Any further enquiries may be made at the School Office.

Information Communication Technology

The school has been updating the devices available for children. Available to Team Kahikatea and Team Ti kōuka are chromebooks while in Team Kōwhai they use ipads. Development around the new Digital Literacy curriculum is ongoing.

Library

A modern well stocked computerised library provides a wide range of recreational and research books for children of all ages and abilities. Children are able to use this area most lunchtimes.

Te Whare Maru

Te Whare Maru is a modern, purpose built, special needs facility, catering for children with both physical and intellectual disabilities.

There is a low pupil to teacher ratio. Teachers are assisted by experienced teacher aides. All Special Education Service, Psychologist, Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf, Special Language Therapist and Occupational Therapist. Advice and assistance can also be obtained from various support agencies, e.g., Van Asch Resource Centre and Elmwood Visual Resource Centre.

Te Whare Maru provides a safe, spacious environment, with specialised equipment able to cater for each child's individual needs. At the same time children are able to benefit from and enjoy mainstreaming opportunities and interaction within the wider school community.





STAFF

Principal Mrs A Logavatu
Deputy Principal Mrs R Cooper

Team Kōwhai
Team Leader Miss D Young

Rm 1 Miss D Young
Rm 2 Miss S Pocock
Rm 3 Miss R Leonard
Rm 4 Miss M Aldridge
Rm 5 Mrs M Burrows
Rm 6 Ms K Perry

Te Whare Maru – Room 7
Team Leader – Mrs K Kerr

Junior – Mrs K Kerr
Senior – Ms R Low

Release Teachers

Andrea M
Mrs W Mehrrens
Mrs S Iraira
Mrs L Laming
Miss M Johnson

Learning Assistants

Mrs H Clarke
Mrs V Hines
Mrs E Reynolds
Mrs E Miller
Mrs L King
Ms L Watson

Office Administrator

Mrs N Casey-Newton

Property Manager

Mr G Gudsell

Team Tī kōuka
Team Leader Mrs P McCall

Rm 9 Ms P McCall
Rm 10 Mrs S Guthrie
Rm 11 Mr M Anderson
Rm 12 Mrs T Spruce

Team Kahikatea
Team Leader Mrs S Hutton

Rm 8 Mrs S Hutton
Rm 13 Miss A Quinn
Rm 14 Mrs J Carter
Rm 15 Mrs K Hurrell

Mrs N Daly
Mrs S Ramsay
Mrs E Shields
Mrs C Brogan

Mrs A Wood
Ms S Butler
Mrs E Hunt
Mrs S Webley
Mrs M Bennett

Librarian

Mrs H Clark

Sports

Mrs H Clark

Te Reo / Kapa Haka

Mrs K Hurrell

Cleaners

Mrs R Kellett
Ms H Blissett

SCHOOL ROUTINES

Absences

When a child is not able to attend school we ask that you notify the school by 8.50am. You can do this via the Hero app so it can be seen by both the office and your child's teacher. Highfield School firmly believes that children should arrive at school at least 15 minutes BEFORE the morning lessons begin at 9.00 am. This gives children the opportunity to prepare both mentally and physically for the school day.

Assemblies

A whole school combined assembly is held fortnightly on Friday afternoon at 2.20pm. The school also meets for an online hui every Monday to share notices. These school gathering are times for singing, sharing of class activities and the presentation of Highfield Learner certificates. Team Kōwhai also have a fortnightly hui at 9am on a Friday morning.

Cycling to School

The school strongly recommends only children ten years of age or older cycle to school. This is based upon New Zealand Police recommendations. These guidelines also stipulate that a child can only cycle to school if their parents/caregivers are confident that their child is able to do so safely. We do not encourage the riding of bikes on footpaths.

Enrolment

Parents/Caregivers who wish to enrol their children can do so by arranging an appointment with the Principal through the office. Our school is zoned. Please check the map on the website for our zone area. Where the child is a new entrant, this will need to be done some weeks before their fifth birthday. When making the appointment parents are reminded, they must bring their child's birth and immunisation certificate with them. The School does Out of Zone enrolments twice a year. This is advertised both on Hero and in the local newspaper.

The enrolment of new pupils is conducted by the Principal and covers such matters as:

- The child's readiness for school socially and emotionally
- Interest and abilities
- Health and medical conditions
- School uniform
- School procedures and organisation, e.g. classes and bell times
- The importance of pre-entry visits

Parents and child are invited to stay to meet the class, renew old acquaintances from pre-school, look around the room, listen to what is being done or join in if wished.

Lunch Orders

Pupils are not permitted out of the school grounds at lunchtime unless arrangements have been made with the school. School lunches can be ordered by:

Wednesday: Subway (Order bags at school office)

Thursday: Ezlunch from Thomas House (Timaru Boys High). Orders are made online before 9am. www.ezlunch.co.nz

Medication

Should your child be required to take medication during school hours the school must be advised, and the appropriate consent form completed.

Details of all children's medical needs are recorded on the school's pupil files.

Personal Property

All children's clothing should be clearly named. Misplaced property is placed in the 'Lost Property' basket located behind the library. At regular intervals parents are reminded through school newsletters when the unclaimed property will be put out on display. However, parents are welcome to view lost property at any time.

Roll Predictions

Each year a list of children likely to attend our school the following year is compiled by the Principal. Contact is made with contributing pre-school organisations, such as Westend Kindergarten, Glenview Kindergarten, Gleniti Play Centre, Craighead Kindergarten and Garden Grove Montessori.

Under Privacy Act, parent/caregiver must give permission for their child's name to be forwarded to the preferred primary school. From these lists we can gauge our predicted roll numbers of new entrants. These can change during the year as families move in and out of the community.

School Attendances

All children are required to attend school from the age of six, although most children begin at age five. Regular attendance is vital in the interest of children's progress as is punctuality.

School Hours

The school hours are as follows:

8.20am Gates open

8.55am - 10.15am Block 1

10.15am - 10.30am Morning Tea Play

10.30am - 10.40am Morning Tea Eat

10.40am - 12.15pm Block 2

12.15pm - 1pm Lunch Play

12.15pm - 12.30pm Staff out to play

1pm - 1.15pm Lunch Eat

1.15pm - 2.50pm Block 3

COMMUNICATION

Hero

Hero is a powerful and secure online student management system that allows Highfield School to record enrolment/student information, communicate with caregivers and share/track learning.

Newsletter

There is a school newsletter produced via Hail every second Wednesday. It is available on our school website www.highfield.school.nz. The school also sends notes out via the school Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/highfieldschoolnz> and via HERO. Please make sure you are involved in this app.

Parent/Teacher Interviews and Reports

Meet the teacher and goal setting interviews are held early in the year and interviews are carried out in Mid Year to discuss goals, progress and next steps. We now have HERO so we are able to complete our reporting through this platform. Over the term teachers will post real time reporting posts into the student's learning year folder. Teacher and Student comments will support and clarify the learning that has taken place. It is important that parents feel free to arrange other times to meet their teachers if there is a problem they wish to discuss.

Pre Entry Visits

After enrolment, families will be contacted to arrange times for visits before your child turns 5. There are no set number of visits required, but parents are strongly encouraged to attend the classroom several times before their child formally starts school. It is important that the child is familiar with the other children, the teacher, the classroom environment, as well as some of the routines and activities that happen in a typical morning.

New Entrant

As children transition from Early Childhood Education to Highfield School, we provide a nurturing, inclusive environment where children feel a sense of belonging, feel confident and see themselves as learners. We run a "Learning Through Play" programme using authentic contexts with an emphasis towards gaining the foundation skills of Hearing, Seeing, Moving, Speaking and Print, underpinned by the NZC Key Competencies and the Highfield School Values to become ready to successfully access Level 1 of the New Zealand Curriculum. By working alongside, the child we understand their essence and develop an understanding of how they learn in order to challenge and extend their learning.



SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

Highfield School is a state primary school governed by a Board, half of which is elected by the school community every eighteen months. The Board is supported by an active Home & School Parents group and a dedicated, highly skilled teaching staff.

Highfield Board

Campbell Main (Presiding Member), Rebecca Campbell, Lisa Plumridge, Alex King, Sesimani Tuli, Amy Logavatu (Principal) and Nic Mitchell (Staff Rep)

The Board meets on the first Thursday of each month, dates for which are advised in the school's newsletter and on the school calendar.

Trusteeship is the business of ensuring the school runs well for the benefit of the children's education. To accomplish this, the Board needs to ensure that correct and adequate resources are available to the staff to enable them to teach the children to the very best of their ability. These resources include well-maintained property, current learning materials and equipment, and relevant staff development and management processes. The National Administration Guidelines help the Board meet the Government requirements for the correct operation of the school.

Home & School

Chairperson: Hayley Clark, Secretary: Emma Hunt Treasurer: Cristy Campbell Meeting dates are the second Wednesday of the month and are confirmed in the school's newsletter.

The Home & School Committee's role is to encourage parents to be interested in the welfare of school and pupils, support the Board and provide a link between parents and teaching staff. The Committee is elected at an Annual General Meeting in March and use their monthly meetings to organise social and fundraising events throughout the year. The Government has undertaken to provide schools with the basics for learning, however, to give our children all they need for a well rounded education more is required, therefore the Home & School usually undertakes a fundraising venture throughout the year such as sale of goods, raffles etc. Items purchased recently through these activities include chromebooks, sports uniforms, and playground equipment.



SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

Sports

In addition to the normal Physical Education programme, every opportunity is given to the pupils to participate in sports such as netball, hockey and basketball, whether in school teams or club based teams. We also participate in the South Canterbury Primary Schools events e.g cross country, athletics, gymnastics, swimming, mountain biking and cricket. As well as the above the school also has its own cross country, athletics and swimming sports. All sports have a strong Kiwi Sport base.

Swimming

The school has a solar heated swimming pool with a roll-on/off cover which helps to keep the water not only clean, but at a good temperature. Depending on weather the season is usually from early December to March. All pupils are expected to be involved in the swimming programme unless there are medical reasons for their exclusion.

We also have a 2 week block in the middle of the year at Cbay for more water skill survival lessons with qualified instructors.

Outdoor Education

The school has a philosophy of supporting and enhancing learning by regularly extending education beyond the classroom. This may be as simple as a walk within the local environment to overnight camps at an Outdoor Education facility. For trips outside the immediate environment parent permission is obtained, risk assessment undertaken and generally parental help with supervision is requested. Overnight programmes occur mostly in the senior school, Years 5 – 8, with the aim of providing a progressive range of experiences and duration of stays. Funding is the individual family's responsibility although group fundraising activities are often used for major trips.

Release of Pupils for Private Tuition

The Highfield Board recognises that a child's educational needs may be enhanced by activities beyond the resources of the school and will, upon the recommendation of the principal, approve the release of children for private tuition.

Special Needs and Abilities

Highfield School has a policy to ensure that all children's needs are addressed in academic, social and physical areas.

Support Services

A number of outside agencies support the work of the school, eg Group Special Education, Public Health Nurse, Resource Teacher Literacy and Resource Teachers Learning and Behaviour. The Principal welcomes enquiries from parents about the work of the agencies.

Visiting Artists

When the opportunity arises, the school welcomes approaches from visiting groups as an opportunity to enrich the children culturally. Some examples are visiting bands, orchestras and drama groups. Release of Pupils for Private Tuition

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Opportunity is provided for the pupils to take on leadership roles within the school in a variety of ways:

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| School Leaders / House Captains | Year 8 |
| Road Patrollers | Years 6 to 8 |
| Librarians | Years 5 to 8 |
| PAL (Physical Activity Leaders) | Year 7/ 8 |
| Peer Mediators | Year 8 |

Road Patrol

The crossing on Wai-iti Road near Glenwood shops is patrolled each morning before school for 20 minutes from 8.20 am to 8.40 am and after school for 10 minutes from 2.50 pm to 3.00 pm. This supervision is by a teacher.. At the Rimu Street Kea crossing Years 6 to 8 pupils are trained by the Traffic Safety Service Officers for this duty.

PB4L

Highfield School is a PB4L school. There is an emphasis on a positive school culture that provides students and staff with the skills to establish and maintain effective relationships. We use Gotcha's and house points within the classroom and playground to promote positive behaviour.



OUR UNIFORM

Highfield students show our school values when they wear the uniform with pride.

Girls:

Navy skirt, navy shorts, navy culottes,
navy trackpants,
Highfield polo shirt
Highfield bottle green sweatshirt,
Bottle green polar fleece,
Socks or navy tights,
Navy bucket style sunhat (Term 1 & 4)



Boys:

Navy shorts, navy trackpants,
Highfield polo shirt,
Highfield bottle green sweatshirt,
Bottle green polar fleece,
Navy bucket style sunhat (Term 1 & 4)



Optional:

Navy or Black long sleeved thermal can be worn under the short sleeved Highfield polo
Navy beanie(winter)
Jackets can be worn outside during colder weather

Other:

Shoes that the children wear to school should be both comfortable and suitable for school and the weather.
Only studs or sleepers in the ear are permitted
Long hair should be tied back. Hair accessories should be minimal in nature and preferably in school colours.
Please note we ask that any logo's on clothing should be no larger than our school logo.

*You can buy our uniform at The Warehouse.
Second-hand items are available from the school office.
Please name each item. This helps us get items back to you when lost.*

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

This school has opted into the government scheme so we do not charge school donations or activity fees. Some events that are extra to our Curriculum will be charged for e.g. ski/skate trips, camps and some EOTC activities.

Technology (TTEC) Component

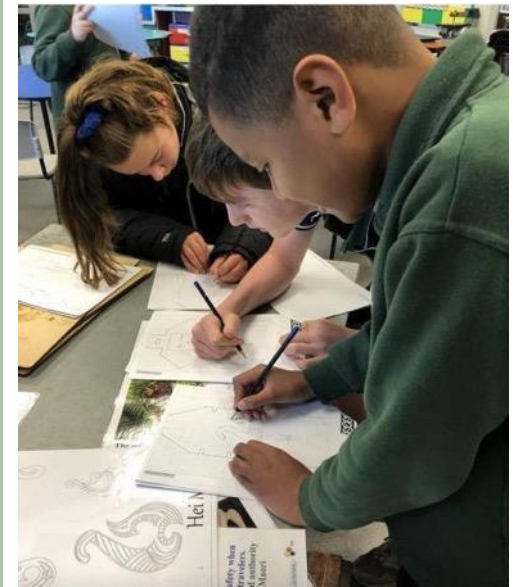
Year 7 and 8 pupils have a Technology take-home component, which is set by Bluestone School Board at \$61 per child and is a recharge from them. This is a compulsory charge, for which Highfield has the right to pursue payment. This needs to be paid by the end of March.

Payment Options

- Internet banking is available by depositing into account 03 0855 0334487 000, please enter your name so that a receipt can be issued.
- EFTPOS facilities are available at the school office.
- If for any reason you have concerns with the payment of any account, please feel free to contact the Principal, Amy Logavatu on 686 1419 extn 1 or email principal@highfield.school.nz to discuss the matter in total confidence.

Stationery

Only a small amount of specialised stationery such as Maths Books and printing books are held for sale to pupils. All other requirements are bought by parents from retailers in Timaru City. A stationery list will be provided to parents.





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