



PROSPECTUS

Welcome from the Head of Primary



I am delighted that you are considering Wentworth Primary School for your child's education and I hope that the information in this prospectus assists you in making this important decision.

Wentworth Primary opened at the beginning of 2008 and in a very short time we witnessed excellent gains in the achievement and confidence of our students. We are very fortunate to enjoy class sizes which are significantly smaller than any in the region. Such low student teacher ratios ensure that teachers know their students very well. The use of formative and summative assessments mean that staff have very clear knowledge about the learning abilities and needs of each child. Each student benefits from an individualised learning programme. Personalised attention in all subjects of the Cambridge curriculum affords greater opportunities for all children to achieve their personal best.

Here at Wentworth we have the best of both worlds. On the one hand we benefit from being small which ensures high achievement standards, particularly in English and Mathematics; and on the other hand we are very much part of Wentworth College and so receive the benefits of a larger school such as specialist teachers and facilities.

In 2013 Wentworth Primary School adopted the International Cambridge Primary Curriculum for Mathematics, English and Science. This reinforces our focus on providing a world recognised programme throughout those subjects.

I am passionate about what we have to offer at Wentworth and would love to meet with you to discuss how our school can enhance your child's learning and development in these vital primary school years.

Please call to make a time to come in and find out more about our school and what it can offer your child. You can call me on 09 428 0903, or email enquiries@wentworth.school.nz.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kurt Dorset'.

Mr Kurt Dorset
Head of Primary



Wentworth Primary School opened its doors to students on 4 February 2008. Small class sizes, Primary Cambridge Curriculum, expert teaching and formative assessment programmes enable Wentworth Primary to offer a standard of individualised learning unrivalled in the Auckland Region.

The Wentworth core principles of academic excellence, participation in co-curricular activities and an emphasis on values are fostered in the Primary School.

We provide a safe, caring, dynamic learning environment where children experience a curriculum that engages them to explore, question, experience and discuss, using

technologies with success and skill.

Throughout these formative primary years emphasis centres on children developing a love of learning, growing excellent work habits and encouraging them to develop an enquiring mind. Following the internationally recognised Cambridge curriculum reinforces the importance that Wentworth Primary School places on English, Mathematics and Science.

The seamless transition through the Primary School and onto the College is a feature of the two schools. Knowing the children and providing for their individual needs is crucial to their successful achievement at Wentworth.



Parent Testimonials

"We arrived at Wentworth a little battered and defeated after a challenging few years at a previous school where our son was basically left to his own devices. Not only was his schoolwork suffering, but he was full of negative self-talk and truly feeling that he was 'dumb'. Our son's transformation has been amazing. Within 6 weeks I could not believe this was the same person. No more tantrums or resistance to school work, eager to achieve, confident and proud of himself. "This would not have been possible without the wonderful staff and philosophy upheld at Wentworth."
Louise

"There has been a huge improvement in our daughter's academic performance since moving to Wentworth. However, the real surprise has come in her development outside of assessments... her greatly increased confidence, the development of self-efficacy where there was none before, and a maturity far beyond our expectations. "Thanks to the wonderful Wentworth culture, high standards and truly nurturing environment, our daughter now loves school, is a confident learner and, most importantly, is happy in her environment. What parent could ask for more?"
Tracey

"I can honestly say this is absolutely the right school for my children, especially my eldest who was getting very lost in a larger classroom environment at his previous school. Coming from the UK, I highly value the Cambridge system as one I am familiar with, and I love the fact that computers and devices are not being used in the classroom for mainstream subjects. I like the structured teaching, not the open classroom where they can pick what they do as this just did not suit my eldest at all. I am happy knowing that my children are safe, known and nurtured."
Rachel

Wentworth Primary students are encouraged to succeed and participate in every aspect of school life. We aspire to the following school vision:

When our students leave at the end of Year 6, they will be self confident and happy individuals who relate to others positively and with respect. They will have achieved their personal best within the curriculum and exceeded age-appropriate expectations in English and Mathematics. They will have been given opportunities to explore, discover and develop their personal talents and interests.

Curriculum

Wentworth Primary offers the internationally recognised Cambridge Primary curriculum in English, Mathematics and Science.

This curriculum starts learners on an exciting educational journey. It develops young learners who are confident, responsible, reflective, innovative and engaged and includes assessment that proves and improves learning, allowing our students the seamless progression to Wentworth College who also follow the Cambridge curriculum to Year 13. Key features of our curriculum:

- Individual Learning Profiles are developed for each child to enhance and monitor their learning progress.
- Cambridge Primary in English, Mathematics and Science are given priority.
- Specialist teachers for Physical Education, Mandarin, Science and Music.
- A 'Values' programme is integrated into classrooms, homework and all aspects of school life.
- All students are given rich opportunities to discover and pursue their individual talents and interests.
- Formative assessment strategies ensure that students are involved and accountable for their own learning.



Cambridge International School

Values

At Wentworth Primary, students are actively encouraged to think of others. We believe values are important and relevant to the lives of young people today. The values programme is integrated throughout the school day and is included in homework activities so that children can involve their families as they develop their understanding and commitment to the following:



Welcoming to all people at all times

Excellence striving to do your best and actively acknowledging the success of others

Neatness of appearance, uniform, work and the school

Teamwork participating fully in school activities and actively encouraging others

Work Ethic demonstrating self-discipline and diligence

Organisation management of time and resources

Respect for self, others, property and the environment

Tolerance of differing opinions, backgrounds, beliefs and abilities

Honesty true to yourself and the values of Wentworth

Primary School Students receive recognition and praise for demonstrating these values. As students progress through their school years, the aim of Wentworth Primary School is to ensure that these values underpin both curriculum and co-curricular activities, helping young people to develop an ethical consciousness

Assessments

The use and application of skilled and in-depth assessments is an important feature of Wentworth Primary School. Small class sizes enable teachers to develop a very good knowledge of their students – their strengths, needs, learning styles and next learning steps. Wentworth Primary School adopts two main forms of assessments: Formative and Summative. Both types of assessments are important in showing the strengths and needs of our students.

Formative Assessment, often known as Assessment For Learning (AfL), is a key feature of our school. AfL places the student at the centre of his/her assessment and encourages students to be more aware and reflective about their learning and their next learning goals. International research continues to demonstrate that AfL practices lead to more motivated, higher-achieving learners. Formative assessments are on-going and take place daily in the classroom.

Summative Assessments are more an Assessment of Learning and are used to measure what our students have learnt as part of a unit or topic. This is a 'snapshot' of their learning and is used to tell the teacher what the student knows or does not know. Summative assessments are also used for reporting and grading.

Wentworth Primary School uses a range of assessment tools that are used for specific purposes. These assessments form an integral part of teaching and learning for both the teacher and the student.



Assessment practices at Wentworth Primary currently include:

Reading:	PM Running Records Cambridge Progression Test Years 3-6 Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Year 6 STAR (Supplementary Test of Achievement in Reading) Years 3-6 PAT Reading Comprehension Years 4-6 PAT Reading Vocabulary Years 4-6
Writing:	Pseudo word spelling Years 2 - 6 Joy Allcock spelling programme Years 1 - 6 e-AsTTle and National Exemplars Years 1 - 2 Cambridge Progression Test Years 3-6 Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Year 6
Mathematics:	JAM Year 1 GLOSS Year 2 IKAN Year 2 PAT Mathematics Years 3-6 Cambridge Progression Test Years 3-6 Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Year 6
Listening:	PAT Listening Comprehension Years 3-6
Science:	Cambridge Progression Test Years 3-6 Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Year 6

School Uniform

The Wentworth Primary School uniform consists of the following:

Girls	Boys
Summer Dress	Summer Polo
Bucket Hat	Bucket Hat
Winter Tunic	Shorts
School Navy Blue Tights	Wentworth Socks
Winter Shirt	Winter Shirt
Jumper	Jumper
Blazer	Blazer
PE Top & Shorts	PE Top & Shorts

Summer Uniform Terms 1 and 4



Winter Uniform Terms 2 and 3



PE Uniform

The school expects students to take pride in their uniform and to wear it correctly at all times.

Correct official uniform is required for:

- Attendance at school
- Travelling to and from school
- Attendance at school functions away from school (sports trips, cultural and social activities).

Links with Wentworth College

Wentworth Primary School and Wentworth College enjoy a strong culture of involvement that offers benefits to both schools. There are a range of activities that exemplify this closeness that include a sports mentorship programme, leadership liaison and access to resources and facilities.



The bond between the two schools is best symbolised in full school assemblies, where Wentworth Primary join the College in regular formal assemblies the celebrate successes and achievements in both schools.

Each year a Year 13 perfect is appointed by Wentworth College to act as liaison between Wentworth College and Wentworth Primary. These duties include ensuring that the Wentworth Primary Students are aware of events that are occurring at the College. These duties also involve having regular meetings with the staff at Wentworth Primary to discuss initiatives that involve both the College and Primary students.

Sports Mentoring:

Many of the Wentworth Primary sports are coached by skilled and enthusiastic senior students from Wentworth College. This relationship is actively encouraged by both Wentworth College and Wentworth Primary. The primary students benefit from being coached by keen, responsible sportspeople who lead by example. The College students benefit through their ability to further develop their leadership and mentoring skills with their younger peers.

Resources:

Wentworth Primary students visit Wentworth College to access the school library and to use the College Hall for their annual drama productions. Wentworth Primary students visit Wentworth College to access the school library and to use the College Hall for their annual drama productions and music festival.

Student Leadership

Wentworth Primary provides students with the opportunity to develop leadership skills. It encourages students to show initiative and to lead themselves and others to help reach their goals and aspirations. Our students are encouraged to be responsible for themselves and others; they are motivated to 'give it a go' and strive to succeed

The students at Wentworth Primary School have a number of opportunities to demonstrate their leadership skills. In addition to the positions of School and Class Captains, there are also leadership positions relating to sport teams as well as a number of other less obvious situations that require tolerance and initiative.

School Captains are nominated from the Year 6 class and are selected via a school-wide ballot system. School Captains liaise with the College Prefects and, wherever possible, attend leadership related programmes. They take responsibility for organising fundraising events, and can be called upon to greet visitors and parents and to help with the play activities during school recess. They also form part of the School Council and are empowered to discuss school initiatives, values and activities.



*2019 Wentworth Primary School Captains, with
Wentworth College Head Boy and Girl*

Sports

Wentworth Primary views sport as an integral part of school life and aims to provide students with a number of sporting programmes. These programmes range from school sports, interschool sports and club sporting activities.

All school sporting programmes are organised and, where possible, coached by members of the teaching staff or senior Wentworth College students. This helps to develop respect and a sense of community between coaches and students.



Aims of Sport

1. To promote the opportunity for all students to participate actively in a wide range of individual and team sports.
2. To develop within students the qualities of self-esteem, personal fitness, team commitment, sense of fair play and school spirit.
3. To provide pathways and support for students to further develop sporting success.
4. To ensure that Wentworth Primary fields competitive school sporting teams.
5. To encourage the concept of 'giving it a go'.

Sports Policy

1. Players are expected to attend trainings and wear correct sporting attire to the training sessions.
2. Players must adhere to the rules and regulations of the Sporting Code or organisation for which they play.
3. Players must always display a sense of fair play and respect for the referee's decision.
4. All sporting teams must adhere to the safety requirements of the sporting competition entered. This refers, in particular, to the wearing of mouth guards, shin guards, helmets and other protective equipment required in some sports.
5. Each sporting team will carry a first aid kit.

The School Day

The school teaching day runs from 9.00am to 3.10pm, with sports and cultural activities held either during breaks or before/after school.

House System:

Wentworth operates a family 'House' pastoral care structure, with every student placed in a House from the time of their enrolment.

School Bus Service:

A Wentworth contracted bus service operates from Orewa with pick-up points through Red Beach and along the Whangaparaoa Peninsula. The school also runs 3 of its own buses, with students coming from as far afield as Matakana in the North, Kaukapakapa in the West and North Shore in the South.

Standards of Behaviour:

While at school students are expected to behave with courtesy and consideration, thus contributing to an environment of mutual respect and support.

Behaviour Outside School:

When travelling to and from school, the school uniform must be worn correctly and a high standard of conduct exhibited at all times. Students should be aware that when in uniform, their conduct reflects upon both themselves and the reputation of the school.

General:

Students are under the school's authority from the time they leave home to come to Wentworth Primary School until they return home, or at any function held under the control of Wentworth Primary School.

Electronic games, CD players, iPods, matches, lighters, or any dangerous implements must not be brought to school.

All clothing, books and sports gear must be clearly named. No responsibility will be taken for lost property, but considerable effort will be made to find it if clothing and equipment are named. Students are not to chew gum.

Internet and Computer use:

All students at Wentworth Primary and a parent/caregiver must sign a Computer Agreement, indicating their acceptance of, and agreement with, the conditions of use stipulated in the Agreement. Disciplinary action will be taken against any student found to be breaching the terms of the Agreement.

Homework

Students at Wentworth Primary School receive regular homework, set to allow students to practise and consolidate skills previously taught at school and to develop personal study skills. Homework is expected to be completed or a note should be produced.

Homework includes:

- Reading
- Spelling
- Mathematics

Parents can assist by:

- taking an interest in homework
- checking a student's homework
- helping students plan their time
- providing a quiet place or room

Textbooks and Stationery:

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that school textbooks are cared for and returned after use in the best possible condition. Damage resulting from lack of care will be charged.

Wentworth Friends and Families:

'Wentworth Friends and Families' is a body of parents and friends whose children either attend or have attended Wentworth Primary. 'Wentworth Friends and Families' are passionate about Wentworth Primary and aspire to promote the unique character of the School with its focus on the family and values. If you have a child at our school then you are automatically part of 'Wentworth Friends and Families' and we ask for your support, ideas and a little contribution of your time throughout the School year.

After School Care:

Wentworth Primary After School Care provides a safe and stimulating, and positive environment, with child focused activities. It is a program, where children are able to play under safe supervision. Children have the opportunities to learn, do their homework, play games, play with friends, read a book, create art, or imaginative play. A balanced, varied program that allows children to self-select age appropriate child based activities, both indoor and Outdoor.

After School Care is available from 3:10pm to 5:45pm during school days.

WENTWORTH PRIMARY TEACHING STAFF



Kurt Dorset – Head of Primary

B.Ed. GDip Tchg (Primary)

Kurt joined Wentworth Primary in 2021 following 11 Years at Saint Kentigern Boys' School. He has held many management roles over his time and has a great deal of experience in the areas of curriculum and enhancing teaching practise. Kurt enjoys following and playing a wide variety of sports and spending time with his wife and two young sons.

Shelli Mcleish - Year 1

B.A. (Auckland), GDip Tchg (Primary)

Shelli completed a Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in both Education and Psychology before returning to university to train as a teacher. Shelli enjoys working in the junior school assisting our newest students to build the foundations they need to become life-long learners. Shelli loves spending time with her family and enjoys travelling.



Shona Clark - Year 2

B.A., Dip.Tchg

Shona completed a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in History and English at Massey University before training as a teacher through Victoria University. She loves hearing the funny stories her class tell her and enjoys seeing her students learn and grow throughout the year. Shona enjoys walking her dog, swimming, reading, and spending time with her husband and their two school-aged daughters.

Teresa King - Year 3

B.Ed. (Tchg)

Teresa is an experienced teacher having taught at Matakana and Stanmore Bay Schools. A teacher of Mathematics over the last 2 years, Teresa's expertise in numeracy led her to be appointed as a numeracy advisor for the Auckland University's "Team Solutions" team, advising teachers throughout Rodney. Teresa's extra strengths also include Information Technology and accelerated learning strategies.



Donna Smallman – Year 4

BA (HONS)

Donna completed a Bachelor of Arts with Honors, majoring in Primary Education and Citizenship in 2010 in the UK. Donna has worked across the Primary years from Year 0 to Year 6. Donna moved to New Zealand with her family in August 2018, and enjoys exploring New Zealand, spending quality time with friends and family, and reading.

Luke Wesbonk - Year 4

B.Ed.

Luke gained his Bachelor in Teaching (Primary) in 2003 and has worked in various roles within Auckland. In his early days of teaching he ran his own business teaching cartooning within primary schools, before working as a full-time classroom teacher for the next 7 years. Before coming to Wentworth he began studying a Diploma in Digital to produce videos and short films. As well as film, Luke is interested in music, comedy, and the visual arts.



Clare Fielding - Year 5

B.A. (Hons)

Clare completed her degree in primary teaching in the UK in 2010. She taught in Cheshire, England before moving to New Zealand in August 2016, joining Wentworth in 2019. She loves living and teaching in New Zealand and enjoys spending time with her husband and daughter, taking her dog for walks and reading.

**Christine Sancto - Year 6**

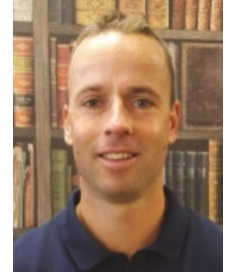
LLB(Hons), PGCE,EYPS (Bristol)

Christine qualified as a solicitor before retraining as a teacher in the early 1990s. She has taught in all age groups from 0 to 11 years old, specialising in upper primary. In 2012 Christine moved with her family to New Zealand where she enjoys theatre, reading and time exploring the outdoors with her children.

Joel Hicks - Physical Education & Mathematics Teacher

B.Phed., Dip.Tchg

After completing his Bachelor of Physical Education at Auckland University, Joel worked at Lynfield College for 4 years before joining Wentworth College. Joel enjoys providing opportunities for students to develop their physical and social skills through Physical Education. His interests include football, touch rugby and snowboarding.

**Matthew Farrow - Teacher of Year 6 Science**

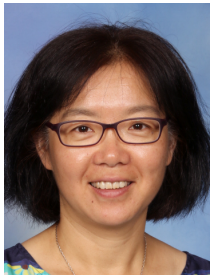
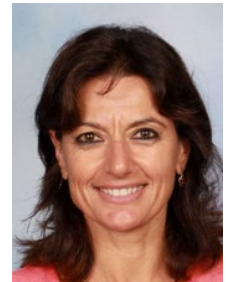
B.Ed.

Matt teaches Year 7 and Year 8 Mathematics and Science at the College and also teaches our Year 6 Science. Matt gained his Bachelor of Education at the University of Johannesburg, and has been teaching for more than 12 years. Matt lives with his wife and two children and enjoys running, paddle boarding, cricket, soccer and spending time outdoors.

Anna Pallares - Teacher of Music

B. PSYCH., DIP.MUS., GRAD.DIP.TCHG.

Anna is from Barcelona and has been living in New Zealand since 1992 and teaching at Wentworth since its inception in 2003. Anna holds a Diploma in Piano from the Conservatory of Music in Barcelona, as well as a Graduate Diploma in Teaching from Massey University, specialising in languages and music. She teaches music in the Primary, and Spanish in the College, as well as Piano across both schools.

**Bing Kong - Teacher of Mandarin**

B.A.

Bing graduated from Beijing's teacher training university with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chinese Language and Literature Education. After teaching in Beijing, Bing moved to New Zealand where has taught Mandarin both at schools and privately. In her spare time Bing enjoys activities with her family, listening to music and reading.

Kim White – School Administrator

Kim is often the first point of contact for Wentworth Primary School parents. As well as acting as Admissions Registrar for prospective parents, Kim also is responsible for all administration duties at the Primary School and can assist existing parents with many issues around the day to day running of the school. Kim is an avid sportswoman in the community enjoying Crossfit and loves spending time with her family and travelling.



The final word - from our students...

"We had a pool day. It was fun. We loved the water that splashed us wet. After the pool we went on our towels. We rested in the sun. It was nice."



"Well my favourite thing this year was fitness and relay races because I get fit. I also liked Grandparents Day because my grandma came."



"Our playground is the best!"



"My favourite memory was camp. I loved the rock climbing and kayaking. Everyone at school is friendly."



"My favourite memory was Kelly Tarlton. My favourite was the fish. The Daddy fish were so cute. I loved it. The turtle was super cute. I saw a manta ray."

"It's a good school because it's new, everyone is willing to make new friends and you can explore around places."

"You learn stuff faster because it's such a small school."



"I think Wentworth Primary is a great school because you get personal attention."



"My highlight of the year was practicing for the school production"



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