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**YEAR 7-10
PROSPECTUS**

2027





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Important Dates

School Terms

Term One	Tue 02 February to Fri 09 April
Term Two	Tue 27 April to Fri 02 July
Term Three	Mon 19 July to Fri 24 September
Term Four	Mon 11 October to Thu 16 December

Public Holidays

Waitangi Day	Saturday 6 February Observed Monday 8 February
Easter	Friday 26 March Monday 29 March Tuesday 30 March
Anzac Day	Sunday 25 April Observed Monday 26 April
King's Birthday	Monday 07 June
Teacher Only Days	Friday 18 June Additional days to be confirmed
Matariki	Friday 25 June
Labour Day	Monday 25 October

Welcome to Cambridge Middle School

Mihi kia koutou katoa; nau mai haere mai.



Welcome to Cambridge Middle School (CMS). We are aware that the transition to middle school can be significant and we put a lot of effort into working with you and your child's contributing school to try to ensure this is as smooth for your child as possible. We are excited to have you as part of our CMS community and we look forward to working in partnership with you and your children.

Our Vision

The vision for our school is Connect, Inspire, Grow. If we are living our HERO values then we will be connecting with all of our community, students and staff in meaningful ways, and in turn our community will feel connected to the school and be positive contributors. We will have created environments, relationships and a curriculum that inspires people to be here and to want to improve. As a result, if we have created the conditions where people feel strongly connected and are inspired by the place they are in, then they will make a choice to put in effort to grow in many areas of their life. For us to enact this vision and our values, we need to keep a continued focus on embedding these as our CMS way of being and making deliberate and strategic links to all aspects of school life.

Middle Schooling

In the New Zealand Curriculum 'Learning in Years 7-10' is listed as its own learning pathway. Research indicates that these years are second only in developmental learning to the first three years of life. Research also suggests that the middle years of learning is the time when young people begin to make choices as individuals that will impact significantly on their lives. This is why we have a strong philosophy of providing a diverse range of opportunities for children to explore.

Our dedicated educators at Cambridge Middle School have a passion for teaching and learning in the middle years and are committed to ongoing professional

development.

Our teachers

develop strong relationships with their learners and are advocates for their needs. Cambridge Middle School prides itself on having a strong pedagogy to support middle years students. Our staff are committed to being informed, inclusive and innovative around the way we educate and care for our students. We have high expectations of student achievement

in all facets of school life, and believe all learners need to be supported to develop skills and find their passion to become life-long learners. Promoting this in a positive and caring environment will ensure all students are prepared as effectively as possible, to become confident and connected citizens, who contribute positively to the Cambridge community.

What is important to us as a middle school?

At Cambridge Middle School we believe the emerging adolescent is a very special and unique age group to teach. It takes a balance of teaching knowledge, relationship building, caring and humour to be successful with middle school children. Children of this age are developing self-identity, opinions and an understanding of the world around them, and it takes people with a specific skill set and understanding to nurture them. We support this development through explicitly teaching and living our school HERO values of Happiness, Excellence, Relationships and Opportunities. We have a strong passion and commitment to developing programmes that support the academic, sporting, social/emotional and cultural development of our students. Our responsibility is to ensure that your child continues to receive a high-quality education within a safe, respectful and supportive environment.

**Naku noa,
Daryl Gibbs**

Vision



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Values

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HAPPINESS HAKOAKOA	EXCELLENCE PANEKIRETANGA	RELATIONSHIPS WHANAUNGATANGA	OPPORTUNITY WHEAKO
We provide an environment where everyone's identity is nurtured and they are cared for and safe.	We encourage the pursuit of our personal best in environments that are engaging and innovative.	We create a sense of belonging through valuing diversity, kindness and respect.	We offer a variety of meaningful and enriching experiences to enhance our lives.
"Mauria te pono"	"Whala te iti kahurangi"	"Aroha atu, aroha mai"	"Tūwhitia te hopo"
Believe in yourself, to be authentic, to be honest	Strive for excellence	If kindness is sown then kindness you shall receive	Feel the fear and do it anyway

Strategic Goals

**AKO
DEVELOPING
CAPABILITY**
We have a highly competent and committed team

**WHANAUNGATANGA
COMMUNITY**
We have strong partnerships between home and school and with our wider community

**MARAUTANGA
CURRICULUM**
We have a curriculum that is relevant, engaging and challenging

TE AO MĀORI
Our culture and community are committed to the development of te reo me ōna tikanga Māori





Learning at CMS

At Cambridge Middle School we believe that young adolescents learn best when they are engaged and motivated. Our school embraces a conceptual curriculum and an inquiry learning cycle that aim to spark curiosity and interest in the world around them. Our curriculum allows students to deepen their understanding of curriculum areas by applying their knowledge and skills through a school-wide concept. Through our curriculum we look for opportunities to localise learning and tell important local stories that will connect our students to their whānau, peers and their place in our world. We aim to **connect** our students to their learning and their community, **inspire** them to engage in deep learning, and support them to **grow** into well-rounded, thriving global citizens.

Our conceptual approach, combined with well-structured Maths and Literacy programmes, supports students to become confident, capable learners across the curriculum. In Maths, we focus on building strong number sense, problem-solving skills, and conceptual understanding through rich tasks and critical thinking. In Literacy, students develop reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills through a balanced programme that includes explicit instruction and meaningful engagement with texts. Together, these programmes equip students with the essential skills to succeed across all areas of learning.

We encourage the development of resilience and a growth mindset. Risk takers require a comprehensive safety net and our PH4L approach to student welfare and our value of **Happiness**, where identity is valued and students feel cared for and safe, provides this. Our value of **Opportunity** challenges all students to look out for experiences that will allow them to find out more about their potential and we encourage students to show initiative. You and your child are encouraged to be actively involved on a four year journey that has the ability to make a significant difference in their life.

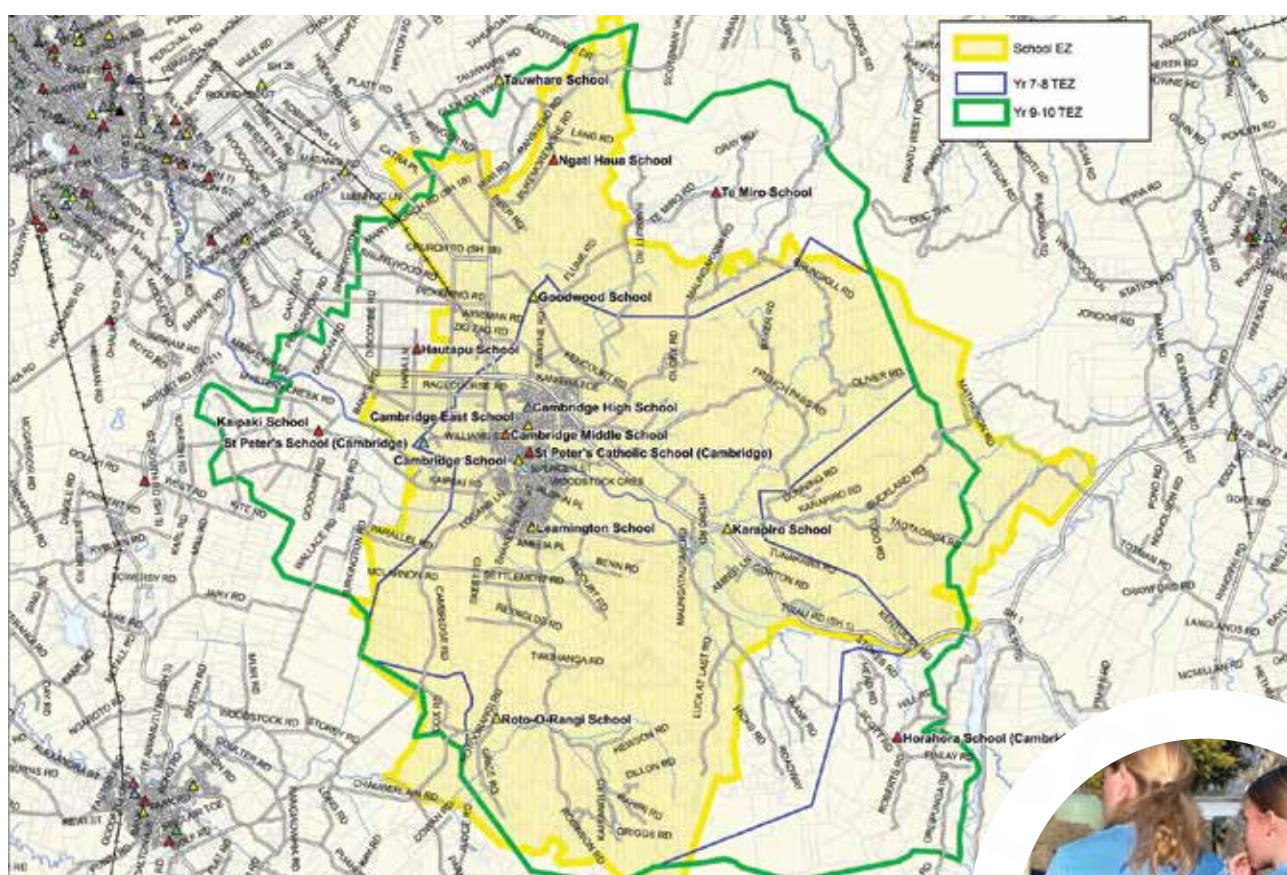
The majority of learning areas will be taught in a student's homeroom setting. Through our value of **Excellence** we encourage students to pursue their personal best. Throughout the year students will also have the opportunity to rotate through six specialist teaching areas: Design Thinking, Visual Art, Food Technology, Drama, Music and Science.

Our value of **Relationships** nurtures the bicultural and multicultural nature of New Zealand society by valuing diversity and celebrating the uniqueness of each student. We provide opportunities for students to build their knowledge of te reo me ōna tikanga Māori throughout their time here. All students have the opportunity to participate in our Kapa Haka rōpu where they will learn traditional and modern waiata, poi, actions, and our school haka. We value connections with all students' whānau and actively encourage them to be involved in the school community and with their child's learning. Whānau Hui are held during the year to further strengthen the bond between home and school to ensure that we hear the voices of our community.

Enrolment Zone

Our school enrolment zone came into effect effective from 01 January 2021. To view the confirmed zoning area for Cambridge Middle School (EZ = Enrolment Zone, TEZ = Transport Entitlement Zone) go to www.cms.school.nz/enrolments-and-zone. The confirmed boundary now brings the zone down to the Pukemoremore Road/Victoria Road intersection, travels east along Pukemoremore Road (includes Lang Road) to the intersection with Scotsman Valley Road, turns right into Scotsman Valley Road – the zone ends at number 491 Scotsman Valley Road (includes Scotsvale Drive).

You will find the link for online enrolments under Enrolment Procedures below. If families appear to be out of zone, they are welcome to call us; we do advise those families to submit an online enrolment form (or send a completed hard copy form to us) by the due date of 31 August 2026. We will then contact out of zone families with information about our set capacity and ballot numbers and procedures.



Enrolment Procedure

To access our online enrolment form go to www.cms.school.nz/enrolments-and-zone

Year 6 Open Day
Friday 07 August 2026
for Parents

Two sessions:
9.00am – 10.00am
1.45pm – 2.45pm

Year 6 Orientation Days
Wednesday 02 September 2026
Thursday 03 September 2026
for Students only
9.30am – 11.00am both days

Meet the Teacher
Late January 2027
for Parents and Students
Further information to be
advised by email.



Student Costs/ Donations

School Donations

**\$200.00 per student per year
or \$50.00 per student per term**

These donations are an essential part of the school's operations budget and you are welcome to pay your account by regular manageable instalments. This will help the school provide additional opportunities and resources.

Other Possible Programme Costs

Costs that could occur periodically for some students during the year (approx. costs only)

Outdoor Education \$250.00 - \$350.00
Sports Trips \$300.00 - \$450.00

**Technology/Art
Enrichment Group up to \$70.00**

Credit

The School Board does not extend credit. You are able to set up a direct debit payment at the school office. We also have Eftpos available. There is also an option to pay through the caregiver portal, refer to www.cms.school.nz/parent-portal/

School Hours

8.00am Office is manned
8.45am Prepare for learning
8.50am Bell for classes
to commence
10.00 - 10.20am ... Break 1
11.40 - 11.50am Break 2
1.00 - 1.50pm Lunch time
3.00pm School finishes
3.10pm Students to clear
grounds/buildings,

Except for:

- Sports/Music practice
- When students have been home and returned with parental permission
- When prior arrangements have been made

School Contact Details

Office 07 827 5135
Email office@cms.school.nz
Website www.cms.school.nz
Facebook CambridgeMiddleSchoolNZ

Absentees

Mobile 021 0250 3796
Email attendance@cms.school.nz

Positive HERO for Learning

At Cambridge Middle School, our Positive HERO for Learning approach is grounded in restorative practice principles that strengthen respectful relationships and a positive school culture. Through our HERO values, Happiness, Excellence, Relationships and Opportunity, we support students to learn, grow and succeed both socially and academically.

As a restorative practice school, we work to reduce behaviour issues through open communication, positive relationships and collaborative problem-solving. We believe that strong partnerships between students, staff and whānau help create a supportive environment where every learner feels valued, heard and connected.

Pastoral Support Services

Pouarataki - Counselling Service

Pouarataki is our school counselling and wellbeing support service, available for students who may need someone to talk to in a safe, supportive and confidential environment. Our counsellors work therapeutically alongside students, helping them explore challenges, strengthen wellbeing, and build positive strategies for managing emotions, relationships, and everyday life.

Students can access Pouarataki in confidence, knowing they will be listened to with care and respect. Through this service, students are supported to develop tools and skills that build resilience, confidence and emotional wellbeing, enabling them to thrive both at school and beyond.

The Hub

Our Wellbeing Hub has been developed to create a purposeful space that supports students when they are feeling dysregulated or in need of a quiet environment. This space is supported by teaching staff, who are available to help students regulate emotions, reconnect positively and get themselves back into a space for learning.

As there is currently no dedicated funding for school counsellors below the high school level, initiatives like this are an invaluable step forward in strengthening the support and wellbeing services available to our students.

Outside Provider Counselling Services

Cambridge Middle School can support families to refer to outside providers if required.

24-7 Youth Workers

We are fortunate to have a connection with Raleigh Street Christian Centre, who provide us with a number of youth workers. They are an essential part of our school's pastoral team. During the week, they will be out in the playground at break times running lunchtime and wellbeing activities, joining in with sports or simply hanging out with students. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning tea break, 24-7 staff help out with our Kickstart Breakfast Club, serving milk, Weetbix and Milo (in the colder months). The remaining hours are spent in class, where they help out with school-led activities, one-on-one mentoring, helping with school trips, etc.





Uniform

As we are a uniform school it is expected that the school uniform will be worn at all times. Please refer to the link on our website for uniform and jewellery/piercing expectations. www.cms.school.nz/parents--uniform

Cambridge Middle School Uniforms can be purchased from:
The Warehouse, 124 Wilson St, Cambridge

If the item you require is not available at The Warehouse please go to the customer service counter and order the items you require.

Or order online at: www.thewarehouse.co.nz/c/schools/cambridge-middle-school

If you are looking for second-hand items, you can often find them here:

- Cambridge Community House, 193 Shakespeare Street
- Facebook buy & sell group, search for CambridgeNZUniforms

PE/Sports Uniform

Black rugby shorts or black active wear tights with no logos and team colour shirt.

Team colour PE shirts:

- Koiri (Purple)
- Koru (Green)
- Mangopare (Cyan)
- Māui (Navy)
- Puhoro (Red)

Please confirm team colour prior to purchase.

Students are allowed to wear sports clothes while heading home from school (but not to school unless otherwise stated for a sports day).



BYOC – Bring your own Chromebook at Cambridge Middle School

Our school supports a **Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC)** programme, which allows students to bring their own device to school to enhance and support their learning.

Starting in **2027, Chromebooks will be the only devices permitted to connect to our school network for all newly enrolled students, or when replacing an old device.** Existing students may continue using their current non-Chromebook devices for the remainder of 2027.

Student online safety is a priority at CMS. We use Linewize, a comprehensive online monitoring and filtering system, to help ensure students are safe while using the internet at school. Chromebooks integrate effectively with Linewize, allowing us to provide a secure digital learning environment. Other devices, such as Apple laptops and tablets, cannot be monitored as effectively within our school systems.

Chromebooks are also one of the most **affordable and practical device options** for families, with suitable models available from approximately \$300. Their reliability, ease of management, and compatibility with our learning platforms make them the recommended choice for all students.

When purchasing a Chromebook to bring to

school, there are several different requirements to be aware of.

Cambridge Middle School's minimum requirements for a device to assist with learning at school are:

- **7.9" screen;**
- **At least enough battery power for 5 hours learning;**
- **Internet capable;**
- **Ability to create and edit documents using Google tools;**
- **Suitable, durable bag/protective cover.**

Please remember that ALL classrooms will have a minimum of one device/every two students so there is no real reason to feel that students will need to provide their own device. It is our strong belief that we have sufficient devices to allow students in every class to have access to devices when and if they are required for their learning.

The School Board continues to support us by providing sufficient devices for our classrooms.

Please don't feel pressured to buy a device. School work carried out on a school device can still be picked up at home through their account and worked on. The Online Safety Use Agreement will govern the use and access of all devices at/from the school.



Specialist Subjects

Design Thinking

Enter a space where creativity, innovation, and problem solving come to life. Our hands-on Design Thinking programme empowers students to become curious thinkers and confident creators. Working in our vibrant makerspace, students gain real world experience with a diverse range of equipment: from computers, robotics, and sewing machines to a 3D printer and laser cutter. The journey begins in Year 7, where students develop foundational technical and design skills. By Year 8, they advance to project based learning, working to engineer innovative solutions guided by the L.A.U.N.C.H. Design Thinking framework.



Music

Discover Your Inner Musician!

Are you ready to rock, roll, create and perform? Whether you're a total beginner or looking to level up your musical skills, this class is the perfect place to start your journey.

We don't just teach music—we make it! In this hands-on course, you will Master Instrument Basics and get real, practical experience playing a variety of popular instruments, including Guitar, Ukulele, Bass Guitar, Drums, Keyboard, and Pitched Percussion. Forget boring nursery rhymes - you get to play the hits and perform extracts from well-known popular songs you actually know from day one. You'll learn how to 'Crack the Code' and demystify music theory in an engaging, easy-to-understand way that instantly connects to the songs you play.

From finding your beat on the drums, to strumming your first chords and understanding how the elements of music work together, this class covers it all. Come jam, collaborate with your classmates, and unlock your inner rockstar!



Science

Step into the CMS Science Lab, where curiosity meets discovery! Guided by our Specialist Science Teacher, students dive deep into the amazing world of physical sciences. During the Science Rotation, students don't just read about how the universe works—they experience it first hand. Through a blend of fun, hands-on experiments and skills-based practical work, our students develop critical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and a lifelong passion for inquiry. From launching chemical reactions to exploring the forces that shape our universe, we empower the next generation of innovators to question, test, and understand the incredible world around them.



Drama/Dance

Step into our Performing Arts space, where creativity takes center stage and fun is the main event! In this dynamic environment, students build lifelong confidence and sharp communication skills through the magic of performance. From creative storytelling, dancing, and collaborative teamwork to diving into our awesome costume collection, we prioritize fun and self-expression. Here, every student finds their voice, embraces their individuality, and discovers just how important these life skills are. We don't just put on a show; we create a safe place where imagination runs wild. Come ready to play, invent, and shine!



Food Technology

Food Technology at Cambridge Middle School provides students with exciting opportunities to develop lifelong skills through a range of practical and theoretical learning experiences. Students discover a variety of cooking methods and explore foods from different cultures, building an appreciation for diverse ingredients, flavours, and traditions.

Through hands-on learning in the kitchen, students develop confidence, creativity, independence, and practical cooking skills while learning how to work safely and effectively in a food technology environment. Students are encouraged to think critically about nutrition, food choices, and the processes involved in planning and creating food products.

Visual Art

Welcome to a space where creativity takes shape and stories come to life! Our hands-on Visual Art programme empowers students to become confident creators. The journey begins in Year 7, where students explore the 7 foundational Elements of Art through exciting projects like hypnotic line tunnels and texture scavenger hunts. In Year 8, learning transforms as students apply the Principles of Design—creating striking optical illusions, 3D perspective collages, and art-history-inspired creations. Utilising their sketchbooks to prototype and reflect, our students discover their unique artistic voice and the confidence to make their mark.



Opportunities at CMS

As a core value at CMS is Opportunities, we pride ourselves on being able to offer a wide variety of opportunities for our students to learn and grow.

Academic

- Science Fair
- Waimaths
- Bay Maths
- Otago Maths
- Literacy Quiz
- Maths
- Literacy
- Science
- Technology
- Kiwi Competitions (University of Canterbury)

The Arts

- Dance
- Drama
- Art
- Choir
- Kapa Haka
- Music Lessons
- Production
- Drum Line
- Rock Bands
- School Band

Service to School

- Student Leader
- Librarian
- Office Duty
- Sports Leader
- Road Patrol

School Sports Competitions

- Swimming Sports
- Cross Country
- Totara Springs
- Athletics
- WIMSS
- AIMS Games

We also offer a number of sporting opportunities outside of school.



Sports at CMS

Cambridge Middle School students have the opportunity to play a wide and varied range of sports all year round. We are very fortunate in this regard and really appreciate the efforts of the staff and volunteers who help organise and support sports in our region.

School Based Sports:

Our courts have been laid with Tiger Turf providing us with an all-weather court. During the school day we offer the following:

- Physical Education Programme
- Activities at lunch intervals e.g. inter-class competitions, practice sessions, fun games
- Competition - Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming

Local Leagues & Competitions:

Teams are entered in the following union/association competitions: Basketball, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Lacrosse, Netball, Rugby, Touch and Water Polo. Some of these codes are catered for via clubs. We support these groups by promoting, advertising and referring interested students. Outside the pursuits already mentioned the sports group also promotes: Golf, Squash, Cycling, Multi Sports, MotoX, Sailing and Equestrian.

Regional WIMSS Sports:

During the year we are given the opportunity to enter the competitive arena via the following sports: Athletics, Basketball, Cricket, Cross Country, Football, Futsal, Hockey, Ki o Rahi, Lacrosse, Netball, Rugby, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Touch, Triathlon, Ultimate Frisbee and Volleyball. Teams/individuals are chosen on merit, along with a high standard of sportsmanship, correct sports uniform and citizenship.

AIMS Games:

This is a great opportunity for competitive sports people to participate against the country's greatest. Held in Tauranga/Mount Maunganui during September, it is the biggest multi-sport event for 11, 12 and 13 year olds in the Southern Hemisphere with over 10,000 athletes attending.

Check out our school website to access further information about opportunities and the various sports and sporting events offered at Cambridge Middle School www.cms.school.nz/sports-at-cms



Website and Online Links

Here are some handy links to other important information for CMS families:

CMS Website..... www.cms.school.nz

CMS Facebook page www.facebook.com/CambridgeMiddleSchoolINZ

CMS International www.cms.school.nz/cms-international

CMS People www.cms.school.nz/cms-people

CMS Parents www.cms.school.nz/cms-parents

Absences/Lateness/Leaving Early www.cms.school.nz/parents--absences-lateness-leaving-early

Buses & Transport..... www.cms.school.nz/parents--buses-and-transport

BYOC & Devices www.cms.school.nz/parents--byoc-and-devices

Communication..... www.cms.school.nz/parents--communication

EOTC - Camps & Trips www.cms.school.nz/parents--eotc-camps-and-trips

Home Learning www.cms.school.nz/parents--home-learning

Lunch Orders www.cms.school.nz/parents--lunch-orders

Newsletters..... www.cms.school.nz/parents--newsletters

Parent Portal (Payments) www.cms.school.nz/parent-portal

PH4L www.cms.school.nz/parents--ph4l

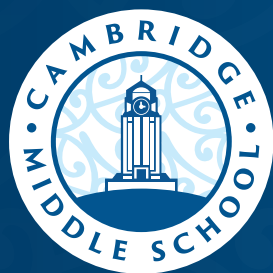
School Guidelines www.cms.school.nz/parents--school-guidelines

Stationery www.cms.school.nz/parents--stationery

Term Dates & Holidays..... www.cms.school.nz/parents--term-dates-and-holidays

Uniform www.cms.school.nz/parents--uniform

Year 6 Transition www.cms.school.nz/parents--year-6-transition



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