



CURRICULUM Policy

Approved by the School Board 11 April 2022

- Rationale:** At Cambridge Middle School all learning, teaching and assessment centres on the needs of individual students and their wellbeing while embracing culturally responsive practices. Students are encouraged to acquire the knowledge, skills, attitudes, understandings and key competencies of the New Zealand National Curriculum Statements.
- Principles:**
- (a) The school endeavours to provide a broad education within an environment which encourages and fosters achievement and excellence in learning and teaching programs.
 - (b) A conceptual curriculum is delivered through a localised lens, with particular emphasis on honouring where we stand – Te Tiriti o Waitangi and local contexts and stories – Te Oko Horoi and Aotearoa.
 - (c) The school’s HERO values are modelled, encouraged and explored by the students as they are supported to develop Key Competencies.
 - (d) The school provides opportunities for students to achieve success in all learning areas of the New Zealand Curriculum both inside and outside the classroom.
 - (e) The school is committed to develop appropriate programs for identified students with high needs and those who are gifted.
 - (f) Careers Education focuses on students getting to know more about themselves, the world of work and the vast options available as they transition.
- Policy Statement:** Cambridge Middle School Curriculum is balanced, broad based, rigorous, all-inclusive and culturally responsive. This curriculum is supported by high quality teaching and learning to assist children to be well rounded and empathetic young people who have a genuine thirst for lifelong learning and a strong sense of moral purpose, confidence, connectivity, respect and justice.
- Key Responsibilities:** The Principal and the School Leadership Team have responsibility for the implementation of this policy and will oversee a process for the development of guidelines to promote quality learning and teaching.
- Review:** 2025
- Related Information:**
1. Curriculum Guidelines for Cambridge Middle School
 2. The New Zealand Curriculum