



**NORTHCROSS**

INTERMEDIATE

**Prospectus**







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# Welcome

Ko te tumānako ka puāwai tōu tamaiti i roto i nga hua o te kura, kia whāia e ia i te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu ia me he maunga teitei.

We hope you will enjoy being part of our school community during your time with us and your child/children will become involved and know success in all they undertake.

Northcross Intermediate School emphasises intellectual, cultural and social learning experiences for all its students. The early adolescent years are a critical time in a young person’s life. They are maturing physically and developing emotionally, hence the need for a clearly distinctive teaching and learning pedagogy in the Middle Years.

Through our inclusive curriculum, opportunities are created to nurture and develop the strengths and talents of all those who attend our school.

Northcross staff very much recognise this time of rapid physical and emotional growth providing an environment where individual differences are both recognised and valued.

We very much hope you will enjoy being part of our Northcross learning community. By having a close liaison between school and Whānau, meaningful goals for our students can be achieved.

**JONATHON TREDRAY, PRINCIPAL**

# Lighting the Path for Success

Northcross Intermediate takes great pride in offering a two year programme that provides a range of opportunities to enable our students to develop the skills so vitally important in becoming lifelong learners.

Our primary focus is on students aged between 11–13. This enables us to direct all school resources to our students.

- A core curriculum of reading, writing and maths underpins an integrated programme which offers a sense of inquiry and independence in thought and action.
- A specialist programme which encompasses Technological Areas of Bio-Tech, Food, Hard Materials, Robotics, Engineering, Materials and Graphics. The Arts cover Music, Visual Art, Drama, Photography and Sport and Health Science.
- An environment where the students can be involved in the running of the school. The responsibilities offered are realistic and carried out in conjunction with their peers.
- Our collaborative environments assist the students in their preparation to be actively involved in the secondary school years and the world of tomorrow.
- Alternative programmes which provide expert assistance in classroom learning for students needing additional or adapted pathways.

## KEY COMPETENCIES

These competencies underpin the Northcross commitment to learning.

- Managing self
- Relating to others
- Participating and contributing
- Thinking
- Using language, symbols and texts

## OUR VALUES

At Northcross we demonstrate RESPECT by being:

- Reflective
- Engaged
- Self-motivated
- Perseverant
- Explorative
- Collaborative
- Tolerant







## Curriculum

### PROJECT BASED LEARNING (PBL)

PBL is a student-centred approach that promotes active exploration, critical thinking, and real-world application. Students tackle complex problems, collaborate with peers, and develop essential skills. PBL fosters genuine motivation, cross-disciplinary learning, and prepares students for success in the 21st century.

### LITERACY

As a school, nurturing strong reading, writing, and communication skills is a priority for all students. Our comprehensive approach combines proven teaching strategies, personalised instruction, and a love for literacy. With a focus on differentiation, our highly qualified teachers plan programmes to meet each student's unique needs, ensuring progress at their own pace. Through a rich literary environment and a strong home-school partnership, we empower students to become confident communicators and critical thinkers.

We provide challenging literacy based events and activities such as:

- Book battle
- Lit Quiz
- Speech competitions
- Rotary Speech Final
- Writers Toolbox



### SCIENCE

Through hands-on experiments, inquiry-based learning, and real-world applications, our teachers ignite a passion for the nature of science and develop critical thinking skills in our students. We want our students to be curious and able to identify problems, ask questions, gather information, find solutions, test claims, make predictions and to realise that often there is more than one solution. We want them to 'experience' Science, not just 'learn' about it.

### SOCIAL SCIENCES

Through inquiry-based learning, critical thinking, and active engagement, our teachers foster a deep understanding of society, culture, and history, including Aotearoa New Zealand Histories. By exploring diverse perspectives, global issues, and civic responsibility, we inspire empathy, tolerance, and a sense of social responsibility in our students.

### TE AO MĀORI

Te ao Māori involves learning about the language, culture and world view of Māori. Te Reo Māori and tikanga Māori are integrated into daily activities allowing students to develop a deeper understanding of New Zealand's unique bi-cultural heritage. Through engaging lessons, songs, and interactive activities, we foster cultural appreciation, respect, and a sense of pride.

### MATHEMATICS

At Northcross, our students, through mathematics, will learn to develop the ability to think creatively, critically, strategically and logically. Our students will structure and organise information mathematically, carry out procedures flexibly and accurately, process and communicate information and enjoy intellectual challenge.

We provide challenging and supportive mathematical events and activities such as:

- Mathex
- Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad
- Otago University Problem Challenge
- University of Melbourne Statistical Challenge
- Education Perfect Learning Platform
- COSDMBRRICS
- Accelerated Learning in Maths (ALiM)

The programme reinforces their learning in a fun, positive and challenging way.

### LANGUAGES

In helping prepare our students for the future we believe it is important to learn a language other than English. Selected languages are offered after school, these may include Chinese/Mandarin, French and Spanish. Our students are offered the opportunity to study their chosen language and culture in a small group and are taught by qualified tutors.

### DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Learning with digital technologies is a key component that is integrated into all Northcross classrooms to promote creativity, collaboration, and higher order thinking through innovative and authentic learning opportunities. Through purposeful design and development of digital outcomes and learning about computational thinking, students gain the knowledge and skills they need to be responsible digital citizens and users of digital technologies across the curriculum.





# Specialist Programmes

## TECHNOLOGY

At Northcross the aim of Technology Education is for students to develop a broad technological literacy to enable them to be confident and practical applicants of technology and solvers of technological problems.

- The Year 7 programme is designed to equip students with practical skills, knowledge and understandings focused on the school wide concepts.
- Year 8 students implement these skills by following a design process to devise solutions to purposeful problems, needs and opportunities that may arise.

## SPECIALIST OPTIONS

Students in Year 7 take part in all Technology and Arts subjects over the year. In Year 8, students are able to specialise and pick four subjects to study in more depth from the following:

- |                   |       |                            |
|-------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| • Design          | } DML | • Art Tech                 |
| • Make            |       | • Music                    |
| • Learn           |       | • Photography              |
| • Food Technology |       | • Graphic Design           |
| • Bio-technology  |       | • Sport and Health Science |
| • Drama           |       |                            |

## SPECIALIST EXTENSION PROGRAMMES

In addition to the specialist programme throughout the year, extension programmes run every week, offering students further opportunities to develop their technological thinking and skills in areas of interest and passion.

These include options such as:

- |                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| • Digital Art  | • Toi - Wearable Art |
| • Art Projects | • Maker Space        |
| • Bio Gardens  | • Community Projects |



## THE ARTS

At Northcross, we encourage our students to participate in as many of the extra-curricular activities as possible. This is an integral part of the education programme conducted at Northcross.

Cultural Opportunities include:

- ShowQuest
- Kapa Haka
- Māori/Pasifika celebration

All our endeavours at Northcross are distinguished by creativity and it is through the fine arts, performing arts and music that the students develop their creative skills.

## DRAMA

Students will work with the elements of role, time and space, action, tension and focus. Their dance ideas are derived from imagination, feelings and experiences suggested by the teacher.

- "Stuffy" Performing Arts extension group
- School Production (bi-annual)
- Small and large scale Drama Performances
- Dance

All year 7 students experience various approaches to creating dance and regularly present their work to their peers.

Our dance troupes include:

- Hip-Hop dance
- Ballroom, Latin and Contemporary dancing
- Jazz dance

## THE VISUAL ARTS

Students develop their ability to express ideas, creating artworks through imagination, observation and invention with materials. They explore and experiment with media and processes, learning how to manipulate and transform visual, tactile and spatial ideas to solve problems.



## MUSIC

Our Music department is filled with opportunities for new and experienced musicians. We offer a vast array of bands and groups for students including;

- Concert band
- Rock bands
- Jazz band
- Stage bands (beginner)
- String Orchestra
- Choirs
- Bandquest

We perform throughout the year at concert nights, community outreaches and competitions. Our music tuition program offers a wide variety of lessons, with top tutors and scholarships available for some instruments. For more information about Music at Northcross please refer to our Northcross website – [www.northcross.school.nz/music-arts-culture-at-nx/](http://www.northcross.school.nz/music-arts-culture-at-nx/)







“  
*Northcross has presented me with so many opportunities through sport, academic and music resulting in many personal achievements.*  
 ”

STUDENT QUOTE

# Sport

The physical involvement in sport contributes to good health, helps develop confidence through improvement and achievement, and teaches important group skills and team work.

There are many wonderful sporting opportunities available to our students while at Northcross. The sports offered range from being all inclusive/social to competitive. Teams and individual competitors take part in North Harbour Zone competitions and if successful, possibly Auckland Interzone events. Sporting opportunities include:

- Netball
- Table Tennis
- Hockey
- Touch
- Water Polo
- Softball
- Basketball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Squash
- Badminton
- Gymnastics
- Rugby
- Sailing
- Football
- Futsal
- League
- Tag
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Triathlon
- Golf
- Cricket
- Athletics
- Orienteering
- Ski/Snowboard
- Mountain Biking
- Equestrian

Lunchtime inter-class competitions are held during the week where enjoyment and class participation are the key elements.

We also participate in the national AIMS (Association of Intermediate and Middle Schools) Sporting Competition.

The challenge and enjoyment of sport creates pride in our students which is reflected throughout the school. Our sports program promotes not only physical fitness but also perseverance and resilience, enabling students to excel in all areas of their lives. Through our sports events we bring our school community together, fostering a sense of belonging, camaraderie, and school spirit.



## HEALTH AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING

Health and Physical Education at Northcross focuses on ensuring the students well-being and providing them with the skills and qualities to enhance their spiritual, mental, emotional, social and physical development.

- Positive Relationships
- Building Self Esteem
- Respect
- Tolerance
- Personal Responsibility
- Personal Health and Physical Development
- Building Resilience
- Movement Concepts and Motor Skills
- Relationships with Other People
- Healthy Communities and Environments
- Positive Risk-taking

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Education Outside the Classroom is an important aspect of our Health and Physical Education programme.

It provides experiences and opportunities to become active and safe in the outdoors, promoting skills such as team work, communication, trust, problem solving, leadership and responsibility. During March, all Year 7 students have the opportunity to participate in outdoor educational programmes around and outside the school. The cost for this is around \$220. Over 2 weeks in March, all Year 8 students will have the opportunity to attend our Finlay Park Camp. This cost is likely to be around \$420.

In the past students have reported these experiences to be a highlight of their Northcross school years.







## Pastoral Care

### PB4L (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING)

Our school-wide Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) approach focuses on building and maintaining positive, respectful relationships across the school community. PB4L offers all of our school staff best-practice tools and techniques to maintain and restore relationships. By building and maintaining positive, respectful relationships within a school, staff to staff, staff to student and student to student, issues are more easily managed.

Behaviour, like any learning area, requires deliberate teaching. Our PB4L expectations are built on our clear expectations around our NX learner dispositions:

We recognise the importance and value of working closely in partnership with our parent and Whānau community to support our learners. Should we have any concerns regarding your child, whether changes in behaviour or progress, we will be in contact with you and you will be involved in any support decisions.

### STUDENT WELLBEING

Northcross Intermediate is committed to creating an environment that nurtures not only academic growth but also the overall wellbeing of each and every student.

We understand that a student's success is not solely defined by their academic achievement but by their happiness, resilience, and ability to thrive in all aspects of life. With this in mind, we have implemented a comprehensive wellbeing program that supports the emotional, social, and physical development of our students.



### TE REO

Te Reo is integrated into daily activities allowing students to develop a deeper understanding of New Zealand's unique bi-cultural heritage. Through engaging lessons, songs, and interactive activities, we foster cultural appreciation, respect, and a sense of pride.

### DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

eLearning is a key component in all Northcross classrooms and digital technologies are integrated appropriately to support authentic, higher order and collaborative learning. This learning focuses on developing students' capability to create digital technologies for a specific purpose. Students develop the knowledge and skills they need as digital citizens and users of digital technologies across the curriculum.



## General Information

Please refer to our website  
[www.northcross.school.nz](http://www.northcross.school.nz)

### TERM DATES FOR 2025

**Term 1:** Monday 3 February – Friday 11 April

**Term 2:** Monday 28 April – Friday 27 June

**Term 3:** Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September

**Term 4:** Monday 6 October – Tuesday 16 December

### OPENING DAY 2025

We begin each year at Northcross with a 10-minute interview. The interview takes place between you, your child and the classroom teacher. The date for these interviews is Monday 3 February, 2025. Further details will be sent out on how to set up a time for an interview well before the start of Term One, 2025.

### COMMUNICATING WITH THE SCHOOL

The Senior Leadership Team, consisting of the Principal and Deputy Principals, are available to talk to parents. That is a key part of their job. Parents requiring information about the school are welcome to first contact the school receptionist.

If parents prefer a personal interview, we recommend an appointment time be made.

If coming on to school grounds, please come to the School Office for a visitors pass. This is to maintain school security and to protect our students.

### STUDENTS' ABSENCES

Please contact the school before 9.30am if your child is going to be away.

#### Methods of notification:

**School app:** It is our preference that caregivers use the @school mobile app.

**Phone:** 09 477 0167 and follow the prompts to leave an answer phone message.

**Email:** Please email both the office: [office@northcross.school.nz](mailto:office@northcross.school.nz) and [class teacher](mailto:class.teacher).

Unreported absences will prompt a text message or phone call requesting confirmation and details of the student's absence.



*Students have  
a right to learn.  
Teachers have a  
right to teach.*





### LATENESS FOR SCHOOL

Please ensure all students are at school by 8.30am each day in order to be ready to learn. If students arrive after 8.45am they must sign in late on the office iPad at the front desk. Students leaving the school grounds during the school day will also need to sign out at the office where their parents will meet them.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Northcross welcomes international students from around the world. Please visit our website to enquire about international student enrolments.

Make your house a home away from home by helping international students settle into life in Auckland. Being a part of this life changing event can be a very rewarding experience. For more information, contact: [international@northcross.school.nz](mailto:international@northcross.school.nz)

### SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

The NX Beacon-Ramaroa is published regularly and emailed to you as well as being on our website. These newsletters are the bridge between the home and the school, so please look out for them. Please note that the newsletter is the official communication between home and school, and parents are considered to have read and responded to any requests in them, e.g. notifying the school if a student is not to participate in an activity.

### NX WEBSITE

Our Northcross website ([www.northcross.school.nz](http://www.northcross.school.nz)) is still one of our chief forms of communication and is updated regularly. We would encourage you to bookmark this page on your internet browser or phones. The following are key areas useful to both parents and students:

**Daily Notices:** This links to our in-house daily notices. We encourage our students to take responsibility in reading these every day and noting meetings or activities they need to attend.

**Calendar:** This links to our NX Google Calendar. More details can be seen by clicking on an event.

All **Sport related notices** can be accessed in the sports section.



### REPORTING TO PARENTS

This is an important part of the school's activities. On the first day we have our Parent / Teacher / Student individual interviews – this is an introduction to the year. There are currently two other interviews with Parents / Guardians / Caregivers / Whānau: an interview towards the end of Term 1 for goal setting and sharing of data and then the Teacher, Parent, Caregiver and Student mid-year interview after reports have been issued (see Student assessment page for more details). These interviews are part of our student led conferences and focus on the recent mid-year progress and the goals for the next half year. The student is a vital part of this programme with their input being part of the process of students starting to guide and control their own learning.

### NORTHCROSS LIBRARY

Northcross Library is the heart of the school. It is a popular, safe and welcoming place that strives to include all students while valuing and celebrating diversity.

We're open from 8:30am to 3:30pm every school day. With lots of big windows, comfortable furniture and an in-ground fishpond (with a waterfall!), the library is highly valued and well-used. Students use the peaceful space during morning tea and lunchtimes to relax, read quietly and reconnect with friends.

The library is well stocked with a large print collection that has been selected to inspire a love of reading and support students' learning needs. The collection includes a wide range of fiction, non-fiction and graphic novels. New titles are regularly added, keeping the collection fresh and relevant to the interests and needs of our readers. Students borrow books for three weeks, and we have an online library app that students can use to manage their loans and reserve books that are then delivered to their classrooms.

Our full-time, fully qualified librarian is a registered member of the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA). She is passionate about reading and helping students find books that appeal to their unique preferences and needs. A friendly team of student librarians assist with library duties during class visits and break times.

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At Northcross we  
are all unique  
and everybody  
respects that.

STUDENT QUOTE





### BADGE SYSTEM

Through our badge system, we aim to foster a culture of excellence, resilience, and kindness. Students have the opportunity to earn badges in various categories, including academic achievements, leadership, community service, sportsmanship, values and character development. Each badge represents a specific accomplishment or demonstration of positive behavior, showcasing the diverse talents and qualities of our student body.



# School Uniform

The Northcross Intermediate School uniform is a reflection of our school. The uniform should be worn complete and in a way that reflects pride on both the student and the school.

- NX Track Pants
- Sports Hoodies – At various times of the year, sports hoodies are available for purchase. These are only for sports practice – they are not considered part of our school uniform.

All school uniform, except footwear, are purchased online from Argyle at [www.argyleonline.co.nz](http://www.argyleonline.co.nz)

## UNIFORM (UNISEX)

- NX Polo Shirt
- NX Sport Shirt
- NX Navy Shorts
- NX Navy Sweatshirt
- Black coloured sport shoes – suitable lace-up shoes that will support running (not skate shoes, slip on or loose lace shoes. Must be non-marking).
- Navy NX ankle socks (School design only).
- NX Cap (no other caps permitted) or NX Navy Bucket Hat are compulsory in terms one and four for all outdoor activities.
- NB: Tights are not permitted to be worn under Sports Shorts.

## OPTIONAL

- NX Navy Rain Jacket (with hood) – this jacket is optional. Students can wear any weather protective jacket to and from school but it must be removed during the day while at school. However, the NX Navy Jacket may be worn during the day.

## PLEASE NOTE:

- All uniform and personal items brought to school should be named. No responsibility is accepted for loss or damage of items.
- Watches that do not connect to mobile phones are permitted.
- One pair of plain, small gold or silver studs (no coloured stones) or small plain keepers in pierced ears (only one per ear) are permitted. No other jewellery is to be worn.
- Hair ties and headbands are to be navy blue or white only. No coloured hair clips or other hair accessories.
- Hair can only be of a natural colour with no multi-coloured streaking or colouring.
- Cosmetics are not permitted, except for clear nail polish.
- The Board of Trustees is responsible for detailing the items comprising the school uniform. If an article of clothing can be seen it must be part of the uniform.
- Students are to be in correct school uniform at all times while at school.







## School Donations and Costs

### SCHOOL DONATION

The 2025 school donation is being held at an unchanged rate of \$185. This money is used exclusively towards the further education of the students; it is not used on school maintenance. Your contribution, which is tax deductible\*, is greatly appreciated and a key component in enabling the school to go beyond the basic core subjects and offer an extensive range of exciting learning opportunities across all curricula ensuring all our students experience a real sense of achievement from their intermediate years.

We encourage you to help us to continue to offer wide-ranging learning opportunities to our students by contributing the school donation. Thank you for supporting the school and your child's education.

### TECHNOLOGY MATERIALS AND DIGITAL PLATFORMS DONATION

This has been set at \$310 for 2025. Your donation helps fund all technology classes at Northcross. This includes art, science, music, bio-technology, food technology, engineering, photography, sport and health science, design technology and more!

### WHY DONATE?

- Supports all students: Your donation benefits every child in technology classes.
- Tax deductible: Your contribution is tax-deductible.
- Funds essential tools: Money goes towards online learning platforms like Education Perfect and Writers Toolbox.

Let's work together to give our kids the best tech education possible!

### STATIONERY

All stationery required by students at the start of the year will be made available through the OfficeMax My School website. Full details and instructions will be sent to you in term 4, 2024. All stationery required by students after the start of the year, can be purchased from the Resource Room shop on school days.

### NORTHCROSS ONLINE SHOP

The Northcross Intermediate Online Shop is available through our school website and is our preferred method of payment for many items including the school and technology donations, camp (Yr 8), outdoor education week (challenger series, Yr 7) and some class trips, as well as extra-curricular activities including music, after-school languages and many sports related activities. It is easy, flexible, secure and open 24/7.

Look for the [NX Online Shop](http://www.northcross.school.nz) on our school website: [www.northcross.school.nz](http://www.northcross.school.nz)

### TERM COSTS

Each term, further costs may be made for class trips and activities. We will endeavour to give reasonable notice but ask that payment is made in advance to enable the school to cover the cost of each event with the external providers. We are both hopeful and excited that these costs can gradually be reduced over time.



*Camp was a once in a lifetime opportunity that I enjoyed a lot. I am glad I pushed myself outside of my comfort zone.*

STUDENT QUOTE





# Digital Technologies and BYOD

The use of Digital Technology is a key component in all Northcross classrooms and our vision is that the technologies will be integrated appropriately to support authentic, higher order and collaborative learning. We encourage all students to bring a personal learning device (it should adhere to NX minimum specs—see below) to support their learning in the classroom. These will have access to the internet and the school online environment via the Northcross WiFi.

## MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS FOR OWN DEVICE

A device may fall into the following categories:

- (1) Laptop (2) Chromebook (3) Notebook
- Must have at least a 10" screen
- Needs to be 5GHz WiFi capable (2.4GHz devices will not be supported)
- Keyboard – can be portable but must be able to type.
- Antivirus and operating system updates installed and up to date.

### We also recommend the following:

- USB port
- Headphones (earbuds)

A BYOD Evening will be held at Noel Leeming in Albany for Northcross later in the year. A range of devices will be on sale. We will notify families via email, notices to contributing schools and through the NX website.

## WHAT WE HAVE FOUND

As a household your decision will be based on your child's IT knowledge and experience. Every student is unique and one operating system may be preferred to another. We are happy to give advice if required.

Google Chrome Books	Recommended	Good value for money. Easy to use.
Windows 10 Laptop or Notebook	Recommended	Very versatile. Range of devices available.
Apple Mac Books with latest OS	Good	More expensive if buying new
Apple iPads or Samsung Tablet	Not recommended	Limitations with no keyboard and with some applications
Other Android Tablets	Not recommended	Limited in some applications.

**NOTE:** From our experience we have found that devices less than 3 years old have been more suitable and reliable. Devices should not be compromised with add-ons or a multitude of games and recreational applications.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What are the benefits of a student having their own device?

- **Personalized Learning:** Students can access educational resources and tools tailored to their individual needs and learning styles. This can lead to a more engaging and effective learning experience.
- **Digital Citizenship:** Using devices can help students develop essential digital skills, such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and responsible online behaviour. These skills are crucial for success in today's digital world.
- **Enhanced Collaboration:** Devices can facilitate collaboration and teamwork among students. They can work together on projects, share ideas, and communicate effectively, fostering a more collaborative learning environment.

### Can a student device be left at school?

Every class will have a lockable storage unit where, on occasion, devices can be kept overnight if required.

### Will my child be expected to share their device?

No, a student's device is exclusively for their learning. If they choose to share their device it is ultimately still their responsibility.

### How much time is spent on a computer/device?

This can vary from day to day. Breaks are regular as the class programme is broken into learning periods. Many traditional learning activities along with a range of digital technologies are all part of our blended classroom programme.

### What are the Hardware and Software Considerations?

#### How can my child's computing device connect to the Internet?

Northcross Intermediate provides a wireless network which students may connect to when using their devices at school.

#### Are there suggested accessories?

Providing a padded bag or protective case is highly recommend. A headset will be useful. We also require devices to have a keyboard (either attached or on screen).

#### Will there be "charging stations" so my child's electronic device can be recharged?

Considering today's battery technology, the device's battery charge should be sufficient for lessons which require its use throughout the day. A device should be fully charged at home overnight. Students are able to use their power adapter if they have the teacher's permission.

### What software will be needed on my child's computer?

No software needs to be purchased as students will have access to the school's Google G Suite cloud based learning platform. Students will be able to use the many productivity tools within G Suite (docs, sheets, slides and more) and have access to online storage.

### Whose Responsibility Is It?

#### Who pays for the technology brought to school?

These devices will be purchased by and remain the property of the family.

#### Who is responsible for any repairs or updating of personal learning devices?

Students and/or their families are responsible for their personal learning devices at all times. Northcross Intermediate can arrange technical support for repair, maintenance or help to update personal learning devices – costs per service will be outlined when logging a repair job.

#### Who is responsible for damage, loss, or theft of devices your child brings to school?

Families must stress the responsibilities their children have when bringing their own computing devices to school. Any devices students bring to school are their sole responsibility.

Northcross Intermediate takes no responsibility to search for lost or stolen devices nor is there any assumption of financial responsibility by Northcross Intermediate for damaged, lost or stolen personal computing devices.

#### Will the family need to have Internet access at home?

It is recommended that families have some form of Internet access at home so a child is able to make full use of the online school resources including the multitude of resources available on the World Wide Web. We highly recommend parental controls on any home devices and access.

- **Safety and Protection:** Parental controls can help shield children from harmful content, such as inappropriate websites, online predators, and cyberbullying.
- **Time Management:** Parents can set limits on screen time, ensuring that children are not spending excessive hours online and balancing their digital activities with other important aspects of their lives.
- **Academic Focus:** Parental controls can help create a conducive environment for learning by limiting distractions and ensuring that children are using the internet for educational purposes.
- **Privacy and Security:** Parental controls can help protect children's personal information and privacy online, reducing the risk of identity theft or other security breaches.
- **Values and Guidelines:** Parental controls can be used to reinforce family values and guidelines, helping children develop healthy digital habits and behaviours.

### Does Northcross suggest any other considerations?

We strongly recommend that you include a device on a family's contents insurance. If purchasing a new computing device for a child to use at school, we recommend purchasing an extended warranty.

### Miscellaneous Information

#### Will my child need to have a signed Acceptable Use Policy on file?

Yes. In order for Northcross Intermediate to supervise student use of the computer network and the Internet, both the [Student Responsible Use Policy](#) and the [Bring Your Own Device - Acceptable Use Policy](#) forms must be signed by all students. Parents/guardians are required to read and sign the agreement. Signing the document indicates that the student and parent/guardian have read and understand the expectations of the school.

#### When can my child use the electronic device at school?

Students will use their learning devices in class as instructed by the teacher. It is expected that students will need to bring electronic devices every day.

Students may use their electronic devices during break periods only when permitted by school personnel, provided that the devices are being used in accordance with our Responsible Use Guidelines. Northcross does have digital free days where devices are not to be used during breaktimes.

#### Will my child be expected to use his or her computing device both at school and at home?

Just as with traditional assignments, some assignments may need to be completed at home.

#### Will students be able to print documents?

- Students will be able to access printers at school as follows:
- printing capabilities from school computers, and
- from their own device if logged onto their school Google account (nxschool.kiwi) through Google print.

All printing is logged and monitored through print costing software. Students have a \$5 quota at the beginning of the year which may require topping up at times.

#### Where will my child's work be stored?

Students will store their work on the school Cloud Platform (their school Google Drive account @nxschool.kiwi). In so doing, the student will have access to their work wherever they have Internet access.

### Mobile phones in the classroom

As per the Government Policy, all state schools and kura are required to prohibit students from accessing or using mobile phones while they are attending school. **Mobile Phones are not considered to be a personal learning device** BUT school personnel may, at times, allow students to use mobile phones in classrooms for class activities. At all other times students must adhere to the Government Policy that bans mobile phones from schools.

## PLEASE NOTE:

- All students will have secure access to the NX WIFI. Access is monitored and delivered via the school's fast fibre connection and enterprise-class firewall.
- All students will adhere to the school's Responsible Use Policy, Digital Citizenship criteria and BYOD Mobile Contract.
- Northcross reserves the right to restrict access to the NX BYOD or to confiscate a device if a student is deemed to have broken digital protocol or Cyber Use guidelines.
- In bringing a device students are ultimately responsible for that device on the way to and from school and while at school. We highly recommend having any device covered by the family's contents insurance policy. Northcross is not liable for any damage or loss to a student's device.

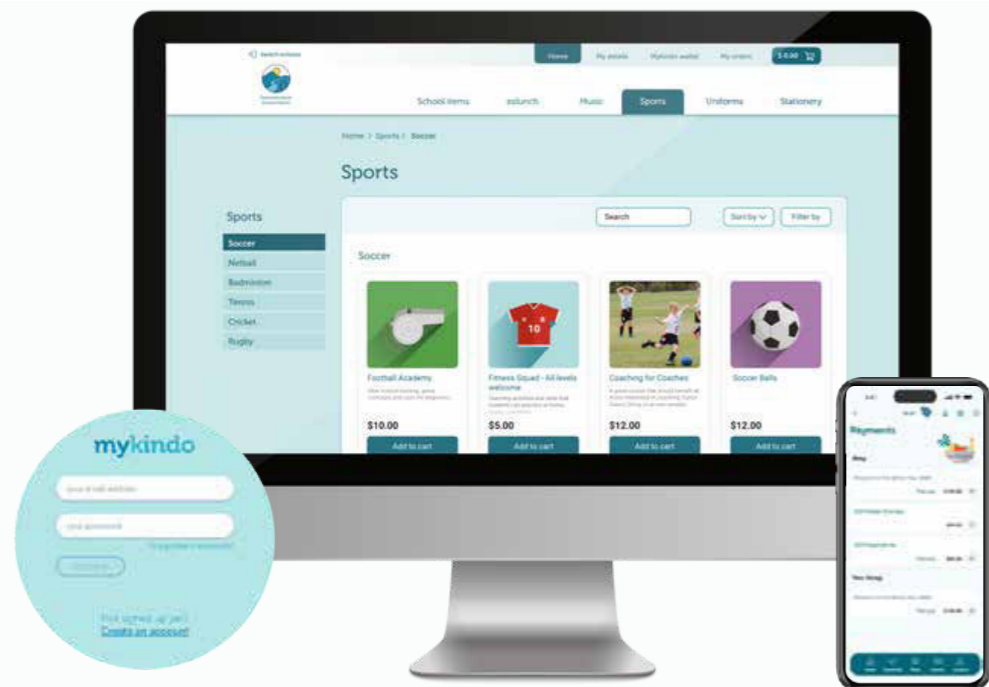




# School shop simplified.

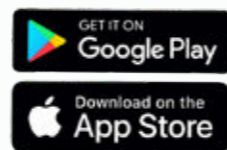
It's quick and easy to buy everything you need from the school shop, online.

Our school is using Kindo to make life easier by letting you pay for everything your children need online in one place, at a time that suits you. We're open 24/7 at [mykindo.co.nz](http://mykindo.co.nz)



## Create an account

1. Visit [mykindo.co.nz](http://mykindo.co.nz)
2. Create an account
3. Add your students
4. Get it all done online!



# School lunch made simple.

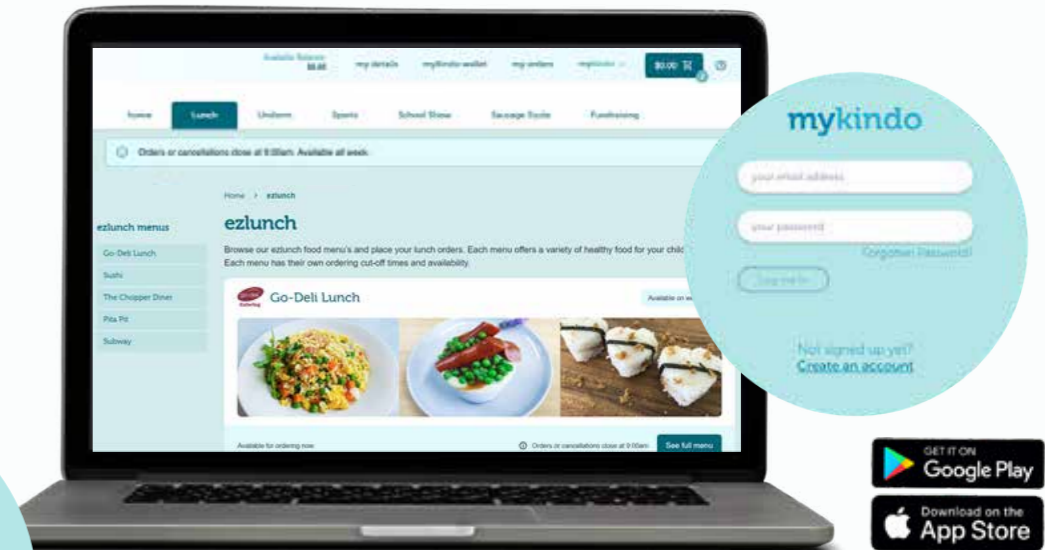
Order and pay for school lunches anywhere, anytime. No cash required!

With the option to order for just one day or pre-order for the whole term, our new school lunch service through Kindo will save you valuable time.

## Create an account

1. Visit [mykindo.co.nz](http://mykindo.co.nz)
2. Create an account
3. Add your student
4. Order lunch!

**Students over 13?**  
Let them order their own lunch! When you create an account, simply enter the same details for 'account holder' and 'delivery details'.



## Convenience without compromise

ezlunch is a convenient and affordable way to have healthy, hot and cold, online lunch orders delivered directly to your school.

## What about the food?

We strive to offer chemical-free, healthy food that tastes great. Using local cafes and caterers, ezlunch food is prepared fresh each day. Food children love, made out of ingredients we love.

## Have questions?

Visit [support.mykindo.co.nz](http://support.mykindo.co.nz)

Our helpdesk is open 8am - 4pm weekdays  
[hello@mykindo.co.nz](mailto:hello@mykindo.co.nz) or 0508 454 636

“As a solo parent with a full time job and no family or close friends around, Kindo is somehow part of my "support network" as are any other initiatives that support parents like Kindo does.

Susana, Wellington

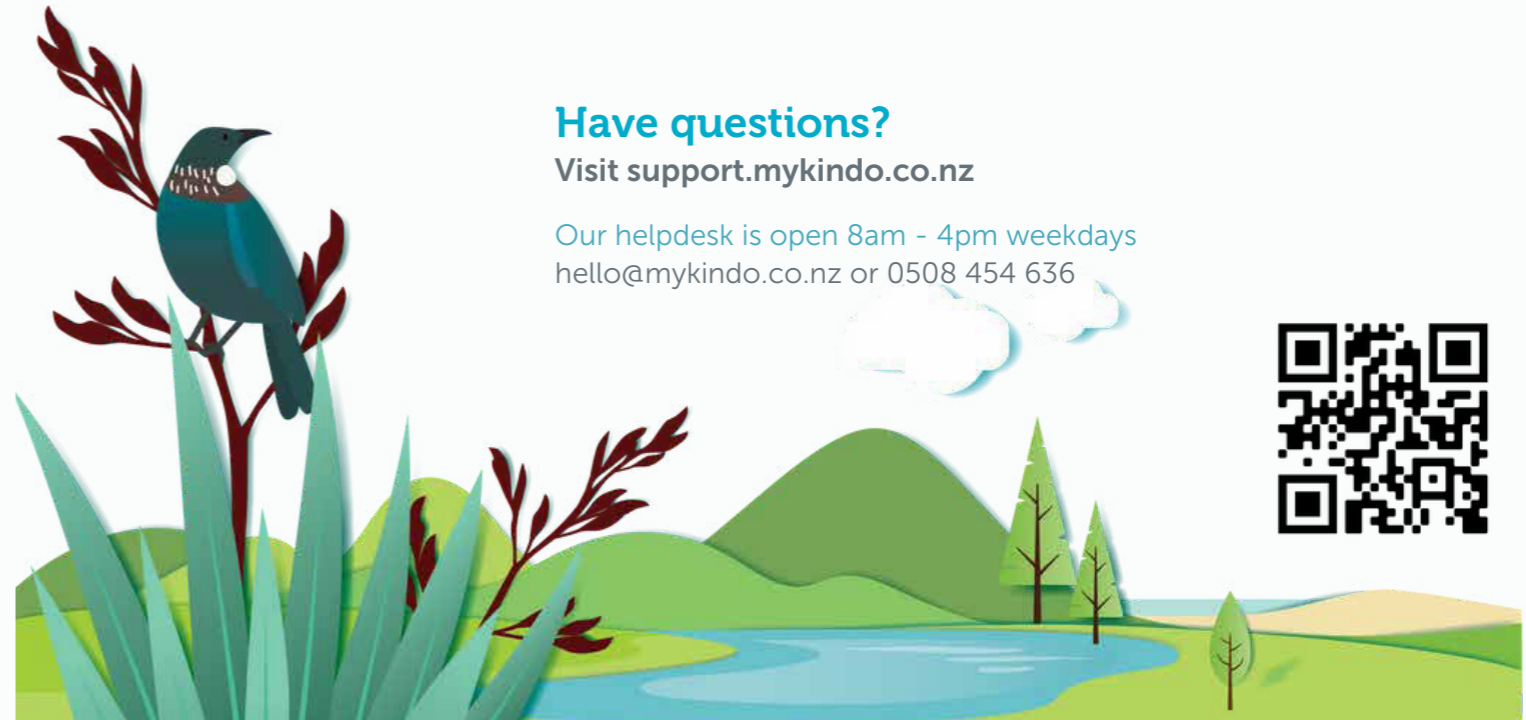
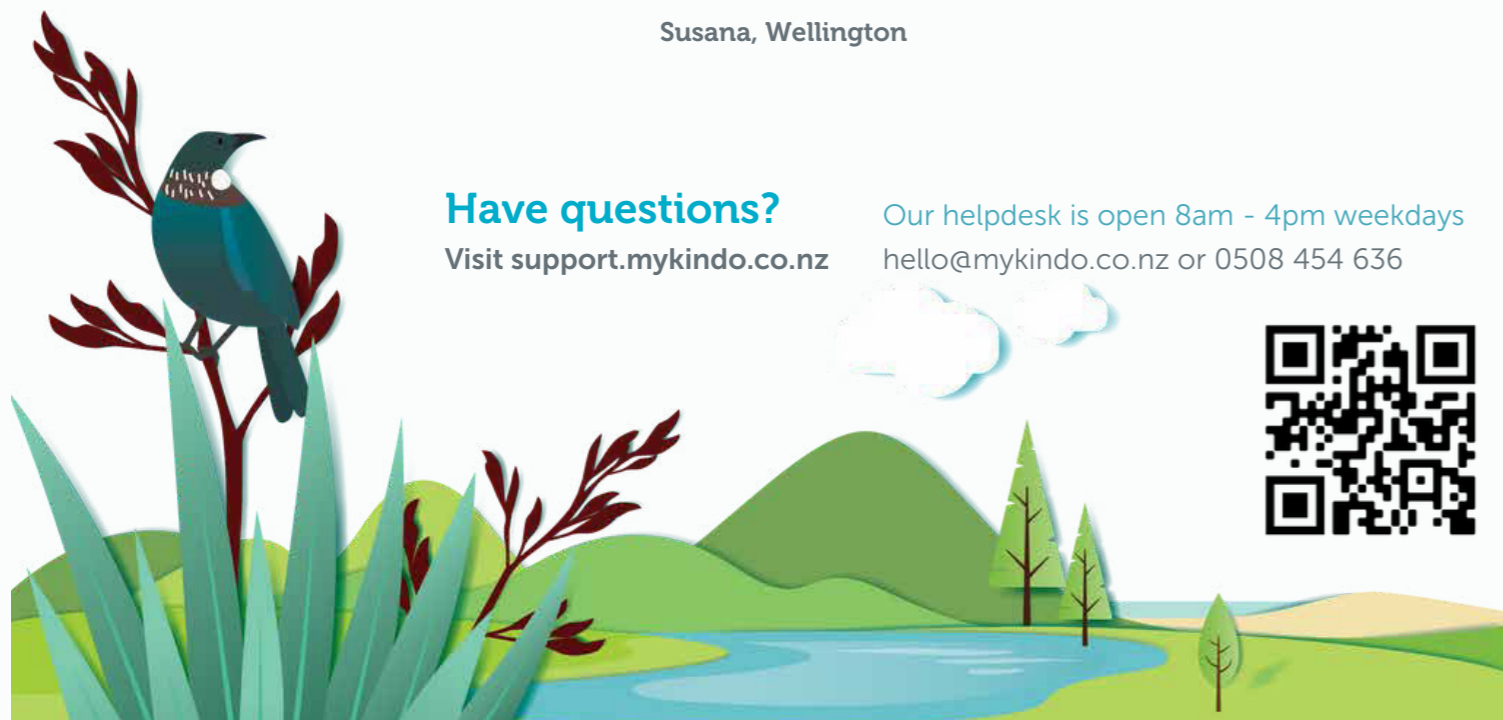
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# Student Assessment Summaries

At Northcross, we are using an online platform for reporting to parents and caregivers. This is to allow us to report to you in real time.

## THE @SCHOOL MOBILE APP INCLUDES

**Regular updates:** Throughout the year, your child will share their learning and teachers will provide feedback and comments. This helps you and your child see how they're doing compared to New Zealand Curriculum standards and clearly understand why the teachers have made the 'overall teacher judgement'.

**Progress reports:** We will send you reports on your child's progress, including a mid-year reflection and a teacher's overall comment.

## THE @SCHOOL MOBILE APP ALLOWS YOU TO:

**Stay informed:** Understand your child's strengths and areas for improvement.

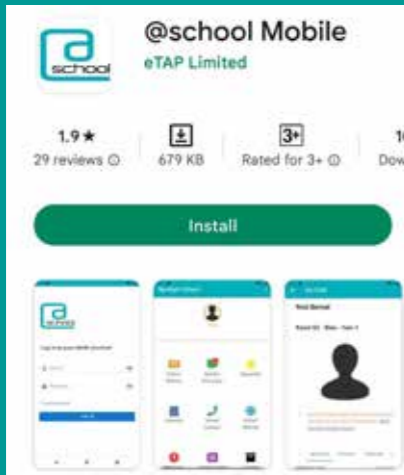
**Support their learning:** Work with your child to address any challenges.

**Celebrate their successes:** Recognize and appreciate their achievements.



## TO GAIN ACCESS TO YOUR STUDENT'S PAGES AS APP ON YOUR PHONE

1. Go to the Apps store and download the @school Mobile app. This is available for both iPhone and Android devices.



2. An email will come to you shortly, please follow the link on this to get your username, then choose accept and a temporary password will be emailed to you. You can then use this username and password to gain access.

## TO GAIN ACCESS THROUGH A PC

1. Go to the Northcross website [www.northcross.school.nz](http://www.northcross.school.nz) and under Quicklinks, click on @school App. This will take you directly to your login details. If for any reason this link sends you to an error page please follow this link [www.atschool.co.nz/app/login](http://www.atschool.co.nz/app/login)



Once you have gone through this way once the above link from our website will work.

2. An email will come to you shortly, please follow the link on this to get your username, then choose accept and a temporary password will be emailed to you. You can then use this username and password to gain access.

3. You will then see this interface for your student.



4. From this screen you can access all of your student's information and learning evidence.



5. Click this icon for evidence of learning, teacher feedback and comments and student reflections.



6. Click this icon for Assessment Summary reports.







# NORTHCROSS

INTERMEDIATE

## TERM DATES FOR 2025

- Term 1:**  
Monday 3 February – Friday 11 April
- Term 2:**  
Monday 28 April – Friday 27 June
- Term 3:**  
Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September
- Term 4:**  
Monday 6 October – Tuesday 16 December

## THE SCHOOL DAY

8.00am	School buildings open
8.30am	Students must be in classrooms
8.45am – 8.55am	Administration
8.55am – 9.45am	Block 1
9.50am – 10.45am	Block 2
10.45am – 11.20am	Interval
11.20am – 12.15pm	Block 3
12.15pm – 1.10pm	Block 4
1.10pm – 1.15pm	Lunch eating
1.15pm – 1.55pm	Lunch
2.00pm – 2.55pm	Block 5
2.55pm – 3.00pm	End of day tidy up
3.00pm	School ends

