

Mairangi Bay School

Our Name

Mairangi originates from the Māori language and holds the beautiful meaning of 'Welcoming sun, from the heavens'. When bestowed as a name, it symbolises a future filled with prosperity and perfection. This is why every Mairangi has an inherent sense of luck, likability, and a well-tempered nature.

Our Story

Mairangi Bay School was established in 1967. It is located in a coastal suburb of North Shore, Auckland, in the North Island of New Zealand. At the heart of our community, and holiday destination, whānau (families) moved to the North Shore, from Auckland City and surrounding areas for a life of prosperity. Positioned on the south-east-facing peninsula forming the northern side of the Waitematā Harbour, protected by Rangitoto Island, the school was a temporary build in response to the growing population. Over half a century later, with two access points, Galaxy Drive and Agathis Avenue, our kura (school) continues to serve the ākonga (learners) from Years 0 to 6, embracing a multicultural demographic and community.

Our kura has an inclusive and supportive culture. It feels warm and magical – a place ākonga genuinely belong. Working in partnership, kaimahi (staff), tamariki (children) and whānau, the school is cultivating a learning community by building and maintaining relationships through the school values of kindness, respect and resilience (atawhai, whakaute, and manawanui). Its vision encourages all community members to 'Be Motivated, Be Brave and Be Sincere'. Together Mairangi Bay School is learning to create a better today and tomorrow.

Our Logo



Our logo consists of four key features. They are: the sky, the Waitematā Harbour, Rangitoto Island and a seagull. Each element represents the heavens (Mairangi), land, sea and life form. The combination of these elements in our school logo conveys a sense of wonder, curiosity, and a holistic approach to education that encompasses both academic learning and a connection to the natural world. It reminds our kura to be kaitiaki (guardians) of our community. The sky is spiritually interconnected to the land, water and life form. We seek to weave this way of being across our programme alongside manaakitanga (care and generosity) and whanaungatanga (kinship) through kotahitanga (togetherness) – in the effort to achieve our school mission.

Our Iwi – Te Kawerau ā Maki

On Wednesday, May 24, 2023, the Mairangi Bay School Board of Trustees and the Manu Whenua of Te Kawerau ā Maki, signed a Mana Kura Memorandum of Understanding. This authentic partnership respectfully acknowledges Te Kawerau ā Maki as the tangata whenua (people of the land) of Waitakere City, who hold customary authority or Mana Whenua within the city. Te Kawerau ā Maki descend from the earliest inhabitants of the area. However, the Kawerau ā Maki people have been a distinct tribal entity since the early 1600s, when their ancestor Maki and his people conquered and settled the district.

Our students, staff and Board of Trustees are very excited to be working alongside our iwi, gathering perspective, ideas and aspirations for our kura and community, in a culturally respectful space, as we learn together to create a better tomorrow.

Ako tahi mō āpōpō pai ake

Learning together to create a better tomorrow

