

WHERE I BELONG.



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**SOUTHWELL
SCHOOL**



“ Selecting a school is a big decision. It obviously has huge implications for your child, but also for the rest of the family. At Southwell we believe our role is to provide a community that together will help your child realise their full potential. ”

You may have heard the expression it takes a village to raise a child. We believe it takes a school, and we believe that school is Southwell.

Please take a moment to look through this brief overview of Southwell and the enrolment process. If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspects of how Southwell can best work for you, your family and your child, simply let us know. My team and I are always available to talk to you, so please don't hesitate to make contact.

I hope to meet soon.

Royce

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“ When I started at Southwell I was a pretty shy kid. This year I was one of the lead characters in Bye Bye Birdie, and performed in front of more than 2,000 people. ”





WHERE YOUR FAMILY BELONGS.

“ As working parents it’s nice to know if we’re stuck at the office Southwell can make sure the kids’ homework, music lessons, and dinner are all taken care of before we pick them up. ”

The world has become a vastly different place since we opened our doors in 1911. Families and their support networks have become smaller, yet distances between home, work, and school have become larger. The pressures of modern society have us working longer hours to provide for our family, but at the same time wishing we could spend more time with them.

At Southwell we’re well prepared for the needs of the modern family. Our before school services and after school care program are lifesavers for working parents. Our extensive extra curricular offering helps children develop outside of the classroom. And our boarding infrastructure allows us to provide meals, as well as overnight, short-term and seasonal stays for your kids should the need arise.

The idea is to remove the stress from family life, so the time you spend together is quality time.

The simple reality of Southwell is that it costs money to send your kids here. It is worth remembering though that the school is owned and operated by a trust and all the money is used in the school. The fees are therefore a true reflection of what it costs to run the scope and breadth of programmes that we offer our students.

Our parents are a diverse group from all different backgrounds, what they have in common is a belief that Southwell represents one of the best investments you can make in your child's future.

“ At first we were worried about fitting in, but we've found a lot of parents at Southwell are just like us. Hardworking, genuine Kiwis who just want the best for their kids. ”



SELECTING A SCHOOL IS A BIG DECISION

We understand that choosing your child's school shouldn't be taken lightly, and finding the right school is an important step towards their future. But you can be assured Southwell provides a safe and fun environment for your child to thrive. And has the staff, services and facilities to meet your family's needs.

Other than this assurance, all we can do is to provide you with any details you require to make an informed decision. If this booklet did not cover something you need, please visit www.southwell.school.nz.

SPECIALIST TEACHING AND FACILITIES

Student learning is supported by a number of specialist teachers who work with students in state-of-the-art learning environments. So while students get a solid grounding in the core curriculum, they also get exposed to a range of specialty subjects. In particular we have specialist teachers for Art, Pottery, Science, Sport/PE, Technology, Music, Drama, eLearning, Chinese, French and Maori.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We have a number of scholarships available for students enrolling at Southwell. Each year the Southwell School Trust Board offers up to four scholarships, each valued at \$2,000 per annum, to Year 6 students entering Year 7 the following year. And families may also be eligible for financial support from the Old Boys and Girls Association, or the Southwell School Foundation.

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THE ENROLMENT PROCESS

Below are the steps to follow should you wish to proceed with an application to enroll at Southwell School.

INTRODUCTION FORM

First things first, we'll gather all the necessary information you need about Southwell. If there is anything else specific you would like to discuss with us, like bus timetables or even the dining hall menu, please let us know.

Once you're fully informed, if you're keen to progress with enrolment we ask that you please complete an introduction form and return it to the school.

INTERVIEW

When we have received your introduction form, we will contact you to book in an interview with Mr Royce Helm, our Headmaster.

The interview is a one-on-one sit down with your family, where we can find out more about each other, and discuss whether we're a good fit. You can also use this opportunity to take a guided tour of the school led by our senior students and ask any questions you might have.

After the interview, you can expect to hear from us within five days with an enrolment offer.

OFFER

The offer is a formal letter which details your child's enrolment status. If your family is to become part of the Southwell community you'll receive a pack including the offer letter, uniform appointment times and orientation information.

We also ask at this point that you complete a full enrolment form to finalise your acceptance.

START

Closer to your child's first day at Southwell you'll be sent details of the new student Orientation Day and information about what can be expected on their first day.

In the meantime, you can also keep up to date with news and events at www.southwell.school.nz



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