

Belmont Intermediate School

Student and Parent Guide 2024



Leading Excellence in Intermediate School Education

Using the Student and Parent Guide

The Student/Parent Guide contains information which will assist you and your child to answer most of the questions that you will have during your time at Belmont Intermediate School. There is a lot of information, but please take the time to read through it all. For ease of reference, the guide is organised by topic in alphabetical order.

Belmont Intermediate School

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Message from the Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Belmont Intermediate School (BIS) and present you with your 'Student and Parent Guide'.

As a school, we will provide our students with a range of exciting and engaging opportunities. At BIS we will encourage and support them to aspire to personal excellence. This means that they set realistic, achievable goals, seek frequent feedback, strive for personal excellence, both inside and outside the classroom, demonstrate high standards of behaviour, take increased responsibility for their learning and uphold our values.

Here at BIS, we encourage our students to think about and be actively involved in their own learning. They will be asked by their teacher to set goals and evaluate their progress.

As a learner at BIS there are five competencies our students will develop during their two years. These are:

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| 1. Global Citizenship | Knowing about and relating to other people, the environment and the world. |
| 2. Collaborative Learner | Knowing how to work with others to achieve a goal. |
| 3. Self-Directed and Reflective Learner | Knowing and thinking about your learning. |
| 4. Effective Communicator | Knowing how to successfully interact with other people, to gather information and express their ideas effectively. |
| 5. Adaptable Thinker | Knowing how to think in different ways to learn effectively and move forward to new challenges. |

These competencies will help our students to become confident learners who can take on new challenges.

As well as these competencies we have six values that are central to our way of life at BIS. These are character values that we think are important in our community.

1. Respect
2. Excellence
3. Humility
4. Courage
5. Creativity
6. Integrity

We will talk about and model these in our daily interactions and during assemblies.

Throughout the year, students will see me regularly in their classrooms, engaging with them in their learning and celebrating their successes. I always look forward to this, and enjoy meeting students and talking to them about their learning.

I hope that all of our students have a challenging and enjoyable year.



Mr Hill
Principal

Absences / Attendance

If your child is absent, parents/ caregivers are asked to notify the school by either emailing the office or using the HERO school app. Parents/ caregivers are asked **NOT** to email the classroom teacher directly to report an absence.

The school office will contact parents/ caregivers if there is an unexplained absence. If there are continued unexplained absences, your child may be asked to make up missed school work during their free time.

Accidents

We can handle minor injuries that occur at school. In the case of serious accidents, we contact parents/ caregivers to take the student to the doctor or hospital. If parents/ caregivers cannot be contacted, or in the case of an emergency, the Principal will arrange for treatment.

Assemblies

The whole school meets every Monday morning for an Administration Assembly. Formal Assemblies are held every second Day 5 in Block 3. During assembly, students are expected to enter and leave the hall respectfully. High standards of behaviour and uniform are expected at all times. Our assemblies centre around celebrating the success of all students at BIS.

Bell and Block Times

8:40am	First bell: students move to class and prepare for the day
8:45am	School commences
8:45am - 10:35am	Block 1 (commences with class roll)
10:35am - 11:00am	Interval
11:00am - 12:50pm	Block 2
12:50pm - 1:40pm	Lunch break
1:40pm - 3:00pm	Block 3 (commences with class roll)

Belmont Music Centre

On Saturday mornings, the school is used by the Belmont Music Centre. The centre aims to provide tuition in most of the standard orchestral instruments, as well as the recorder. The centre has its own orchestra and paid tutors for its operations. For

more details, please contact the Music Centre Manager via info@belmontmusic.org.nz or visit the website www.belmontmusic.org.nz/

Behaviour

At BIS, students have the right to learn and teachers have the right to teach. Any behaviour that infringes on these rights is not acceptable and is dealt with accordingly. The school has clear behaviour management plans that set out behaviour expectations and consequences for inappropriate behaviour. Our values of excellence, respect, courage, humility, creativity and integrity guide the way we behave and relate to each other at BIS.

Bicycles and Scooters

It is compulsory to wear a helmet and a high-visibility vest when cycling or scootering to and from school. There is a great deal of traffic on all roads around the school. The school reserves the right to withdraw a student's permission to cycle or scooter to/from school if any breaches of the road code occur.

Riding in the school grounds is prohibited. Riders must get off their bike or scooter at the gate and walk alongside their bike/scooter down the driveway - and do the reverse on their way home. Bikes or scooters should be stored in the bike shed by the front entrance. Riders must have a safety chain or padlock to lock their bike or scooter. The school will take all possible care of bicycles that are stored correctly during school hours but will not accept any responsibility for bicycles or scooters that are stolen or damaged.

All students cycling or scootering to and from school should have signed a cycling/ scooter agreement (found on our website 'Parents A - Z') either as a separate form or as part of their enrolment form.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Students are encouraged to bring a device that meets the school's [BYOD guidelines](#). All students should have signed a [Digital Citizenship Agreement](#) as part of their enrolment application form. Devices are locked away at interval and lunchtime. All devices must go home daily to be charged.

Buses

The Auckland Transport (AT) school bus service is provided by Ritchies Bus Company, which determines both routes and fares. However, the school works in coordination with the company to ensure that all students behave on the buses. Complaints from drivers are dealt with at school and parents are involved if any serious misdemeanours occur. Ritchies Bus Company has the final say as to who will travel on its buses and the school reserves the right to suspend from travel any students whose behaviour is a threat to the safety of others.

Students using the bus are encouraged to purchase a Hop Card (re-programmable electronic pass) available from the driver on all Ritchies Buses or Auckland Transport. This also makes the journeys cheaper.

Students line up on the concrete path above the car park on Winscombe Street nearest the Takapuna Grammar School driveway by Gate 1.

We recommend you check the Auckland Transport website for bus timetable updates:
<https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/timetables/school-timetables/belmont-intermediate/>

Bus routes are as follows (subject to change):

Stanley Bay to Belmont Intermediate Bus – 081

Morning – departs 8.05am from Stanley Bay (from stop outside park), via Calliope Rd, left into Victoria Rd, via Albert Rd, via Lake Rd, right into Winscombe St, arrives at Belmont Intermediate approx 8.25am

Stanley Bay to Belmont Intermediate Bus – 082

Morning – departs 8.00am (and 9am Wednesdays) from Stanley Bay (from stop outside park), via Calliope Rd, left into Victoria Rd, via Albert Rd, via Lake Rd, right into Winscombe St, arrives at Belmont Intermediate approx 8.20am

Devonport to Belmont Schools Bus – 083

Morning – departs 7.55am from outside Devonport Ferry Terminal, King Edward Parade, left into Cheltenham Rd, left into Tainui Rd, right into Vauxhall Rd, via Old Lake Rd, right into Hamana St, via Seacliffe Ave, left into Williamson Ave, right into Lake Rd, right into Winscombe St, arrives at Belmont Intermediate at 8.20am approx

Return Trips

Belmont Intermediate to Stanley Bay Bus – 081

Afternoon – departs 3.10pm from Belmont Intermediate in Winscombe St, right into Seacliffe Ave, right into Williamson Ave, left into Lake Rd, right into Albert Rd, via Victoria Rd, right into Calliope Rd, via Stanley Point Rd, arrives at Second Ave at 3.40pm approx

Belmont Intermediate to Devonport Bus – 084

Afternoon – departs 3.10pm from Belmont Intermediate in Winscombe St, right into Seacliffe Ave, via Hamana St, left into Old Lake Rd, via Vauxhall Rd, pick up pupils from Vauxhall Primary near Morrison Ave, continue via Vauxhall Rd, left into Tainui Rd, right into Cheltenham Rd, right into King Edward Parade, right into Church St, left into Albert Rd, via Victoria Rd, arrives at Devonport Ferry Terminal at 3.55pm approx

Calendar

Please check our school website calendar of all school events; this is regularly updated www.belmontint.school.nz/calendar/

Car Parks/ Student Drop-Off and Collection

The staff carparks, via Gate 1 and Gate 2 on Winscombe Street, are for **staff and visitors only**. Please do not use these carparks or entrances to drop off or collect students. Additionally, please do not use the driveway on Lake Road (Gate 3) for dropping off or collecting. **This is a safety issue**, and is in place to keep all of our students safe.

Camps

All Year 8 students will attend camp in Term 1, further [camp information](#) can be found on the school website. Any additional information will be communicated to parents via Hero.

Change of Contact Details

If any of your contact details change during the year (e.g. home address, telephone number, parent's/ caregiver's mobile numbers, email addresses or emergency contacts etc.), it is very important that you notify the [school office](#).

Collecting Students Early or for an Appointment

If students need to leave school during school hours for a personal reason, e.g. doctor or dentist, parents/ caregivers must email both their child's teacher and the [office](#) in advance, where possible, so we are able to remind the student to come to the office for collection. Due to the size of the school and individual timetables, locating students can not always be guaranteed by the office staff without prior notice.

Students are required to report to the office to enter their name, room number and a reason for leaving school on the VisTab Tablet. If they return to school at the conclusion of their appointment, report to the office and record the return time on the tablet.

Class Captains and Vice Captains

Each class elects a Captain and Vice-Captain every two terms. Teachers will outline responsibilities, and regular meetings will be held with the assigned teacher in charge of Class Captains. The appointed Class Captains will wear badges at all times.

Communication

The school communicates with parents and caregivers using a range of media with our SMS [HERO](#) being the primary method. School newsletters and other correspondence are notified via HERO and printed copies are given to students who do not have internet access at home. If parents/ caregivers are not receiving notifications please email [Mrs Byrne](#), Executive Assistant to the Principal.

Belmont Intermediate School also uses [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). The school website www.belmontint.school.nz is also a wealth of information for parents and caregivers.

Teachers at BIS will email a fortnightly update to parents/ caregivers highlighting key events, homework expectations and keeping them informed about the day to day running of the classroom.

Use of the school phone is only to be used in the case of emergency. Forgetting lunch, shoes, homework etc. does not constitute an emergency.

Messages for students - unless it is an emergency, we ask that parents and caregivers refrain from calling the school office to pass on messages to students - this interrupts the classroom and teacher. Please discuss after-school arrangements etc. before leaving for school in the morning.

Conferences

The school encourages parents/ caregivers to arrange meetings with their child's teacher if they have any concerns about progress or behaviour. There will be a parent/ teacher conference at the end of Term 1. Teachers themselves may request meetings with parents if they have concerns.

Conferences take place after written reports are sent out. We also enjoy having contact with parents/ caregivers about the positive aspects of their child's schooling.

Damage To School Property

If students cause any intentional damage to school property or equipment, parents/ caregivers will be informed and they may be asked to pay for the cost of repairs or replacement.

Dental Clinic

The dental nurse at the Belmont Dental Clinic not only gives dental treatment and inspects student's teeth, but also advises about teeth, diet and general health habits. The nurse will send parents an appointment time and student's will be reminded of this on the Daily Dash on the morning of their appointment time. If a dental problem or an injury occurs, students may visit the dental nurse or parents can call the clinic to arrange a consultation during school hours. The dental clinic is located on Winscombe Street, Gate 1. The phone number is (09) 445 6664.

Discos

Discos are held during the year in our school hall and are run by our PTA. Below are some guidelines for our school discos:

respect | excellence | humility | courage | creativity | integrity
manaaki | hiranga | tū whakaiti | kaha | auahatanga | ngākau tapatahi

- Students are supervised by parents and teachers at all times and are not allowed to leave the hall until the conclusion of the disco.
- All students **must be dropped off** and **collected from the hall** by a parent, caregiver or nominated adult.
- All tickets must be pre-purchased through the [Online Shop](#). Students will be advised when tickets are on sale.
- Students are permitted to bring a small amount of money as cold drinks and snacks will be on sale during the disco.

EOTC

Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) takes place during Term 1 with Year 8 Camp and Year 7 EOTC Week. It can also happen in the form of trips for classroom learning or for specialist subjects. Teachers will send out information closer to the time with an itinerary and cost breakdown.

EzLunch

Ezlunch provides delicious and nutritious food which can be ordered through the school's [Online Shop](#). Ezlunch is provided by Five Loaves in Devonport (Tuesday - Friday) and Pita Pit (Monday and Friday only), both of which have been accredited with the Heart Foundation's Fuelled4Life certification. Order by 11pm the night before or in advance. Ordered lunches will be delivered to the school and Lunch Monitors will collect them from the school office and deliver them to classrooms.

Fizzy Drinks

Coca Cola, Fanta, energy drinks and soft drinks etc. are **not** permitted at school. They hinder learning and contain too much sugar, which is not a healthy choice. There are water fountains located around the school.

Hall

The hall is out of bounds at all times **unless supervised by a teacher** - this includes before and after school.

Homework

Homework will be given as part of the teaching and learning programme. The format will vary depending on the units being studied in the classroom. If students have any problems with any aspect of the homework, they can speak to their classroom teacher.

House / School Organisation

All classes are either Year 7 or Year 8. The school is divided into four houses corresponding to lighthouses: Brett, Cuvier, Pencarrow and Tiri. There is a mixture of students from each class in each house. In addition to the four houses, there are four teaching and learning teams, in Year 8 we have Rangitoto and Motuihe and in Year 7, Rakino and Motutapu.

House Points

Every week the houses compete in categories which reflect all aspects of school life. The house points are read out at the Formal Assembly. When a house wins three times, they are allowed to wear mufti on a date agreed with a Deputy Principal. The winning house for the term is rewarded with a special privilege.

House Sport

House Sport will take place on Day 6 in Terms 1 (commences Week 7) and 4 (weather permitting), during block 3. All students will be involved. Students will compete against other houses in a range of different sporting activities.

Internet

We encourage the use of the internet at Belmont Intermediate School to aid with teaching and learning. However, it must be in accordance with the rules set out in the school's Digital Citizenship Agreement which all students signed on enrolment. If you require clarification of this policy, please discuss it with your homeroom teacher or [Mrs Tyler](#).

Jewellery

For safety reasons, only a wristwatch and a single set of gold or silver plain studs for pierced ears - no markings, stones or engraving - are permitted. In the interest of safety or hygiene, any teacher has the right to request jewellery is removed.

Kapa Haka Group

This group is open to any student and meets weekly. Mrs Furlong works with our Kapa Haka tutors.

Lateness

If you arrive at school later than 8:45am, students **MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE AND SIGN IN** using the VisTab tablet. They will be issued with a late sticker which they take to their class teacher to show they have signed in. This is a check for the office staff so that they can cross your child's name off the absence list. In cases of repeated lateness, the Deputy Principals or the Principal will contact parents/ caregivers.

Leadership - Head Boy & Head Girl

At Belmont Intermediate School we have a Head Boy and Head Girl. **Charlie Talbot** and **Indi Holland** will lead a group of 13 School Leaders throughout 2024.

Library

The library area has a good selection of books and eBooks. The library will be open to students from 1:20pm (daily, from Week 2 - 3 approximately in Term 1). A staff member will be able to assist you with research needed to complete classroom projects. Your class will also have set library sessions. Two students from each class are chosen as class librarians. You may borrow up to two books at a time for two weeks. You will be charged for any books that you lose or damage. Good and quiet behaviour applies in the library. Students are not permitted in the library without a teacher present. Our Library Manager is Mrs Spillane.

Lost Property

Please make sure that your child's uniform is **clearly labelled with their surname**. When uniform is labelled, students have a much higher chance of it being returned to them. Do not leave hats, PE gear, etc. on top of school bags or in your cloak bays. It is easy to lose items when they are not stored safely in school bags. If students lose something, they are directed to check the classroom and cloak bay first.

Lost property will be open to students weekly on Tuesdays at 1:20pm - 1:40pm, located in the Lost Property Room, adjacent to the school hall. Any lost property collected from around the school will be initially stored in the bin inside the hall foyer, opposite

the Lost Property Room - this is the first stop for trying to find lost items. Our lost property coordinator is Mrs Spillane. Students can find her in the Resource Room, contact her at resource@belmontint.school.nz or ring her on 09 489 4878 ext 210. Mrs Spillane is unable to search for individual items.

Lost Property - Students' Lunch Boxes

In previous years, we have experienced a number of issues with lunch boxes being left in the playground and not claimed by students. The environmental impact is significant; therefore, we encourage students to take food out of their lunch boxes for morning tea and lunchtime, leaving their lunch box in their bag, and place wrapping paper and rubbish in the bins provided.

Make up and nail varnish (including acrylic nails)

Make-up, acrylic nails and nail varnish are **not** to be worn at school under any circumstances, including mufti days.

Messages

Only one person is to deliver a message for the teacher. Students do not need to take a friend with them.

Mobile Phones

Students are not permitted to have their mobile phones on their person or in their bag during the school day. Upon arriving at school, students **must** hand in their mobile phone to the main office (turned off or on silent) for the duration of the day. Students can then collect their phone at the end of the day from the main office before departing school.

Any student found in possession of a mobile phone during the school day will be required to hand in the phone to the Deputy Principal responsible for their year group (Year 7 - Mrs Keeley / Mrs Tyler (from Term 2), Year 8 - Mr Oldham). Parents/ caregivers will be contacted and asked to come in and collect the phone. A second offence will mean the phone can no longer be brought to school. There is no flexibility on this.

Mufti Days

The house that wins house points three times is allowed to wear mufti on a nominated day. Mufti attire should not endanger you in practical learning sessions. Crop tops, shoe-string tops and short shorts are deemed inappropriate for school wear. Students still need to wear school PE gear for fitness, PE or sport. The rules for nails,, make-up and jewellery wearing apply on mufti days.

Notices - BIS Daily Dash

Daily notices are communicated via the [Daily Dash](#); it is the student's responsibility to listen to it carefully for the daily notices or read it online. Students can access the Daily Dash via their class website. Students without devices can access the information via the daily dash monitors or the classroom teacher.

Online Shop/ Payments

Payment for all school fees, activities, events, sports and lunches can be made via the school's [Online Shop](#).

Orchestra/ Performing Arts

If your child is interested in joining the Orchestra or taking part in Performing Arts, [click here](#) for our Performing Arts Site for more information.

Out of Bounds

Students are not permitted to leave the school during school hours without a request from their parents.

Students are not permitted in the following areas:

1. In the hall, library or language suite without a teacher
2. Bike shed or car park behind rooms 1 - 7
3. Any car park area unless using the pedestrian crossing
4. In classrooms without a teacher
5. Behind the LSC/Rm 21 (Lake Road side)
6. Behind the Specialist Block (Winscombe Street side)
7. On any roofs
8. In the Takapuna Grammar School grounds
9. On the Takapuna Grammar School driveway.

Students are not to use cloak bays or toilets of other classes without permission. An announcement will be made over the loudspeaker if the fields are out of bounds.

Physical Education Uniform

The BIS PE uniform must be worn for all PE activities, including mufti days. Students must wear sports shoes with their PE uniform or bare feet. **School shoes are not to be worn with PE gear at any time.**

Physical and Verbal Harassment

The school does not tolerate physical or verbal harassment. We have a policy that sets out clear guidelines as to how such behaviour will be dealt with. If any student is intimidating you, see your teacher, team leader or the Deputy Principal for your year (Year 7 - Mrs Keeley / Mrs Tyler (from Term 2), Year 8 - Mr Oldham).

Resource Room

The Resource Room is where school resources are held and is managed by Mrs Spillane. Two resource room monitors are chosen by the classroom teacher and training is provided to resource room monitors.

Road Patrol

The crossing on Winscombe Street is patrolled before and after school. When crossing on Winscombe Street, **students MUST use the crossing and follow the directions of the road patrol students and the teacher on duty.**

Roof

If the ball you are playing with goes onto the roof, do not climb up on the roof to retrieve the ball, all school roofs are out of bounds. You are to tell the Property Manager, Mr Haydn Colquhoun.

School Leaders and House Captains

At our Prize Giving last year, Mr Hill announced 13 new School Leaders and 12 House Captains for 2024. These leaders have school and community responsibilities and can be identified by the badges they wear while at school. These students are leaders within the school and are available to talk to you if you have ideas that you would like discussed at their weekly meetings.

Sickness

If you become ill at school, report to the school administrator and first aider, Mrs Churches or Mrs Byrne, who will admit you to the sickbay and possibly contact your parents/ caregivers to take you home. Friends must not stay with you in the sickbay and your teacher must be notified of the reason for your absence. **It is not acceptable for students to contact their parents via email, text or using a smartwatch to ask to be collected.** Students must report to the office in the first instance.

Specialist Lessons

It is a health and safety requirement for students to wear covered shoes in specialist rooms, with the exception of the art and music rooms. If you wear sandals, you may bring sports shoes (sneakers) to school for specialist lessons. Please note you cannot, however, wear your sports shoes to or from school, before school or during break times.

Sport

Belmont Intermediate School aims to:

- Provide a variety of opportunities that enable and encourage student participation in the sporting life of the school
- Maintain high standards of behaviour on and off the field, uniform and fair play are expected at all times
- Provide, where possible, a range of social and competitive teams
- Promote sporting excellence
- Provide, coaches, managers and administrators who will assist and encourage sporting excellence.

Students who represent Belmont Intermediate School on the sports field are expected to:

- Play to win but play within the rules
- Represent the school with pride at all times
- Respect the decisions of the match officials at all times
- Support their teammates
- Wear the correct sports uniform at all times
- Attend and be punctual to all practices and meetings.

Sports Camp / AIMS Games

During Term 2, a team of between 30-40 students represent BIS at a sports camp in Totara Springs, Matamata. We are also represented by a number of teams and individuals at the annual AIMS Games Competition, held in Tauranga in Term 3. The AIMS Games is a national sporting event for intermediate school children across New Zealand and Australia. The school makes decisions about which teams attend the AIMS Games, not parents or local sports clubs.

All sports registrations are done online. Links to register for sports can be found on the [school website](#). If you have any queries regarding sport at BIS, please see [Mr Simpson](#) in the Sports Office.

Stationery

You should have already received a list of all the stationery you need to purchase. A full list can be found on our website. Please ensure all of your stationery and equipment is named. Exercise books need to be covered and are to be free of graffiti. You may be asked to replace a book if it is not possible to clean it up.

All books are set out consistently across the school and teachers will show you how to set your books out. We do not sell stationery at Belmont Intermediate School.

Student Learning Conferences

Student learning conferences are scheduled for the end of Term 1 and also early in Term 3 after the mid-year report has been sent home. Students are encouraged to be actively involved in the conferences along with parents/ caregivers.

Term Dates 2024

Term 1: 1 February - 12 April

Term 2: 29 April - 5 July

Term 3: 22 July - 27 September

Term 4: 14 October - 17 December

Timetables

Belmont Intermediate School operates a new 6-day timetable. All students are given individual timetables by their classroom teacher.

Uniforms

Students at Belmont Intermediate School are required to wear the correct uniform at all times. Personal grooming is important at our school and uniform standards must be maintained at all times.

The school uniform must be worn correctly at all times, including during travel to and from school. If you are not wearing the correct uniform, you will need to bring a note from home explaining the reason. Your teacher will then issue a temporary uniform pass. All teachers will be keeping a record of those students who are repeatedly not wearing the correct uniform. Graffiti on school uniforms is not tolerated in any shape or form.

Click here for a full list of uniform items and descriptions. <https://www.belmontint.school.nz/enrolment-bis/>

Uniform regulations

- Belmont Intermediate School uniform must be worn to and from school and for all school functions
- Items that are not part of the school uniform may not be worn. Undergarments must not be visible
- Approved footwear and BIS socks only to be worn, long socks must be worn pulled up
- The sports uniform is to be worn for all physical education lessons and sports events
- Uniforms must be neat and tidy at all times. **All items should be clearly named**
- A **high-visibility vest must be worn when riding** a bicycle/ scooter to and from school
- For safety reasons, only the following jewellery may be worn:
 - a wristwatch
 - a single set of gold or silver plain studs for pierced ears - no markings, stones or engraving
- The school-branded cap or bucket hat must be worn for all outdoor activities, including morning break and lunchtimes in Terms 1 and 4
- Lipstick and eye makeup are not permitted
- Nail polish is permitted as long as it is transparent (clear). Nails must be kept short and neat. Acrylic/ false nails are not permitted
- Hair must be well-groomed and tidy, hair ties and hair adornments are only permitted in navy blue or black
- Only hair colours in the natural human hair range are acceptable. Purple, orange, lime green, pink etc. are not permitted
- Unnatural coloured hair extensions or any hair extensions/ beading/ extension braids of any kind are not permitted
- In the interest of safety or hygiene, any teacher has the right to request hair is tied back, or jewellery removed

Shoes

Every student must wear correct school footwear and socks to, during and from school (in accordance with the BIS uniform regulations). Branded sports/ canvas shoes are not acceptable as formal footwear, if Birkenstocks are worn, they must have a backstrap. Sports socks/ non-BIS socks are not acceptable with formal school shoes.

In the event a student needs to wear alternative shoes for medical reasons, a letter from their GP confirming the issue and approximate length of time, will be required.

To comply with health and safety rules, covered shoes MUST be worn for science, food tech and hard/ digital tech.

All uniform items, except the PE uniform, hat, hoodie and scarf can be purchased from Yarntons in Devonport. Please visit <http://www.yarntons.co.nz> for more information. Yarntons is located at 77 Victoria Road, Devonport, phone (09) 445 3479.

Valuables

Students must accept responsibility for any valuables that they bring to school, i.e: iPods, iPads, tablets, laptops, mp3 players, cd players, electronic games and money.

Visiting the Principal

Mr Hill always welcomes and encourages visits from students. He has an open-door policy. When students visit the Principal, they need to announce themselves to Mrs Churches first, use manners, then knock on the door and wait to be invited in by Mr Hill.

Wet Days

If a 'wet day' is announced over the intercom the following organisation will be in place:

- Students remain in their own rooms
- Meetings, practices etc. are cancelled unless called by the teacher in charge
- The Library is closed and you should return to your classroom
- Normal school hours apply

Bells to signal a change are as follows:

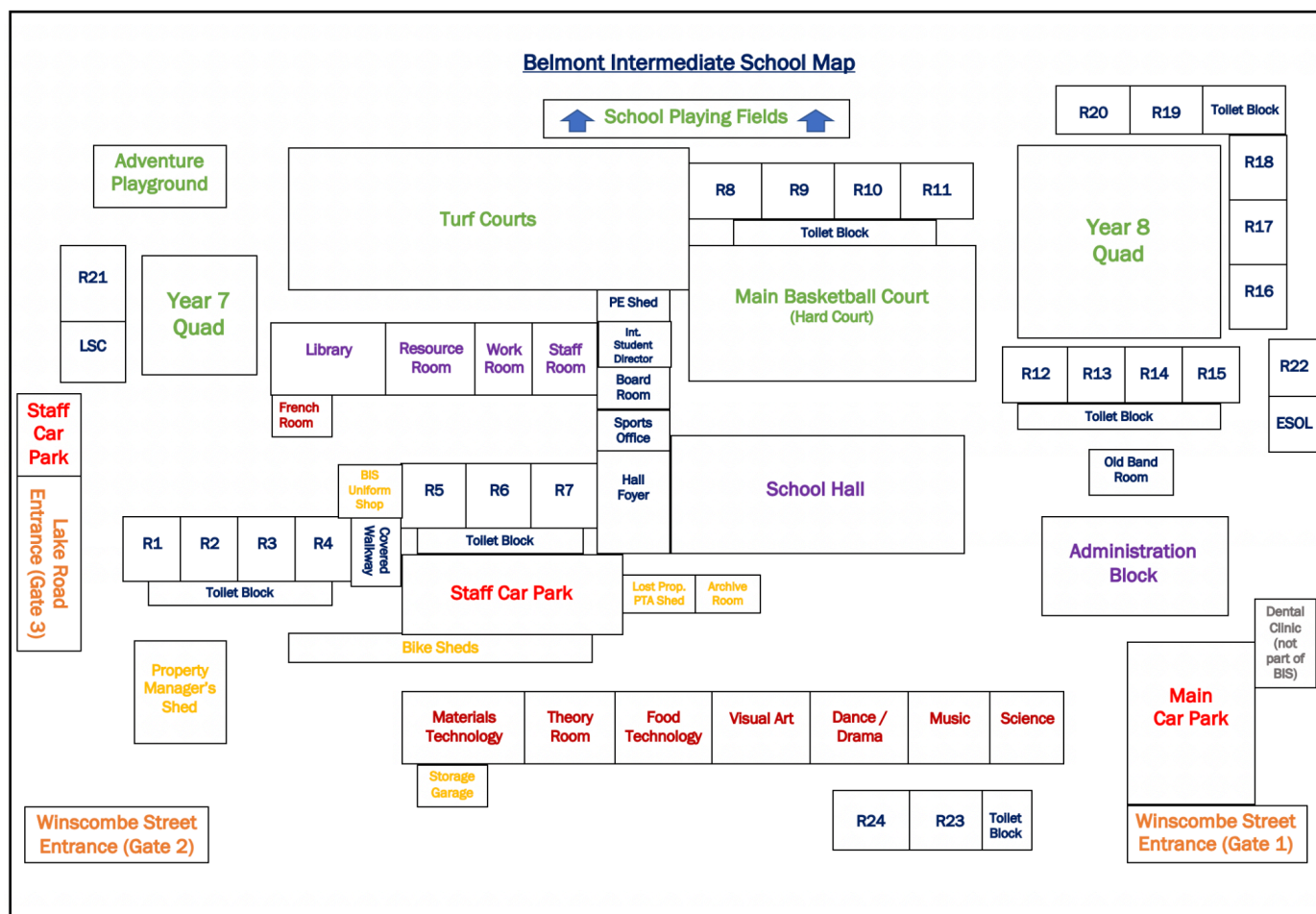
2 bells - everyone inside (I - N)

3 bells - everyone outside (O - U - T)

Zone Days

Belmont Intermediate School participates in the Harbour Sports Zone Days where intermediate schools across North Harbour compete in a number of sporting codes. Zone day teams for swimming, cross-country and athletics are selected from participants of the school's swimming sports, cross country and athletics days. Hockey, netball and basketball zone day teams are represented by the schools after school sports teams for these codes. All other zone day teams are open for all students to participate and teams will be selected through trials. Students are limited to attend two Zone Days per term. To view the zone days for the year, please go to <https://www.belmontint.school.nz/sports/zone-days/>

Map of the School



The BIS School Song

Upon the sea of knowledge,
We have embarked together,
In our ship the Belmont,
Through fair and stormy weather.
The Principal is steering,
He navigates the shoal,
We're on a two year journey,
And learning is our goal.

Chorus

So we'll hold fast the tiller,
Our course set straight and true,
We'll sail into tomorrow,
With hope and courage too.
We know that it's old fashioned,
To say peace and brotherhood,
But Belmont Intermediate can,
Be a force for good.

Our watch cry it is effort,
Which means we try our best,
We'll persevere with learning,
Until we gain success.
The Belmont is a small craft,
With many dreams on board,
And if we pull together,
We'll be a force for good.

Chorus

Ahead are four lighthouses,
To guide us safely shoreward,
Each syndicate tries hard for,
It's name upon the scoreboard.
Still glowing green is Cuvier,
Brave Tiri's light shines yellow,
True blue the light that Brett sheds,
And bright red is Pencarrow.

Chorus

Maori

E ihoa atua
O nga iwi matoura
Ata whakarongonga
Me aroha noa

Kia hua ko te pai
Kia tauto atawhai
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa

English

God of Nations at thy feet
In the bonds of love we meet
Hear our voices we entreat
God defend our free land
Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war
Make her praises heard afar
God defend New Zealand