



...Digitally enhanced classroom

Today's students 'the generation of digital learners', expect to be connected anywhere, anytime.

Our focus in the digitally enhanced classrooms is on utilising the equipment to enhance the learning of literacy, numeracy and inquiry learning. An environment suited to diverse learning needs from those who need significant support in their learning through to the gifted student. The curriculum taught is no different to a regular classroom, just delivered in a digital format. There is a balance of computers to book work with students using digital activities to support their learning; web quests, interactive games, and teacher created challenges. Accessing an ever increasing range of digital resources and online learning programmes enhances the inquiry-based learning programme.

Currently we have six digitally enhanced classrooms (three year seven and three year eight). If you would like your child to be considered for the digitally enhanced classrooms, more information and an application form to register your interest will be available at the open night or from the School office.

Digital access for all classrooms

All classrooms have at least 10 networked computers which have controlled and monitored access to the Internet. The Information Technology Room is time-tabled for all classes. All students have quality learning opportunities with communication technology through computers, video and digital cameras irrespective of which class they are in. Tuition is also provided through our Focused Friday Programme and Computer Club.



...Education beyond the classroom

At Gisborne Intermediate we ensure all students are offered a varied range of physical opportunities and challenges.

- **Camping** – All students take part in a camping experience at the beginning of the year with a focus on water safety.
- **Action Week** – *Venturing Into The Wider World* It is held at the end of Term 3. A unique week designed to develop interests and passions and to also provide learning opportunities beyond Gisborne. We offer a range of activities during the week from which children can select, including: overseas cultural experience, skiing, big city adventures, mountain biking, mural painting, Maori crafts, and many one day activities. The stated aim of the week is to ensure that we provide a range of learning experiences that children might not otherwise have access to.

Sporting opportunities

We have close and easy access to Gisborne's best sporting facilities and these are regularly used during lunchtime, physical education lessons and sports times, before and after school.

Staff are directly involved in the coaching of cricket, netball, rugby, hockey, soccer, gymnastics, road cycling, mountain biking, swimming, touch rugby, badminton, squash, surfing, basketball, golf, sailing, kayaking, waka ama, and ultimate frisbee. All students, regardless of skill level, are given high level coaching.

In addition, all students also have access to lunch time sports, cross country, triathlon, quadathlon, athletics and inter class competitions.

For our top sports students, teams and individuals compete in sports exchanges with Whakatane and compete in the Bay of Plenty/Poverty Bay Intermediate Schools Championships sporting fixtures across at least 17 sporting codes.

