



**Haere Mai - Welcome to
Te Atatu Intermediate
School!**

On your first day

Dear New Students/Whanau!

Year 7 and all new students, your first day of school will be on **Wednesday 3rd February 2021**.

The Year 8 students will join you on Friday 5th February, allowing you the Wednesday to get to know your teacher, your new class mates and your new school.

You should aim to arrive at school around 8.30am, dressed in your new uniform. It might feel a bit strange at first, but you quickly get used to it. If it is hot, don't bother with your sweatshirt, you can leave it at home. Sandals are the best option for the first month or so as it can be quite hot, but if you wear socks, please make sure they are the crew or ankle socks (girls) with the turned down tops, please, not sports socks.

On the first day it would be a good idea for you to look for a friend, so organise it before you come - especially where you may meet up. It is always nice to see a familiar face, especially if you are a bit nervous, which is normal. You will hear the bell go at 8.40am and you should then assemble on the covered court by the flagpole. Teachers will be there to guide you.

From the court, you will head into the school hall for our powhiri to welcome you and your whanau to our school.

One of the teachers will be happy to help if you get lost.

School caps

You will need to bring your school cap on the first day, this is an important part of your uniform for the summer terms in particular. School caps and other uniform items can be purchased at **Te Atatu Menswear**, in the main street of Te Atatu Peninsula. Some other things you will need on your first day:



- Pens and pencils, eraser, colour pencils etc
- Some refill or an exercise book - an old one with old pages cut out would be fine
- Your PE gear might be needed because it will be hot and you will enjoy getting out of your uniform for a lesson. (Of course, you may not have PE on the first day, but it's a good idea to be prepared!)

Have all clothing named please - In permanent marker. The best place is on the inside hem.

If you need to bring a phone, please make sure to give this to your teacher as we do not allow phones during the day. Each class will have a safe that they are safely locked away in until the end of the day.

Bring your lunch on the first day or buy it on the way because the tuck shop will not be open that first day. (Remember to bring your manners too! We love good manners)

If you catch the bus, look up the stops for the 131 public bus. You will need an AT hop card for the bus. They come every 20 minutes right to the shopping centre in the Peninsula. I will help you to make sure you get on the right bus at the end of the day. It may pay to have a practice with mum or dad during the holidays - Remember it is the 131 bus that you need to catch.

Stationery

This year we are using **Qizzle (previously known as Eeny Meeny)** for our stationery which can be ordered online and delivered to your address, including a basic diary for school needs. We do not stock any stationery at school. If you wish to purchase stationery yourself, please see the list of items required. Please don't worry if you don't have your stationery for the first few days because you can just bring a refill pad or an old exercise book till you get your stationery. It is a good idea to get them covered and named. **(PLEASE NOTE – PARENTS DO NOT NEED TO PURCHASE DEVICES.)**



Please note that as a school we have entered into the Ministry of Education donations scheme, which means that there will be **NO SCHOOL DONATION REQUIRED**.

AND FINALLY...

Please don't be scared, I know it may be hard not to be. It is normal to feel a little anxious with changes. Our teachers are firm, but kind and are there to help you get settled and make a great start to your new school. Any questions you may have, you can contact the school - or go on our website, www.teatatu.school.nz to contact a teacher or the office. I look forward to seeing you all on the 3rd February, but make sure you do enjoy the rest of your holiday. **Ka kite ano.**

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