

Newlands School Context 2017

<p>Students' Learning</p>	<p>Over the last five years at Newlands School the percentage of students achieving at or above the National Standards in reading, writing and mathematics has been relatively consistent but is trending down. The school has experienced considerable roll growth over this time. The accuracy of the school's data has improved in the last three years, and the OTJs teachers make place students squarely at or above a standard rather than students hanging on by the skin of their teeth.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 10%;"></th> <th style="width: 33%;">Reading at or above the National Standard (% of all students)</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Writing at or above the National Standard (% of all students)</th> <th style="width: 24%;">Mathematics at or above the National Standard (% of all students)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2012</td> <td style="text-align: center;">93.6%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">88.1%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">88.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2013</td> <td style="text-align: center;">91.8%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">85.1%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">87.7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2014</td> <td style="text-align: center;">89.3%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">83.5%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">86.1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2015</td> <td style="text-align: center;">86.5%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">80.1%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">83.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2106</td> <td style="text-align: center;">84.9%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">78.4%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">77.5%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The data includes all identified special needs students and all English Language learners.</p>		Reading at or above the National Standard (% of all students)	Writing at or above the National Standard (% of all students)	Mathematics at or above the National Standard (% of all students)	2012	93.6%	88.1%	88.8%	2013	91.8%	85.1%	87.7%	2014	89.3%	83.5%	86.1%	2015	86.5%	80.1%	83.5%	2106	84.9%	78.4%	77.5%
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<p>Student Engagement</p>	<p>The Newlands School community places a high value on education and are pro-active in helping their children in education. Most students arrive at school with a positive attitude, ready and able to learn. A large number of the school's students speak a language other than English at home. The Positive Choices Programme is widely acknowledged in the Newlands School community of learners as a valuable tool to enhance student engagement.</p> <p>Attendance at Newlands School is generally high but some families do present attendance problems. We encourage all families to notify us about children's absences, and the vast majority of absences are legitimate. Attendance is a well talked about subject at Newlands School through the newsletter and parent meetings, and daily contact is made with families whose children are absent. The families who have absence problems tend to have other stresses in their lives which impact negatively on the children's schooling and are well monitored by the school. Letters and phone calls are used to discuss absence issues with families with a view to helping them attend school regularly.</p> <p>Lateness is not an issue for the vast majority of children. The children who are regularly late are well monitored and families are encouraged to get their children to school in a timely fashion.</p>																								
<p>School Organisation and Structures</p>	<p>Health and Safety: All good practice health and safety checks are made and documentation and actions are completed as required. Newlands School provides a safe and inclusive place for students to learn in, for teachers to teach in, and for other staff to work in.</p> <p>Personnel: Teaching staff: 14 full-time classroom teachers, .8 Special Needs teacher, .3 Reading Recovery, .8 fixed-term release teacher (starting Week 4 Term 1), 1 non-teaching principal. Support staff: 3 teacher aides, 2 office staff, 1 caretaker.</p> <p>Property: Newlands School has four newly completed teaching spaces comprising two re-locatable and one new building. There are 16 teaching spaces. The 10 Year Property Plan has MOE approval. Newlands School has been SNUPed with cable and wireless and is on the N4L network. One building is under scrutiny for historical weather-tightness issues, with remedial drainage work expected to be completed in 2017. Block 2 (Te Pahi Syndicate), a four classroom block is due to be reoccupied mid-February 2017 following a total internal renovation into a modern learning environment that has taken 9 months to complete..</p>																								
<p>Review of Charter and Consultation</p>	<p>The Newlands School Board of Trustees consulted the school community on the school charter and strategic goals in September through to November 2013. The new draft Charter was put to the community for discussion in early December 2013 and the final Charter was ratified by the BOT mid-February 2014. The Vision, Mission and Strategic Goals are firmly endorsed by the school BOT, staff, parents and wider community. The school charter goals will be reviewed in 2017 with the school community.</p> <p>The Newlands School Board of Trustees consulted with the school community about how the school implements the health curriculum in mid 2016 as part of the two yearly cycle of consultation.</p> <p>The Newlands School Enrolment Zone was implemented in April 2013 and is reviewed annually. The Enrolment Zone is still in place in its original form because of continuing classroom space constrictions.</p> <p>All school policies are available on the school website, through SchoolDocs, and are reviewed on a three year community/BOT/Staff review cycle.</p>																								

