

Opportunities for Success

(Updated for 2026)

What does Ponsonby Intermediate offer outside the New Zealand Curriculum?

This document outlines the extra-curricular activities and sports which are on offer at Ponsonby Intermediate as well as the teachers that are in charge of each one. Students find out about these opportunities in our daily notices, our school newsletter, the school website and at the assemblies that take place during the week.

We are not limited to the sports and activities stated below and are more than happy to help coordinate with parents if interest in a certain activity arises. Also, these activities may not always take place every year and will depend on availability of resources (facilities and equipment) and the amount of interest from students. You will find the teachers email on our school website.

Sports - Seasonal

The following is a list of season sports run by the school. However, parent help is required to help with organisation, coaching, managing and transport.

Basketball

Games will be played on the North Shore throughout the year in two semesters. Games are played on Monday evenings and students are expected to attend training set by the coach and manager during the week.

Teacher in Charge: Sam Jardine

Water Polo

Water Polo is played at various schools around Auckland from May until November. Games are played on Friday evenings with training taking place on Tuesday evening (*subject to change with pool availability*). Teams will be invited to enter three different weekend tournaments throughout the year.

Teacher in Charge: Michelle Murray

Netball

Played on the North Shore on Thursday evenings. Training is during, before or after school and depends on the coach.

Teacher in Charge: Michelle Murray

Hockey

Played on the North Shore and have both 11 aside and 6 aside options depending on numbers and parent help

Teacher in Charge: Michelle Murray

Lunchtime Interclass Sport

All 20 Ponsonby classes participate in sports on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday depending on the timetable and weather. 7 sports are played during this time over the year and reinforces skills learnt during the PE lessons.

Teacher in Charge: Sam Jardine and Michelle Murray

Ski and Snowboard Team

Trials are run through Snow Planet through Term 2. Parent transport is required to make this happen as well as help during the tournament week. Regular meetings are held at school with parents leading up to the tournament.

Teacher in Charge: Nick Wilson, Michelle Murray

Central Zone Sports Teams

There are many sports that are entered by Ponsonby Intermediate. Students will trial for each team and then attend a tournament day for each of the sports. Please refer to the table below which outlines the sports.

Teacher in Charge: Michelle Murray, Sam Jardine

Central Zone Day Sports

Term 1	Term 2
• Tennis • Softball • Cricket • Swimming • NZ Tag • Orienteering	• Futsal • Soccer • Rugby • Rugby 7's • Table tennis • Water Polo
Term 3	Term 4
• Netball • Cross Country • Basketball • Squash • Rugby league • Hockey	• Athletics • Touch • Badminton • Ki-O-Rahi

Students need to look out for the daily notices for information about trials and dates for these zone day events. These sports are only played on one day as an inter-school tournament.

Sports at School

Kori

15 minute block every morning that focuses on movement, participation and play. Often used as a fitness focus as well as a time to prepare for upcoming sporting events such as Cross Country and Athletics Day.

Teacher in Charge: All Form Teachers

Options Sport

Hard Out Sports

Soccer Academy

Non-traditional sports

ABL games

Term 1 Rugby Coaching Clinic

Please note these will not all be offered in each Option round

Teacher in Charge: Cobey Bennett

Recreation

1 and a half hour block of a sports rotation that reinforces skills taught during PE class.

Teacher in Charge: Sam Jardine and Michelle Murray

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Teacher in Charge: Sam Jardine and Michelle Murray

Arts and Culture

Activity	Teacher in Charge
Rock bands	Claire Holmes
Concert Band	Claire Holmes
Choir	Chrissie Cullen and Lisa Stephenson
Talent Quest	Chrissie Cullen and Katie Fiddian
Roadshow	Chrissie Cullen and Katie Fiddian
Performing Arts and Music Showcase	Chrissie Cullen and Claire Holmes
Kapa Haka Group	Cherie Bolesworth
Capital City Trip	Cherie Bolesworth and Katie Fiddian
Culture Week	Cherie Bolesworth
Arts Week	Cherie Bolesworth
Production/Showquest	Chrissie Cullen and Katie Fiddian
Bandquest	Claire Holmes

Academic

Activity	Teacher in Charge
ICAS exams	Cherie Bolesworth
Literature Quiz	Penelope Dunn
Mathex	Cherie Bolesworth
Litex	Penelope Dunn
DEEP programme	Cherie Bolesworth and Penelope Dunn
Writers and Readers Festival	Katie Fiddian and Penelope Dunn
Speech Competition	English Department, Penelope Dunn

Service and Leadership

Activity	Teacher in Charge
ECO Warriors	Stephanie Bruce

Cultural Leaders	Holly Francis
Market Day	Katie Fiddian and Chrissie Cullen
School Councillors	Katie Fiddian and Chrissie Cullen
PPTV	Claire Holmes
Tech Experts	Andy Wilson
Yearbook Magazine	Cobey Bennett
Librarians/Library	Kelly Richardson and Kellie Spencer
Sports Leaders	Michelle Murray
Music Crew	Claire Holmes
Positively Ponsonby Representatives	Rachel Maitland-Smith

After School Clubs

Activity	Contact Person
Skate School	Sam Jardine
Table Tennis Club (Term 1 to Term 4)	Michelle Murray
Mountain Bike Club (PIMBC)	Michelle Murray
Homework Club	Rachel Maitland-Smith