

Northcross Intermediate School Annual Plan 2024-2026

NX Indicators - Key:



Vision and Values



Achievement, Acceleration and Equity



Progress Key:

- 1- Beginning, a starting point, we are beginning to learn about the topic or skill. Still need guidance and support.
- 2- Developing, starting to understand the concepts, still need to practise and learn new skills. Isolated examples throughout the school.
- 3- Proficient, there is reasonable evidence throughout the school of an understanding of the skills behind the goal and can. There may still need some assistance by providing professional development.
- 4- Advanced, there is a deep understanding of the topic or skill throughout the school.
- 5- Exceptional, quality programmes are operating school wide.

1. Student Learning—Progress

Success statements: Think about, by the end of 2025, what will this look like for our strategic priorities. Progress,

All students are able to effectively access the NZC

Ensure every learner/akonga achieves personal excellence through literacy and numeracy programmes. Raise student achievement in numeracy and literacy whereby 80% of all students make accelerated or sufficient progress.

Kāhui Ako Strategic Priorities: Complex Needs: 1

Goals (1 Year)	Actions (90 Days)	Responsible	Timeframe	Resource who and what support we need	Indicators - what will progress look like	End of Year Review	
1.1 Emerging Adolescent Recognizing their unique age and stage, Northcross students have opportunities to achieve to the best of their abilities across the breadth and depth of the New Zealand Curriculum – values, key competencies, and learning areas – laying a foundation for living and for further learning. Our responsive curriculum recognises that students in these years are undergoing rapid physical development, becoming increasingly socially aware, and encountering increasingly complex curriculum contexts. Particularly important are positive relationships with adults, opportunities for students to be involved in the community, and authentic learning experiences. Students' learning progress is closely linked to their ongoing development of literacy and numeracy skills. (NZC, p43)	 Identifying individual needs (individuality) Students made aware of opportunities that are unique to Intermediate school eg. tech, sports, collaborative. Increase in personal responsibility. Personal identity Emotional Intelligence (EQ) specific groups and opportunities Term 1 PBL aligned with Northcross ethos Student leadership to initiate ideas and practices that they are interest in (their age groups) Using assessment data to identify curriculum level of students 	SLT Associate Principals Teachers	Set up Term 1 Ongoing	PD Dr Michael Carr Gregg Nathan Wallis John Parsons	Students engaged in the life of the school (learning, sporting, cultural, special character clubs/ groups) Groups created to cater for diverse needs of the emerging adolescent. Deliberate acts of teaching at an identified level Relating to Relationship Mindframes surverys	1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5	

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1.2 Building the Capacity of Learners to Learn - Visible Learning Visible Learning means an enhanced role for teachers as they become evaluators of their	Term 1 2024: SLT focus their PLG around VL and how we can ensure that VL principles are embedded in all learning areas, specifically PBL.	Teachers Students SLT	Ongoing Term 1	NZCER	Assessment tools are used well to inform teaching and learning programmes Reviewing Capabilities assessment data.	1 2 3 4 5
own teaching. According to John Hattie Visible Learning and Teaching occurs when teachers see learning through the eyes of students and help them become their own teachers.	Professional Development from Corwin University (Teacher Only Day) - Students are able to identify the learning level they are working at and can identify what is required to achieve the next steps in their learning - Unpacking formative and summative assessment reports -	Corwin - growthed.com Associate Principals HOD Literacy Teachers	Term 2 - Ongoing Ongoing		Students are using a common language of learning and are able to articulate and demonstrate what a good learner looks like.	1 2 3 4 5
Through explicit teaching, the school will build the capacity of learners to learn, in order to raise student achievement. Teachers self evaluate and engage in dialogue around what is working, and what isn't working	deepening students and teachers understanding of next steps Learning Progressions in Literacy to be put into "Kid Speak" so that students can identify their current level and next steps. Teachers are using the assessment tools that are available to them to inform their teaching Students understand the assessment tools and reports and can use this information to plan their next steps in learning.	Teachers Students Principal	Term 2 - ongoing	Corwin Full school TOD booked T1, 2024		1 2 3 4 5
for their students Students are able to comment and critique their own next steps in learning. Kāhui Ako Strategic Priorities: - Complex Needs: 2 & 3	 Term 2 2024: Revisit the latest developments in what makes the most difference to student progress as determined by Hattie's Effect Size PLD As part of the Professional Growth Cycle - the Mindframes Survey has been revamped and is given to students to capture student voice/feedback, evaluating the teachers impact on student learning. Teachers select two aspects they wish to survey; a perceived area of strength and one for development. 13/14 May - Corwin PD to review School Capabilities and Evidence into Action for School Leaders. 	SLT Associate Principals Teachers Corwin			Selected Mindframes Surveys help to set professional goals	
	Embedding 10 Mindframes for effective teaching and learning: 1. I am an evaluator of my impact on student learning 2. I see assessment as informing my impact and next steps 3. I collaborate with my peers and my students about my conceptions of progress and my impact. 4. I am a change agent and believe all students can improve 5. I strive for challenge and not merely "doing your best" 6. I give and help students understand feedback and I interpret and act on feedback given to me. 7. I engage as much in dialogue as monologue. 8. I explicitly inform students what successful impact looks like from the outset. 9. I build relationships and trust so that learning can occur in a place where it is safe to make mistakes and learn from					

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1.3 New Zealand Curriculum Focus:						
Mathematics - 2024 beginning of year data shows higher	The Learner first, ALiM, MLC professional development.	HOD Mathematics (Rose Golds)	Term 1	The Learner First (Maths	Year 7 Maths Term 1 NZCER data: Number of Students (Completed) War Students (Completed) Available to the students (Completed) Available to the students (Completed)	1 2 3 4 5
than expected beginning data. Extensions programmes in place, with Professional	Participation in targeted Professional Development: Extending learners	TLF facilitators/participators		programme)	**	
Development for classroom teachers to ensure they are confident in their classrooms.	with a particular focus on Measurement, Geometry and Statistics. Open rich tasks, use of materials at all levels.	Associate Principals Teachers	Ongoing	ALiM		1 2 3 4 5
Targeted staff professional development	Practical application of Maths in the Specialist Program	Specialist Teachers	2828			
using a variety of approaches eg maths Progressions, Learning Mentor intervention using tools such as COSDMBRRICS	Coaching and Co-teaching opportunities	Rose Golds/TLF and ALiM Facilitators	Term 2 start - ongoing		Spanne	1 2 3 4 5
reviewed, mentored by Rose and TLF	High Quality Assessments being used to ensure teachers are confident	The Learner First PD (TLF)			Summe Date Emilion (🔔 – 40 stephent)	
facilitators.	to identify achievement levels and inform their OTJ's: - GLOSS (targeting Year 7 students and new to Northcross Year 8 students)	(each team to have a lead teacher: Shane D, Victoria, Nathan, Tom, Simon, Karen T, Suzanne, Kevin P)			Year 8 Maths Term 1 NZCER data: Minimizer of Students Completed	1 2 3 4 5
	Number KnowledgePAT Assessments	ALiM	Term 1 - ongoing		* * *	
•	Integration of Mathematics through PBL Units (where authentic and realistic connections can be made).	(Dominee Williams, Kevin Palmer, Sam R, Suzanne)			**************************************	
Ö	Ministry of Education directed hour of Mathematics to be adhered to.	Learner Mentors All teachers				1 2 3 4 5
	Developing connections with the refreshed curriculum					
	Seven Provisionally Registered Teachers supported by Tutor Teacher programme. Modelling, co-teaching and observation programme.	Tutor Teachers, Fiona Lysaght, AP's, HOD's			Teacher confidence in teaching using the Learner Progressions Framework	1 2 3 4 5
1.4 New Zealand Curriculum Focus: Writing						
2022 data showed that expected progress in Writing was not made, our hunch was that teachers were not confident in making	Term 1 2024:	HOD Literacy Associate Principals	Term 1 - Ongoing	Moderation PD	Incorporating Maths into PBL units where applicable to gain authentic learning.	1 2 3 4 5
accurate OTJ's. Writing that had been observed across the curriculum appeared	High Quality Assessments being used to ensure teachers are confident in using the NX Literacy Progressions to inform their OTJ's: - e-asTTle Writing	Teachers			Level 1 and 2 learners have access to targeted intervention programmes	
to be better than how the students were being assessed. Teachers making accurate OTI's was a target area for 2023, student	 Writers Toolbox - Assessment Tool and teacher feedback moederated Modelling Books 	Teachers			Extension Programmes offered to Y7 and Y8 students	1 2 3 4 5
progress in Writing to be monitored. While some gains have been made, this continues	 Conferencing Moderation of Writing, within teams, across both the school 				stauchts	
to be a focus for 2024 to maintain momentum.	and other schools	Deputy Principals Teachers				1 2 3 4 5
Through co-construction with the teacher, students are able to shape texts, revising	Opportunities for increased Writing mileage for all students, allowing students to write across the curriculum	Learning Assistants			Increased teacher confidence in making Overall Teacher Judgments.	
and reworking pieces appropriate to purpose.	Ensuring teachers hold the necessary knowledge and know-how to	Tui Bennett Jane Edington				1 2 3 4 5
Targeted staff professional development	provide high quality literacy instruction and rich opportunities to learn for all students	All teachers			Teachers are confident with the NX Literacy Progressions and using these to place students	
using a variety of approaches e.g. short writes, moderation, Writers Toolbox, NZ	Modelling good Writing practices to students	Tui Bennett, Jane Edington			against their Writing Through PBL the students have more authentic	1 2 3 4 5
Literacy Progressions. Learning Mentors support intervention programmes for priority learners.	Modelling, co teaching, observing expert practice to teachers				opportunities to write.	
Strategic Overview developed by HOD	PRT specific PD around teaching Writing and use of Writers Toolbox	Jane Edington Tui Bennett			Students have access to exemplars to improve their own writing	
Literacy (Tui) and Literacy Support (Jane) highlighting identified areas - in 2023 NZC Level 1 and 2 learners have been identified	Ministry directed hour of Reading and Writing to be adhered to				, and the second	
as priority learners with deliberate acts of teaching and targeted group interventions	Seven Provisionally Registered Teachers supported by Tutor Teacher programme. Modelling, co-teaching and observation programme.				Teachers have great confidence in Writers Toolbox	

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1.5 to Titli to waituring The Time 1 2026: The	PD needed PD needed	Te Reo lessons are provided to all students Teacher confidence in using Te Reo in the class is improving Te Ao Maori is being included in new PBL units Te Mataiaho essential pedagogies included in PBL unit planning Applying UDL principles in Te Reo lesson planning	1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5

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				support we need			1

2. Collaboration

With increasing population and change in demographics/ethnicity, ensuring all stakeholders have a voice.

To increase opportunities for communication, creativity, critical thinking and collaboration.

Kāhui Ako Strategic Priorities:

- Well-being: 1

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2.1 Leadership: Growing sustainable leadership within the school SLT working with Jo Robson on their identified PLG AP, Tutor Teachers and Aspiring Leader programmes developed	Term 1 2024: - PLD opportunities for middle leaders - PB4L team established - Identification of upcoming leaders and programmes put in place to support their development - Tutor Teacher Programme - focus on feedback and feed forward for Provisionally Registered teachers	SLT Team Facilitator Jo Robson Fiona Lysaght		Leading Learning - Jo Robson Leading Learning - Jo Robson	PLD opportunities are available to develop leadership	1 2 3 4 5		
2.2 Project Based Learning (PBL): PBL at Northcross is a teaching approach in which students gain knowledge and skills by learning for an extended period of time to	- Full Staff Project Based Learning Professional Development through Applied Coaching for Projects (Kristy Lathrop)	Kristy Lathrop (ACP) All Teaching staff	Term 1	Applied Coaching for Projects	Teachers are confident in delivering PBL units that are engaging and authentic	1 2 3 4 5		
investigate and respond to an engaging, authentic and complex question, problem, or challenge.	- Local Histories and Waikato units rewritten to reflect a Problem Based Learning approach - Term 1 Follow the Leader	Jonathon Tredray	Term 1	PBL Works				
In Gold Standard PBL, projects are focused on students' acquiring key knowledge, understanding, and success skills.	- Development of PBL plan for Term 2 - Teams to develop their own units.	SLT/AP's to lead in teams	Term 1		Associate Principals are confident in leading the planning of new PBL units, ensuring Gold Standards/ High Quality PBL are evident	1 2 3 4 5		
PBL units will focus on the High Quality PBL Framework: - Intellectual challenge and	New Science PBL Unit for Term 3 Term 4 Financial Literacy and Careers PBL unit	HOT Science/Louise McMenamin	Term 1		PBL unit's a success school wide - high quality final products			
accomplishment - Authenticity - Public Product	- Otto Halberg - Complex needs on individual projects.	Otto Halberg	Term 1			1 2 3 4 5		
 Collaboration Project Management Reflection 	 David Kinane PLD to focus on Digital Technologies - one teacher per team selected to become the Digi Tech representative and investigate ways that Digital Tech can be incorporated into units of learning. 	David Kinane	Ongoing		Digital Technology ambassadors providing expertise in Digital Technology embedded in the PBL units	1 2 3 4 5		
PBL units will follow the seven essential project design elements of: - A challenging problem or question - Sustained inquiry	- David Kinane continues to work with Adam Martin / Daniel Wyatt (MakerSpace) and Megan Richardson (Graphics)	Adam Martin/ Daniel Wyatt, Megan Richardson	Ongoing					
AuthenticityStudent voice and choiceReflection	Investigate ways in which Specialist Teachers and Otto Halberg's apply PBL skills into unit plans	Digital Technology ambassadors - Lyndon, Shane D, Adam, Carl						
- Critique and revision - Public product	Integrating PBL into Specialist planning	SLT/Juliet Hamblyn						
Continued support for implementation of Project Based Learning in all units of work.	"MakerSpace" classrooms (Room 51/52) continues in 2024 to follow a PBL learning approach.	Specialist Team						
Troject based tearning in all units of work.	To be rearrising approach.	SLT/Kristy Lathrop						

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	3D printers in use with a hub in R51/52 and R21/22 David Kinane centrally funded PLD continues to support this work	Otto and Daniel (Training) David Kinane				
2.3. 5YA Property Project Weather tightness of Rooms 1 - 3 as per 5YA Property Plans SIP Funding - complete shaded areas within the school Develop a Master Plan for Northcross led by the Board of Trustees	Term 1 2024: - Building work started for rooms 1 - 3 (March 2024) Term 1 2024: - 5YA Refurbishment and upgrade of Rooms 9 & 10, & 17 - 22 (2025) - Toilet/Cloak Bay upgrade Rooms 21/22 (2025) - Master Plan of the school developed to give clear guidelines on our current property status and future projects/developments - Astroturf to be resurfaced (fund in place).	Principal & BOT Property Manager Property Team Robert Gunter Dave Delemare BOT & Principal	Ongoing Term 1	5YA Budget Money	Scheduled build projects will be completed as per the schedule	1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5
New 5YA July 2025	Start planning for new 5YA in July 2024					
2.4 Collaboration within and across teams	Consistency with: - connecting with parents - behaviour - across team communication. Timely emails to parents/community - consistency. The same message to go out to all teams.	SLT AP's	Ongoing			
2.5 Community Involvement/consultation/ engagement	PBL units where community members asked to come in as experts or stakeholders. Sharing of final PBL projects with the community. Sharing of PBL unit planning on new NX website. Mel and Rosana to help with unit development Seeking community feedback regarding: - Parent/Teacher Interview format - Camp and Challenger Series - Project Based Learning future plans - Health survey					
2.6 Understanding changing demographic of roll (2024 we have 30% Chinese) TALL - ELIP student focus Team Approach to Language Learners (TALL) is a school-based professional development opportunity led by experienced ESOL and literacy facilitator Gaylene Price.	Scheduling Meetings in Chinese and translating all letters. - EOTC - Camp - Behaviour - Uniform Understanding changing demographics and strategies to teach in the classroom. TALL involves a school team of about six participants; a leader / class teacher(s) / teaching assistants / bilingual teachers. The project follows a 20 week (two term) focus and includes face-to-face workshops, online modules, data analysis and a framework of inquiry and reflection.	Melanie Yang Christina ESOL department Fiona Landers, Annette (Karen T?)	Ongoing Term 1 Ongoing	TALL PD ELiP Progressions understanding	ELiP Assessment tools are used well to inform teaching and learning programmes. Regular meetings held to discuss ELiP students - specific needs identified and interventions in place	

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3. Staff and Student Well Being

Focus on the emerging adolescent and the unique needs of this age group in their social, emotional and intellectual growth

Focus on ethos of Intermediates
Focus on staff well being and connection opportunities

Kāhui Ako Strategic Priorities: - Well-being: 1, 2 & 3

- Cultural Awareness							
Goal (1 Year)	Action (90 Days)	Responsible	Timeframe	Resource who and what support we need	Indicators - what will progress look like	Evidence to date:	
3.1 School Culture - PB4L - NX developed for our school needs Continue building and maintaining positive and respectful relationships across our Northcross community using the PB4L framework.	Term 1 2024: - PB4L Team to be established. Gary Wood leading this team - Hikoi ki te taha Programme for identified students - Fortnightly pastoral care meetings to discuss "at risk" students	Shane V/Gary Wood Gary Wood SLT and Tess Blockley	Term 1 Term 1		PB4L Team established and meeting on a regular basis, matrix of behaviours beginning to take shape	1 2 3 4 5	
Cultivate a positive and safe school culture where all are mindful of our school values Specific programmes to engage and support emerging adolescents	Effective home/school partnerships established - emails/ calls home for positive behaviours not only when things are going wrong Maori and Pasifika Programme continued to be developed	All staff Maraea Rameka/All teachers	Ongoing Ongoing Term 1 - ongoing		Hikoi ki te taha an integral part of our pastoral programmes Regular meetings held to discuss "at risk" students - specific needs identified and	1 2 3 4 5	
	 Tama Toa program to support anxious Y7 boys Steps A/Counselling support programme developed by ADHB in conjunction with Marinoto. 	Carl Timmis Sam Ratcliffe	Term 1		interventions in place		
Identify ways to foster cultural awareness and appreciation	Behaviour - Staff questionnaire - Consistency across the school - What teachers do to manage behaviour/class and playground management		As they happen Ongoing	Language Nut subscription			
99	Students to be introduced to the school counsellor, and understand that these services are available to them Zones of Regulation - Language Nut continues to be used for students to learn other	Tess Blockley/Lizette van Zyl Tess Blockley/Tamara Walker Carl Timmis					
	languages - Language weeks to have more prominence in the school when appropriate						
	- Student Leadership Team to have more presence in the school	SLT Team					

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3.2 Te Whare Tapa Whā: Meeting the physical, spiritual, emotional and social needs of our- staff and learners. Te Whare Tapa Whā is represented by the four walls of a wharenui or meeting house, where each wall symbolises the elements necessary to sustain Hauora or health and wellbeing. These dimensions or elements are taha hinengaro, taha wairua, taha tinana, and taha whānau. Taha hinengaro focuses on mental health and emotions. Taha wairua focuses on spiritual health. Taha tinana focuses on physical health and taha whānau focuses on the epicentre of one's well being: whānau. Te Whare Tapa Whā recognises the importance of the balance of all four dimensions. Each of these interconnects and contributes to the balance and strength of the individual All four elements need to be nurtured for all - if one of the "walls" is not nurtured the wharenui collapses.	 Term 1 2024: Revamp our current health programme to reflect the principles of Te Whare Tapa Wha Utilise Te Whare Tapa Wha online programme (Attitude) across the school - explicitly taught in conjunction with the Health Programme Regular check ins with the students around their wellbeing through the Te Whare Tapa Wha online programme Girls on Fire Programme to continue - funding has been secured to allow this programme to run in 2024 Health Community Survey to be administered Camp 2024 survey to be competed to parents, students and staff EOTC 2024 Promote swimming at NX - needs more of a focus - Well-being, physical/resilience Steps A Brick by Brick Programme Additional Counsellors employed/mentored by Lizette van Zyl 	SLT Health HOD: Kirsten Bell All Teachers Anna Lewthwaite Health HOD Naz Spencer, Sam T Marius Spencer Sam R Tess Blockley Lizette and Tess Blockley		Attitude	Online Attitude programme in use Student Survey administered and the results used to inform strategic priorities for 2025	1 2 3	4 5	_
Reviews for 2024:	 Parent/Teacher Interview format Challenger Series for students and teachers - informing - Individual Growth through challenge and learning plans for the 2024 programme Health Survey to Community 2024 Camp review - Individual Growth through challenge and learning 							