



Our ICT Infrastructure

The Network

- G5 server and two G3 servers
- High speed ethernet backbone
- Broadband Internet access to all rooms and staff members
- Wireless networking throughout the school

Portable Computing

- Class set of iBooks for students
- All teachers provided with a Powerbook
- iPods for music, hymns and dance
- Roamer (programmable robotic tool)

Desktop Computing

- iMacs throughout the school

Peripherals

- Digital still and video cameras
- Data projectors and retractable screen
- Electronic synthesiser

Research Centre - 'The Studio'

- Computerised library database - Athenaeum
- Teacher Resources included in database system

Music Room

- Digital Music Studio



Interactive Software

A Focus on Creativity

At St James, we have a commitment to utilising software that encourages and enhances creativity and collaboration. This is based on a core of open-ended applications including:

- Hyperstudio
- iMovie
- QuicktimeVR
- iTunes
- iPhoto
- iDVD
- Inspiration
- Kidspiration
- Kidpix Deluxe
- AppleWorks
- Garageband
- PowerPoint
- bTV Pro



Intranet

Our school intranet is based on First Class, and provides a tool for sharing and communicating throughout the school. All email is administered through the First Class Server.

Administration

SchoolMaster is used for teacher planning, assessment reports, student reports, student data, Ministry returns and all other school administrative requirements.

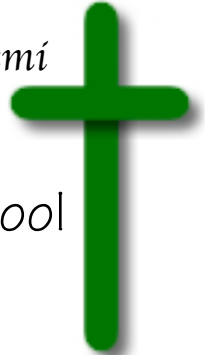
Celebrating Our Successes

In 2002, our school won the National Moviefest Competition, against all schools in New Zealand. If you would like to view this video entitled "Red's Fantastical Journey", it is available on our website:

www.stjames.school.nz

St James School

Te Kura O Hato Hemi



"Not just a school
- but a family"



We welcome you to our family, please come and share our vision...

Our School Vision

We believe St James School is a very special place. The cornerstones of our school culture are:

Family - Whanau - Aiga

We place a strong emphasis on caring for each other as a community - relationships are important to us

Love - Aroha - Alofa

Love is at the centre of all that we do, based on the spiritual teachings of the church

Seek knowledge - Matauranga - Saili'ili ai le Malamalama

We expect our children to achieve great things and we provide them with leading edge ICT tools to help them reach their potential

Sharing - Manaakitanga - Fa'asoa

Resources are provided and shared equitably to provide for the needs of our children and staff

Secure - Turangawaewae - Nofoga - Saogalemu

We work hard to provide a safe and emotionally secure environment - our school is an oasis of peace within our wider community.

Our Core Values

- Our Mission Statement is; 'To provide quality education in a Catholic Environment'
- Education is not the same for all, but equal opportunity to learn
- Have respect for self and the rights of others
- We encourage a 'Culture of Peace'

Bexley Wetland - Our Ecological Learning Project

<http://www.livingheritage.org.nz/schools/primary/st-james/bexley/>



Sharing Our Success

Open Door to Educators

For the past six years, we have opened our doors to visiting teachers and professionals wishing to observe our Teaching and Learning using ICT as a vehicle of change within our school.

Links with the World

We utilise technology to create links with organisations both from within our own community and the wider world, including;

Bexley Wetland Heritage Site
UNESCO - We are an ASPNet school
WWF - Global Conservation Organisation
Books in Homes - Avonhead Rotary
Computers in Homes - MOE
Apple Computer



This allows our children and teachers to reach beyond the classroom, to help others and to develop their own knowledge, skills and understandings. We are all lifelong learners at St James School!

Professional Development

Our skilled staff strive to provide a leading-edge education. We are focused, flexible and supportive, and approach new ideas with an open mind. Our staff have undertaken a wide range of ICT Professional Development over many years, including;

- ICT Cluster involvement - 3 years
- MOE Contract - 3 years
- An Onsite ICT Teaching Director is employed - since 2000
- Pacific Initiative - ICT component

An Example for Others

Our teachers have run development sessions for other educationalists, as well as ICT conference presentations and workshop facilitation.

Our Learning Model

Pathway to Success

At St James School we have developed a learning model that describes and reinforces the way in which we learn and develop.

Aranui means 'Pathway'

We call our model, a 'Pathway to Success'...

- S** - Start, build on what we know
- U** - Understand, use what we know
- C** - Challenge, develop the big questions
- C** - Create to deepen your understanding
- E** - Evaluate, stop, look, learn, listen and reflect
- S** - Share the new learning
- S** - Showcase the learning to the community



Pedagogical Foundations

Our learning models and methods of teaching are informed by the following educational theorists:

- Edward deBono
- Howard Gardener
- Julia Atkin
- Benjamin Bloom

You will observe that our programmes of work incorporate:

- Current Brain Theory
- Thinking Skills and Models
- Allowance for Multiple Intelligences
- Inquiry Learning opportunities
- Autonomous Learning
- Collaborative Skills

Showcase, Celebration and Sharing

At the end of each term, we share and celebrate our learning as a school.