

# Curiosity Leads the Way:

## How Medbury Sets Boys up for Success from Day One

Where does success begin? At Medbury Junior School, it starts with curiosity, connection, and a deep understanding of each boy. Starting school is one of the biggest milestones in a young boy's life - full of questions, wonderings, and wide-eyed discovery. It's in these early years that a lifelong love of learning takes root.

That's why we've developed our Transition to School programme. It's a carefully designed journey that helps boys feel known, confident, and connected before they even walk through the school gates on their first day.

Each boy visits the Junior School once a week during the term before he starts. He gets to know his future teacher, his classmates, and the rhythm of the school day. These early connections are key. When a child feels seen and supported, he can thrive.

Each classroom teacher visits the boy's preschool, where he feels confident and at ease. In this familiar environment, we can observe him and talk with his early childhood teachers to learn more about his social and emotional needs; what engages him, what supports him, and how he expresses himself. This insight helps us personalise his learning before he starts. As



Dean, I support this process by maintaining a close overview and working alongside teachers and families to ensure each boy feels known and understood from the outset.

With class sizes capped at just 12 boys, that personalisation continues every day. Learning in the early years is grounded in connection - strong relationships help lay the foundation for success in literacy and numeracy. Through concept-based inquiry, boys are encouraged to be curious, think

deeply, and ask big questions about the world around them. In these formative years, their ideas are heard and valued.

Our bespoke numeracy and literacy program is complemented by specialist teaching starting in Year 1. Boys enjoy Music and Drama sessions that help them build confidence and creativity. They explore the digital world with a specialist technology teacher. They develop their motor skills, energy, and teamwork through Physical Education, football, and cricket skills sessions delivered by expert coaches.

At Medbury, we don't just prepare boys for school; we help them build the confidence, character, and curiosity to succeed far beyond it. Because success doesn't happen by chance, it has a starting point. And it starts here.

Jane McGarry is the Dean of the Junior School at Medbury School.

To learn more about the Medbury advantage, visit [www.medbury.school.nz](http://www.medbury.school.nz), book a personalised tour, or enrol today. Spots for Year 1 are limited, so don't miss the chance to give your son the strongest start in his education. Success truly has a starting point, and it starts here.



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