SCHOOL STATEMENT



Rai Valley Area School is situated in the picturesque Rai Valley approximately 50kms from Nelson and 70kms from Blenheim at the head of the Marlborough Sounds.

Our school is the educational center for all the areas north of the school - Okiwi Bay, Kokoroa and Tennyson Inlet and some of the areas to the south from Havelock and Canvastown.

This Area School serves the needs of five- to eighteen-year-old students throughout the region, as well as supporting pre-school for the wider community. This school is classified U3 with a decile rating of 5.

The school is used by the community and also by groups from Nelson and Blenheim who use our great facilities to hold meetings and functions.

Many of our students come from dairying families, while other families are involved in forestry and the mussel industry.

The school delivers many courses for our senior students to expand their horizons and provide opportunities to participate in experiences outside of the valley. Opportunities for individualised programmes that will give a range of opportunities and pathways. For example, University Entrance, Trades Academy or Gateways programmes.

Close co-operation exists between the five schools in the Pelorus Cluster, and we are part of the active New Zealand Area Schools network and Top of the South Area Schools (TOSI). The school participates in many annual sports tournaments and leadership courses for students.

Our buildings and grounds are well cared for by a dedicated staff of a caretaker and cleaner. There is a well-constructed maintenance plan and buildings are continually, being upgraded.

Our school is actively seeking to provide our students with the very best education available while expecting them to achieve to their highest potential. We are a Positive Behaviour for Learning School (PB4L) and promote the Rai Valley (Respect Achieve Inspire).