



# 2020 BELLEVUE SCHOOL COMMUNITY SURVEY

"The road to success is always under construction" - Lily Tomlin

**The 2020 Bellevue School Community Survey took place in December last year.  
Thank you for taking the time to respond to this survey in 2020. Your feedback is valuable for the on-going  
development and direction of the school.**

## BACKGROUND

This year's survey was designed to act as a 'temperature check' for how things are going and to help the Board develop the strategy and vision for the next 3-5 years. We have taken time to understand the data, and to read through and consider all the comments to give us a picture of what we are doing well and the things that we could do better.

Like other schools throughout the country, we do not focus solely on achievement, but this does sit at the core of our school – it is our responsibility to assist our students to have a broad knowledge of all the different curriculum areas, and have the best possible literacy and numeracy skills.

However, like other schools in New Zealand we have also worked hard to capture the essence of the Ministry of Education's New Zealand curriculum by nurturing and encouraging our children to take charge of their learning and contribute to the world around them. We believe that this is required for them to succeed in this quickly changing world, where research tells us a large portion of today's jobs will not exist in a short period of time. This means that learning needs to look very different to what we were used to as children. In our school you will see this in many different areas, e.g. through your child and their teachers sharing progress, visits to school or Seesaw contributions.

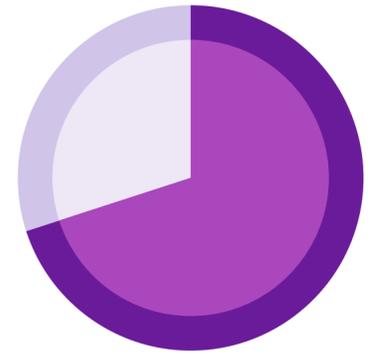
We received a total of 51 online responses and 0 handwritten copies of the survey. This represents 10% of the eligible parents on the school roll. We appreciate all those who took the time to respond and this gives us an indication of the views from our parent community. The Board's intention is to provide a survey regularly and we want to encourage more of our community to respond to ensure that we are aligning the school's direction with the school community's valuable input.

Through the 2020 survey we have received valuable feedback on a variety of topics which we will continue to work through over the coming weeks and months. In the meantime, we felt it was important to outline the key findings, along with our initial action plan that will help us advance your key suggestions.





## WHAT IS WORKING?



The main themes that came through from the 51 respondents regarding what is working generally related to the following.

### SCHOOL LIFE / WELLBEING

73% of respondents gave positive responses of Strongly Agree or Agree. This was the highest positive scoring section. The following statements had the highest positive response.

- 'E tipu e ako –where learning grows' describes the general culture of this school.
- At this school the values of respect/whakaute, responsibility/takohanga, resilience/manawaroa, empathy/inclusion/aroha/whānaungatanga and confidence/māia are visible.
- This school works to nurture and encourage all students to take responsibility for their learning.
- Students are encouraged to contribute to the world around them at this school.
- At this school my child is accepted for who they are.
- This school is a safe place for my child/ren.

### TEACHING AND LEARNING / CURRICULUM

71% of respondents gave positive responses of Strongly Agree or Agree. The following statements had the highest positive response.

- The staff make an effort to understand my child/ren, to make learning fun and engaging.
- The staff at this school treat my child/ren with respect.
- The staff at this school challenge my child/ren to do better.
- My child/ren is/are supported to develop their confidence and ability to take responsibility for their learning.

### COMMUNICATION / REPORTING TO PARENTS

54% of respondents gave positive responses Strongly Agree or Agree. The following statement had the highest positive response.

- School reports are easily understood.



## HOW CAN WE DO BETTER?



The main theme that shone through from the responses about what we could be doing better generally related to this key theme:

- Communication from and to the school

We acknowledge that we have not done a very good job of taking you on the journey of what we are doing, why, and what this means for your child's learning and development.

Additionally we recognise for some parents and students that they are not seeing the evidence of learning that they would like to see as we are not providing clear information on a regular basis.



# MOVING FORWARD

**Now that we have these insights, we have been working on how we put actions into place to address them.**

Already the School Board has met and identified points of action that will be included in the 2021 - 2023 Strategic Plan and this year's Annual Plan. This will be shared with you in March once this has been finalised with the Ministry of Education.

**For 2021 we have prioritised two actions:**



## IMPROVING COMMUNICATION:

We know that some of you want more communication, information that is relevant and opportunities to communicate with us. There have definitely been gaps in our communication, and while it may be difficult for us to find the balance for everyone, we will focus on providing you with the news and information that you need and want to hear as well as opportunities for you to communicate with us.



## ADDING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES TO THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL PLAN:

The School Board has already started work on the 2021 Annual Plan and we will share this with you along with the activities and initiatives to better engage with our community about our school.

**In closing we would like to again thank our community for providing us with your feedback. There were a great many positives that we have not mentioned but we know that the biggest gains come from striving to be better.**

We are all committed to strong school-family links and we will be working hard over the coming months to make improvements where these are needed. The School Board will monitor progress and continue discussions at Board meetings and we welcome your input, feedback and support.

We are excited for the future as we have a wonderful staff, an amazing setting and facilities, and we are all committed to providing each of our students with a strong foundation so they are equipped to succeed in whatever and wherever their aspirations take them.