Hereworth School is one of New Zealand’s leading independent preparatory schools, catering for boys from Year 0 to 8. It offers an outstanding education to day and boarding students.

Set in magnificent park-like grounds, at the foot of the iconic Te Mata Peak in Hawke’s Bay, Hereworth is a superb setting in which boys can learn and grow.

Hereworth is the sole boys-only prep school in the central North Island, between Wellington and Auckland. We’ve been teaching boys for nearly 100 years. We inspire, engage and challenge our students, arming them with a solid educational foundation so that they leave Hereworth ready for the challenges of any secondary school and beyond.

Every day is stimulating, unique and exciting. We tap into boys’ sense of wonder and curiosity about the world around them. By tailoring programmes and activities to meet our students’ specific needs, we ensure every boy has the opportunity to reach his full potential.

Hereworth is rooted in tradition and old-fashioned values lie at the core of everything we do. We like structure and boundaries, and success is encouraged and celebrated. Competition is rife, but all the boys are treated fairly and given credit where credit is due.

Today’s world is ever-changing. We embrace innovation at Hereworth and the challenges it brings. We encourage our boys to explore exciting new possibilities, exposing them to different opportunities and experiences that will set them on the path to being confident, connected lifelong learners with well-considered Christian and moral values.

The school motto, *Non Nobis Solum* – Not For Ourselves Alone, says it all. The experiences and friendships the boys take from their Hereworth days remain with them forever.
Hereworth offers the perfect combination of a specialised curriculum and an environment that is exclusively designed for boys. By providing an exciting, challenging and enriching curriculum, boys can expect to be encouraged to realise their potential.

Boys are different – fact. The educational needs and wants of boys have been understood by Hereworth for many years and we specifically cater to them, by offering a careful balance of core curriculum and specialised subjects.

The primary schooling years are so vital in boy’s educational journeys. The added value that Hereworth brings to their learning, living and the development of their social skills, all contribute to excellent and well-rounded students who are ready for secondary school. We are just one of the foundation blocks.

We encourage you to come and see what Hereworth can do for your son; we promise you won’t be disappointed.
“A boy is wired to move, watch things move and make things move”.

– Paula Galey
It’s not an easy decision, choosing which education path to take for your son. This will be one of the most important decisions you make in his life. We are talking about creating the very foundation for his future secondary and tertiary learning. The skills he learns, values he gains and friends he makes during the early years form the vital foundation blocks on which to build the rest of his life.

**Boys and Statistics**

We all know that boys and girls are different. Research tells us that there are very real advantages to the single-gender format of education. In a single-sex classroom, teachers can tailor-make teaching and learning strategies for the specific sex. Studies prove that boys in all-boys schools are more than twice as likely to study subjects such as foreign languages, art, music, and drama than those in co-ed schools. Who doesn’t want their son to be a well-rounded individual?

**Focus on the Individual**

We let every boy be his own ‘man’. By focusing on their individual potential, we ensure that our boys are motivated to achieve their very best in any one of their chosen disciplines.

**Tailored Learning Solutions**

We know that each boy’s learning needs are different and we do what we can to ensure those needs are met at Hereworth. As an independent school, we have the flexibility to set our own standards. We constantly strive to improve our boys’ learning experience and performance, and indeed our own.

**Goals**

So whether your boy needs extension, nurturing or stimulation, we cater for him. We build confidence in boys while inspiring, engaging and challenging them. First and foremost at Hereworth, we make learning enjoyable and relevant for the boys.
A 21st Century HEREWORTH BOY

CONFIDENT Our boys will look you in the eye and get on with it

CONNECTED Using a range of tools both traditional and digital, a Hereworth boy learns to thrive in any situation

LIFELONG LEARNERS Our boys are constantly enquiring and love to learn

ACTIVELY INVOLVED We are not here to merely participate but to contribute and compete

SOUND CHRISTIAN VALUES Our boys recognise right from wrong and celebrate spiritual and cultural diversity
“Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.”

– Martin Luther King Junior
What Hereworth can offer your son

Responsibility
Celia Lashlie says, “Boys need to take responsibility and they are pragmatists, so they will only take responsibility when no one else around them will.” We encourage boys to take ownership and to think and act for themselves from day one.

Developing Communication Skills and Relationships
Boys are well supported in developing effective communication skills and relationships. This is helped by the opportunity to freely express themselves in a variety of ways, without feeling self-conscious in the presence of girls.

Celebrating Boys’ ‘Spirit’
Boys are wired to move, watch things move and make things move! We work to mould the ‘spirited’ side of boys, not squash it, preserving their self-esteem, motivation and confidence.

Versatile, Cross-Discipline Learning
In everything we teach, we focus on the learning skills and key competencies, relevant in today’s world. Core curriculum areas of numeracy, literacy and science are complemented by a large array of compulsory non-core disciplines.

Your son might learn to make movies, sew, make a clock, cook a meal, play a new sport, sing, dance, act or perform countless other life skills. All these experiences contribute to building a well-rounded person who is prepared to take risks and be a confident, connected lifelong learner.

A Culture of Engagement
By developing a system of compulsory engagement, boys experience everything on offer at Hereworth: there is no chance of them taking the ‘path of least resistance’ as some might be tempted to do. Our culture demands the boys give their very best to every part of the school programme, and we expect every boy to be the best that he can be. With the right encouragement, our boys are empowered to achieve things they have never even dreamed of!

Location
Havelock North, in the heart of Hawke’s Bay, is a friendly, small town with a cosmopolitan flavour. Buzzing cafés, shops and restaurants are set amongst family homes, parks and schools. The school is a five minute drive from Hastings city and 20 minutes from Napier.
“Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.”

– Sir Winston Churchill
Our internal motto

WE CALL IT “THE FOUR Fs” OF HOW WE LIVE AT HEREWORTH – FIRM, FAIR, FRIENDLY AND FUN.

Quality Classrooms
Class sizes are small enough to allow quality, one-on-one contact with teachers, yet large enough to provide healthy competition and academic rigour among the boys. This ideal environment encourages them to engage, be challenged and work outside their comfort zones. The boys can run but they can’t hide!

Specialist Teachers
Hereworth employs specialist teachers in art, drama, music, technology, languages and religious education, with lead teachers in each syndicate for science. We have specialist learning support staff for boys requiring extra support, and for those for whom English is a second language. Professional sports coaches are brought in throughout the year for all boys.

Role Models
Effective role models are proven to be a key ingredient in the success of a developing boy. Our high-calibre, professional teaching staff engage in the teaching and learning process and in the pastoral care of our boys, making for great role models. Their outstanding efforts deliver the ‘icing on the cake’. Quite simply, they care.

Sport
Sport is compulsory and timetabled twice per week at Hereworth. Regular physical education is scheduled within classes and syndicates. From Year 4 upwards, all boys must play in a sports team. In Years 0-3 it is optional, but most boys take up the opportunity. All Hereworth teams take part in the local sport competitions.

Cricket, tennis, softball, football, rugby and hockey are the main sport choices, but we also offer a variety of other sports throughout the year.

Prep matches against other schools outside Hawke’s Bay are a highlight of the boys’ time at Hereworth. Sports teams get the opportunity to travel and be billeted overnight, meeting boys from all over the country – an experience in itself.
Cultural
A wealth of culture and arts options is available at Hereworth. The only problem boys have is selecting a favourite from these co-curricular activities.

A very special feature at Hereworth is the St James’ Chapel Choir. As an integral part of the school community, choir members learn the discipline of practising and performing while fostering a love of music.

The biennial school production, healthy competition during House music and class drama, and many other activities provide ample opportunities for boys to explore their talents in a safe and secure environment.

Boys love experiencing performances from a multitude of visiting artists, musicians, dancers, actors and cultural performers. All these add to the exciting mix of life at Hereworth.

Outstanding Facilities
Hereworth is set amongst 22 acres of established park-like grounds. We have seven cricket pitches, a softball diamond, a 25-yard swimming pool, tennis courts, a hockey turf, football and rugby fields and two playgrounds. The top favourite features with the boys are the mudslide and ‘wilderness’ area called Scouts Gully, where boys can roam freely and let their imaginations run wild. There is more than enough space to run, climb, play and just be boys.

The school’s modern facilities include the visual arts studio, music room, computer science suite, food technology kitchen, hard materials ‘Shed’, library, science lab and soft materials (sewing) room. Hereworth is fully networked with fibre-optic ultra-fast broadband, and computer science is integrated into school life with an array of personal and shared digital devices.

Our chef and his dedicated catering staff provide well-balanced, healthy meals for the boys in the school dining room. Mealtimes are social, with boys sitting in Squad groups, and good manners are taught and expected as part of the Hereworth way.

Extra Tuition
Speech, drama, music lessons, sports coaching – it’s all on offer at Hereworth. No more running around for families, we really are a one-stop shop!

Early Primary Years
We offer robust schooling in the early years of primary school, from Year 0 to 3. The younger Hereworth boys enjoy the distinct advantages of small class sizes and roomy classrooms, for all those practical activities.

Numeracy and literacy are a key focus and every boy has his own individual learning plan to ensure his progress is kept on track.

Our boys also learn to love science from the very beginning of their schooling through regular science lessons. Even our youngest students benefit from the same specialist teaching in the visual and performing arts, physical education, music and drama as their older friends. The transition into Years 4 - 6, and then on to Intermediate level, Years 7- 8, is seamless.

A Culture of Community
The Hereworth Community embodies a positive, constructive culture. “If you can’t say or do something nice, don’t do it.” Inclusive and welcoming of diversity, Hereworth is a very dynamic place to be!
Boys are not here to merely participate, they are here to contribute or compete, making for an exciting and productive culture.

At all levels within the Hereworth family, the expectation that we will constantly evolve and improve ourselves is evident.

“It’s about keeping learning relevant to boys, rather than creating learning and fitting boys into it.”
– Celia Lashlie

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Opportunities to Lead and Serve
The House and Squad systems operate vertically across the school, bringing boys of all ages into contact and providing the younger boys with connections to wonderful role models in the older students. The older boys learn from nurturing the young ones and acting as their big buddies. The young ones are a wonderful ‘anchor’ for our growing boys as they enter the uncertainty of pre-adolescence.

Many leadership opportunities arise for the boys as they progress through the school.

Boarding
The boarding house is at the heart of the school and is a ‘home away from home’.

Boarding life is flexible and meets the needs of full-time, 5-day and casual boarders. Our international students play a great part in boarding life too. Our boys are well cared for by our Boarding House Parents and a Boarding Master. Boarders have access to all school facilities as well as having their own space, shared TV/games lounge and our 23 acres of grounds. All boarders have easy access to phoning home, email or Skype. The boarding house allows boys their time and space and there is always a mate to ‘hang out’ with.

Hereworth offers an exciting programme for our weekend boarding students. There is plenty of free-time to spend with their friends as well as activities away from school planned around the boys’ interests. Activities include fishing trips, bush walks, Splash Planet, orienteering, swimming, visiting bike and scooter parks and attending local events.

Hawke’s Bay has a diverse environment and our boys love to make the most of it.

Scholarships
Every year Hereworth offers a number of scholarships and bursaries. The various scholarships and bursaries target specific criteria that cater to a range of strengths, abilities and needs.

We encourage families wishing to find out more about scholarships and bursaries that may enable their son to attend Hereworth to contact the school office for details.
Why is it worth changing my son’s school if he’s doing ok?

We say that ‘ok’ is not good enough during the important, foundation years of education. By empowering boys, we harness a passion for learning in these early years creating a solid platform for future education and beyond. The investment in learning during these vital years will pay off.

Is Hereworth just focused on sport?

We promote compulsory cross-discipline learning. That means your child will be required to participate in a broad range of learning disciplines, and sport is just one of these.

We place equal focus on success across all disciplines to ensure your child is empowered to choose which area of opportunity he wishes to thrive in. We actively encourage all areas of success, whether that be on the chessboard, performing arts stage or cricket pitch.

What makes Hereworth different from other schools?

Hereworth is an independent school. We comply with the appropriate Government legislation, but we have the freedom to be different too. We encourage you to make an informed decision by visiting our school and talking to us.

It is a big investment? Where is the value realised?

If you are going to commit to your son’s education, we recommend investing in these early formative years. Our boys leave Hereworth as confident, well-disciplined, lifelong learners, equipped to deal with the challenges of any secondary school.

Will going to Hereworth work against him at secondary school?

From Hereworth, boys move on to a variety of secondary schools. We are in regular contact with many of these schools; feedback confirms we are doing an effective job and helps us fine-tune our offerings. We like to ensure we are preparing the boys well for their next educational adventure.

Private vs State school?

Hereworth provides a warm, inclusive, family environment. We focus on the benefits of being an independent school, with no elitist connotations. We are realistic and tell it how it is. We strive for engagement and to mirror the dynamics of real life.

It’s not the end of the journey when boys leave Hereworth. As Hereworth Old Boys, they remain in contact with the school community for the rest of their lives.
The Hereworth magic

PART OF THE ONGOING SUCCESS OF HEREWORTH IS BASED ON THE CORNERSTONES OF OUR SCHOOL LIFE:

**ACADEMIC** First and foremost, we cater for the academic needs of all learning abilities. We offer extension or extra support, and everything in between, in our rigorous academic programme.

**SPORT** Regular fitness, physical activity and physical well-being are vital for a well-rounded education and a settled boy. We channel boys’ learning by ensuring their energy and physical needs are balanced with their ability to absorb information.

**SPIRITUAL** We’re an Anglican school and spirituality is one of our defining qualities. Teaching Christian values and the Anglican Liturgy is a core aspect of school life. We help produce young men with a sound moral and ethical compass.

**CULTURAL** Hereworth provides specialist teachers. Boys are exposed to a huge range of opportunities for music, languages and visual and performing arts. Our boys love to perform and they are encouraged to do so.

**SOCIAL** A sense of family permeates the school. Squad and House systems operate vertically across the school, encouraging friendships and social development, and presenting boys with the opportunity to both lead and serve. Being considerate, having good manners and etiquette are all part of the deal.

**BOARDING** We provide a home away from home, where boys have 24/7 access to mates for games, challenges and adventures in an appropriately structured and supervised environment. The Hereworth boarding experience fosters independence, individual responsibility and a sense of community.
Don’t just take our word for it, come and see for yourselves!

If you are thinking about choosing a school that’s designed specifically for boys to reach their full potential, then Hereworth School could be the right option.

Register your interest now.

We will keep you informed about upcoming Open Days and Information Evenings. Simply complete the enquiry form on the school website, or pop into our school office.

For a real feel of what Hereworth has to offer your son, we strongly urge you to come and see the school in action. Make an informed decision.

We look forward to seeing you soon.
OUR MISSION

Preparing each boy to achieve his very best in the cornerstones of academic, sporting, spiritual, cultural and social development.