

Abbotsford Full Primary School
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Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Permanent Scale A positions at Abbotsford School.
Please find enclosed the following information:

- Information about our school
- The criteria for appointment

Applications close: Friday 30th October 2026 at 12.00 pm.

Commencement: Term 1, 2027

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at
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Yours faithfully

Stephanie Madden

Information about Abbotsford School

Our School Mission Statement: At Abbotsford School, we create a safe and inclusive environment that supports and empowers every learner to thrive.

Our guiding whakataukī: “ Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu.”
Adorn the bird with feathers, and it will fly.

The Values that underpin our school culture are:

- Respect
- Responsibility

Abbotsford is a Full Primary School catering for children from years 0-8. We have a roll that builds to 300 pupils each year. The school was established in 1953 and is situated in the semi-rural suburb of Abbotsford, Dunedin. In 2026, 68% of students identify as New Zealand European, 25% Māori, 3% Pasifika and 4% other ethnic groups.

The school is organised into 4 teaching teams: Team Kōwhai (Year 0/1), Team Pōhutukawa (Year 2-3), Team Rātā (Year 4-6), and Team Tī Kōuka (Year 7/8).

Students are highly engaged in their learning. We provide a safe, caring, and inclusive learning environment where learners achieve success. Numeracy and literacy are our priority learning areas. Physical Education and the Performing Arts are taught by specialist teachers. Health, Science, Social Sciences and Technology are taught through an integrated inquiry approach.

Our programmes are personalised to meet each student's needs and interests, with student agency being a key component of our learning philosophy.

Our school buildings sit on 2.5 hectares of grounds and playing fields. Facilities include 13 teaching spaces, a library, hall, and swimming pool. The school is well resourced and is focused on providing a range of learning tools to support students in their learning.

Criteria for Appointment

Scale A Teaching Position: Permanent

The successful applicant will:

- Show evidence of successful classroom practice, utilising innovative pedagogies and digital learning tools.
- Provide a programme that fosters student agency.
- Have knowledge and commitment towards utilising te reo Māori, te ao Māori, and tikanga Māori.
- Have excellent communication skills and be able to build strong and effective relationships with students, staff, and our community.
- Be committed to the welfare and wellbeing of our students.
- Be prepared to contribute to all aspects of school life.

The terms and conditions, including base salary, for these positions are set by the Primary Teachers Collective Agreement.