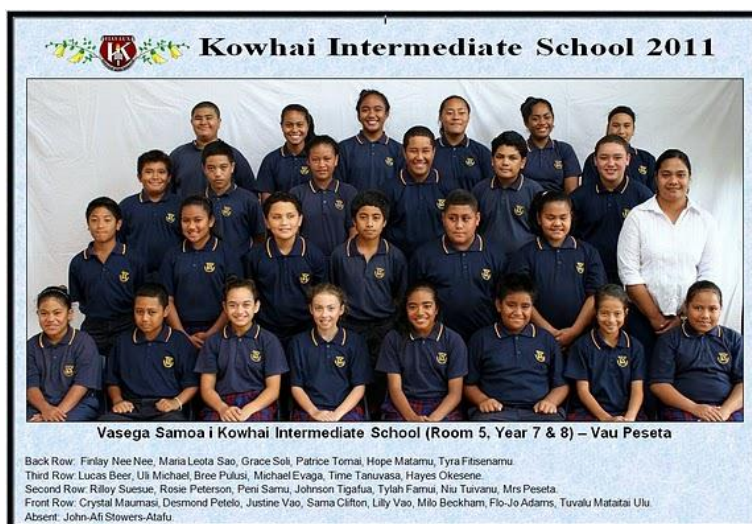


Samoan Class at Kowhai



The school currently operates a Samoan bi-lingual class catering for Samoan students who have a range of competency in the English and Samoan languages. Some of the children have come from bi-lingual programmes in their primary school and others have some Samoan language from their home and family settings. The class caters for both Year 7 and Year 8 students.

The distinctive characteristics of this class for Samoan students are:

- Samoan heritage is acknowledged and brought into the learning
- Samoan language is taught and developed alongside the students' English learning – with the aim that they develop equal ability in Samoan and English literacy. Students' capabilities in Samoan literacy vary widely within the class, and while 50/50 teaching of both literacies is desirable, students' individual needs will determine the actual balance between the teaching of English or Samoan

Our aim is for this class to operate again in 2012. If you would like your child to be placed in the Samoan class, please indicate on the enrolment form.

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