

2008 saw the launch of a new **Leadership Centre** at Otumoetai Intermediate School.

For a number of years the school has provided an **Incredible Minds Programme** to cater for our gifted and talented students. This involves students who have been identified as gifted, in a range of advanced learning and activities. Each student has an **individual learning pathway** facilitated by a staff member whose role is to link these students with appropriate mentors and experts and to develop a programme of learning particularly suited to them as an individual.

The launch of the Leadership Centre was the next stage of this continuing development at our school.

Leadership students are identified throughout the year during; class time, outdoor education activities, extra curricular activities and at Ngatuhua Camp located in the Kaimai Ranges.

In addition year 8 school leaders are selected by putting leadership candidates through a series of outdoor activities and challenges designed to show leadership traits amongst the students.

Student leaders attend the New Zealand Young Leaders Seminars held in Rotorua each year.

As a school we are committed to ensuring all students receive a large variety of opportunities and the introduction of this new initiative enables students with a particular talent in this area to extend their abilities and to be an active participant in the life of the school.

For all students there is an expectation of excellence in everything we do. This includes presentation, team work and a high standard of skill development. It is our goal to maintain the school's reputation as one of New Zealand's premier intermediate schools and to provide our year 7 and 8 students with the best opportunities for leadership in the country.

What is involved

Activities throughout the year include:

- Participation at the outdoor pursuits rope course at Pyes Pa.



- Participation in an apprentice day where students are provided with real life challenges by community business people.



- Public speaking.



- Attendance at the New Zealand Young Leaders Seminars held in Rotorua each year.



- Mentoring and personal training.

