

TAMARIKI SCHOOL EX- STUDENT SURVEY 2006
36 LEAVERS - CLASS OF 1998 TO CLASS OF 2004.

TO EXPLORE ANSWERS TO “ HOW DO THEY GET ON AT HIGH SCHOOL” AND WHAT THEY FEEL ABOUT TAMARIKI.

Large majority settled into High School within 3 months.

Comments on High School experience:

Andrew 04 Turned out High School was quite easy.

Israel 03 I was pretty prepared.I’m getting on pretty well.

Cory 03 Easier than I thought. Good experience.

Josh S 03 In some areas I was up to standard. In others I was behind but I made progress rapidly in those.

Simon 02 I knew more than children from other schools.

Kylie 01 I was fine with the work, up to standard. I really enjoyed it.

Lily 01 I found I caught up quickly but I found other students difficult to get along with because they couldn’t relate to adults and were immature. Couldn’t use words to sort out issues, resorted to bullying.

Ilana 00 I found it rather easy but there was a lot of work. A really joyful experience. I got on really well with teachers because I showed a lot of respect and I got a lot of respect back.

Hannah 99 I did really well. I was top of my class 3rd and 4th form. I had nothing to worry about.

Leila 99 I was willing to learn. I felt comfortable around teachers, could ask for help and get it. ... Enjoyed the different subjects.

Michael 98 I found work not particularly hard, wasn’t as hard as I had built it to be. I found the work stimulating, a step up from Tamariki and more variation in subjects.... The new subjects available I really enjoyed.

Would they send their children to Tamariki?

Yes 25

No 2

Not sure or depends 8

Friends from Tamariki

33 still had friends from Tamariki

How positive do you feel about your future

Very positive 15

Positive 18

Negative 2, unsure 1

What would they say to someone thinking of going to Tamariki or a parent considering it for their child?

(15 positive without reservation and 18 positive with qualifying remarks.)

Fred 03 It's really fun, don't worry about it, good learning, all round good school.

Josh M 03 It's a good idea, depending on background and what family is like . Needs to be supportive of the Tamariki system.

Amalia 03 It depends who it is if I know them I'd say it's a great school. If I didn't know them I'd have to explain a lot about the school.

Shannon 02 I think they should definitely go. It teaches amazing life skills. As a child you need to be able to play, learn when you want to learn and get treated with respect.
P- If you push them to learn they're not going to have enthusiasm for learning later on. Life skills are far more important than academic learning. Life skills are missed out on at other schools.

Sam 02 P- It's a very different school, little kids should be themselves and do whatever they want to, not stuck at a desk. Run round and be happy.

Tui 00 Make the most of it, be as much of a child as possible in the first few years, have fun- later go to classes.

P- Give it time, don't judge it straight away, it is scary.

Isabelle 00 It takes time, stick to it-last two years were the most important for me.

P- Give it a go, it's a fantastic school, parents must believe in the principles of Tamariki otherwise they will have problems with the school.

Jeremy 98 I'd recommend it for any kid.

P-Main thing is the child will be much safer and have more positive surroundings to grow up in.

Sylvia 98 I'd recommend it. It didn't hinder me academically. It's not necessary to do structured classes early on. Learn more from play and making things. There is choice, you can work formally if you want to.

P- For me it worked really well, might depend on the child. Get quite involved. I've good memories of what parents offered at school

Class of 98 Where are they now and what they achieved at High School (surveyed in 2006.)

Michael 5 years high school
NCEA level 2 in English Biology Outdoor Ed
Level 1 horticulture and maths
Soccer team in first 3 years.
Cert in organic horticulture at Polytech
Studying for Cert. in carpentry
Working as apprentice carpenter.

Sylvia 4 years high school
6th form cert.
Student Council,
Board of Trustees student rep for 3 years
Active in SADD
On ball committee.
Captain of netball, lawn bowls team
Exchange student to Sweden in 7th form year.
To graduate 06 with B. medical science, hopes to study medicine.

Jeremy 4 years high school
6th form cert.
Distinction in PE and social studies in junior school.
Played badminton and tennis for school.
Started 2 year Chefs training course.

George 5 years high school.
NCEA English at Hagley
As junior at Rudolf Steiner awards for music, drama, English, history and geography.
Australian bar managers licence
Wine connoisseurs course.
Worked in hospitality, currently Insurance Claims Officer.

Tim 5 years high school.
6th form cert.
Played tennis for school.
Working in a car yard (for now) studying for pilots licence.