

MIRAMAR CHILDCARE

Forest Sessions



Our weekly forest sessions are a special part of our curriculum that allow our tamariki to engage in unstructured time exploring in nature



WHAT?

Tamariki accompany Kaiako to visit the beautiful ngahere in Matairangi. Kaiako are there as facilitators, and encourage tamariki to explore at their own pace however they wish to- kaiako endeavour to keep the mood peaceful and full of wonder.

Boundaries will be set and kaiako will gently remind tamariki of rules that are there to keep them safe if needed.

Kaiako observe the amazing learning the tamariki unveil from this beautiful setting.

WHO?

So that every tamariki in our centre will get a turn and create some predictability for tamariki around who goes and when, tamariki are organised into two groups:

Kikorangi - who go on Wednesdays

Kakariki - who go on Fridays

Colour coded posters are on our walls so tamariki can read their groups and are able to see that if the other group is going this week, they will get a turn to go on the next session.

Our oldest 14 tamariki go on forest sessions.

This ensures fairness, allows tamariki to develop predictability around when they are going on a forest session, and helps tamariki to revisit learning with the peers with whom they last adventured with!

WHERE?

We explore the ngahere at the base of Matairangi (Mt Victoria) just on the other side of the bus tunnel, via the number 2 bus, on pirie st.

This space allows us:

- safe and easy access
- a predictable and regular transport route
- lush ngahere
- pathways for adventuring
- spaces for us to explore and revisit with our play and learning
- connection with our maunga

We go in the morning and bus back in time for lunch!