



# **SURF ACADEMY PROSPECTUS**







# Surfing Academy Course Introduction

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The Surfing Academy Course will be offered as a school subject to Year 11, 12 and 13 students who will be in attendance at Raglan Area School.

Entry into the Academy is unrestricted geographically. That is, any qualifying student may be given the opportunity to take the course.

The course will be restricted to highly motivated boys or girls who have a strong desire to succeed at surfing and schoolwork, preferably those with a high level of competence in surfing.

The Surfing Academy coaches and the school Principal will be responsible for the selection of the students who enter the course. There is a high expectation academically with the NCEA programme offered, where students will be enrolled in 5 NCEA subjects.

An information pack is sent to the prospective applicants. Upon receipt of the Surfing Academy Application Form (see copy) the interview panel will have copies of:

- The applicants Mid Year Report
- The applicant's letter about themselves and why they want to be in the Academy
- Details of an Academic Referee
- Details of a Sporting Referee

The interview panel will consider the documentation received with the Surfing Academy Application form and the two referees listed will be contacted.

Applicants will then be interviewed by Surfing Academy staff. The Principal may also be present at the interview.

Successful applicants are advised and then are to sign the Surfing Academy Enrolment Agreement which stipulates that the enrolment is for **Term One only** with a meeting to review progress in April of that academic year.

## Aims of The Surfing Academy

1. To provide professional coaching to enable students to achieve the highest level of competitive surfing as possible.
2. To increase the students level of fitness and develop their physical ability to reach peak performance.
3. For the students to successfully achieve their NCEA school qualifications to their highest ability.

## Staff

Academy students have 2 surfing coaches/teachers in Larry Fisher and Deane Hishon.

Academy students will have specialist teachers for their other school subjects.

**Accommodation**

A Home Stay Coordinator will help establish a support help network for students, student’s families and their local host families. The Coordinator will help find appropriate accommodation for the students. A stable and supportive home environment is essential if students are to succeed at their studies and surfing.

**The Bus**

The Academy transport is a modified bus for the use of Academy students. It has a large water proofed surfboard and wetsuit storage bay that doubles as a changing room. Our five sponsors, Raglan Surf Co, Reef, Volcom, Backdoor and Kiwi Surf magazine, have all been generous in their funding support for the running of the bus. Students will be transported out to the point breaks or the surrounding beaches and home again by bus on their surfing days. The bus will also travel to all North Island Circuit Surfing Competitions that fall in the school term.



# **SURFING ACADEMY** **INSTRUCTORS**

**Academy students have 2 surfing coaches/teachers - Deane Hishon and Larry Fisher.**



**Deane is originally from the Bay of Plenty. His Father was in the 'Point Board Riders' in the 60,s and as soon as Deane was of age, he moved to the Raglan for its consistency. Deane was drawn to the great waves of Raglan and received a job at Raglan Area School in 1997. Deane Hishon was the main driving force in establishing the Surfing Academy at**

**Raglan Area School, when he saw a real need for professional surf coaching for young aspiring surfers in the community. It was set up and trialled in 1999 and the rest is history with the programme and success of the students going from strength to strength.**

**Deane has 20 years coaching experience and has won the New Zealand Masters and still competes today. Deane has also coached New Zealand Junior teams in the past.**



## **Other Interests:**

**Snowboarding where he still competes.**





## **Larry Fisher (currently on Sabbatical Leave for 2015)**

Larry moved to Raglan from Piha in 2002 to work alongside Deane in the Academy. Before working at Raglan he worked as an Intermediate teacher in West Auckland for four years after he completed his Bachelor of Education and Diploma of Teaching. Larry has a real passion for working with young people and helping them reach their surfing and academic potential.

Larry has come from a competitive surfing background. He has been competing on the N.Z circuit since he was 16. He has won two N.Z circuit events, made four Open Mens National finals as well as winning the New Zealand Senior Championships on two occasions. Larry represented his country in three New Zealand teams at world events. He also was the New Zealand Junior Team Coach for the World Junior Surfing Championships from 2005-2010.



## Raglan Area School – The Home of Raglan Surfing Academy

To explain how the Academy fits within Raglan Area School Figure 1 (below) has been created.

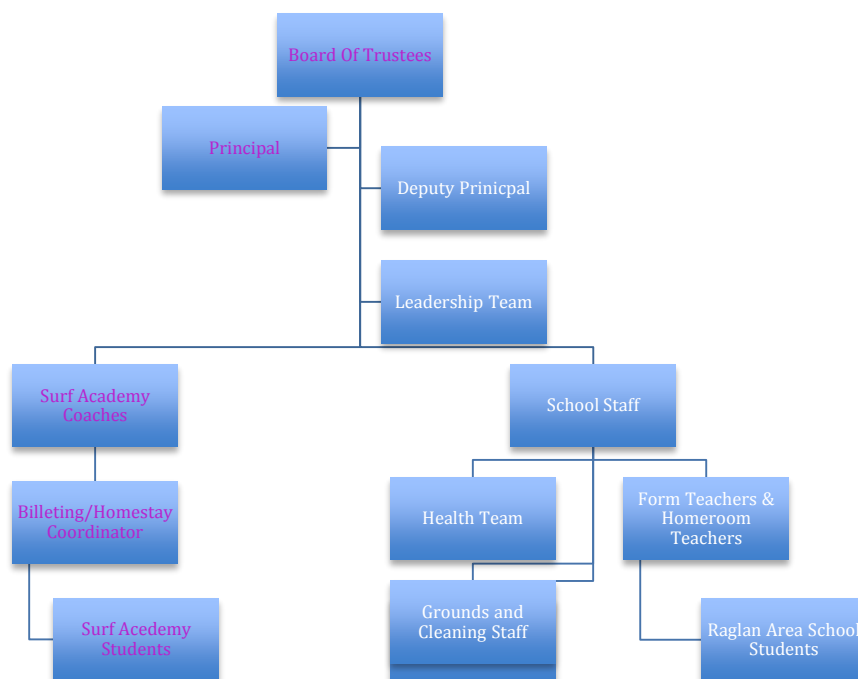


Figure 1. Organisational Analysis of Raglan Area School

### Role of the Principle in relation to the Academy:

The principal assists with many different aspects of the Academy including leadership, teacher evaluation, student discipline, Academy student selection and the interview process. The principal works hard to ensure that the Academy continues to be an important part of the school, and that the coaches are doing what is best for all the academy students. The principal also oversees all activities undertaken by the academy.

### Role of the Board Of Trustees (BOT):

All of New Zealand's state and state-integrated schools have a board of trustees. The board of trustees is the Crown entity responsible for the governance and the control of the management of the school. The Raglan Area School BOT is responsible for setting the school's strategic direction in consultation with parents, staff and students, and ensuring that its school provides a safe environment and quality education for all its students. The BOT are responsible for overseeing the management of the

Academy, its teaching curriculum, property (i.e. the Academy bus), finance and administration. The BOT are also involved in the Academy interview and selection process for students.

### **Role of the Academy Coaches:**

The National Coaching Foundation describes the role of the coach as, “Enables the athlete to achieve levels of performance to a degree that may not have been possible if left to his/her own endeavours.” Academy coaches, Hishon and Fisher, assist their students in developing to their full potential. They are responsible for training athletes by analysing their performances through video feedback and other means, fitness training, instructing in relevant skills and providing encouragement.

Fisher describes his coaching as constantly developing and changing. Fisher tries to be flexible, respecting the students, and attempts to figure out the best coaching method for the individual. Fisher states that because of the nature of the Academy and the amount of time spent with the students he is not just placed in the coaching role, he also becomes a teacher, councillor, planner, organiser, motivator and many more.

Hishon describes his role as one that develops a holistic approach in his students, training technique, competition strategy, mental power and the body. He focuses on helping each individual recognise their strengths and weaknesses, then refining each skill and developing it. Hishon believes for him to be a successful coach he needs to have a good coach-athlete relationship.

Hishon and Fisher’s roles are very reliant on trust from the students’ families and the school as they take the students out everyday into the ocean, an environment with unpredictable consequences. They are also responsible for the students when they leave the area to compete in surfing competitions, on snow trips, and participate in photo shoots. Both coaches believe that their jobs would not be possible without the help and support of one another.



### **Role of the Billet/Homestay Coordinator:**

The role of the homestay coordinator is to conduct interviews and home inspections of all current families participating in the program. These interviews cover topics such as family lifestyle, how many family members, preferences, pets, capacity, availability, and guidelines. The home inspection includes things such as house location, transportation options, as well as bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, overall cleanliness and safety, to verify that the home meets the school standards.

The homestay coordinator also assists the coaches and principal with processing homestay applications from prospective students and conducting student interviews.

The coordinator then matches students with families based on information gathered from student application and family records gathered from interviews and home inspection.

The coordinator also conducts follow up checks throughout the year to make sure students are adhering to the billet code of conduct and following the rules and guidelines set out by their host family.

### **Role of the Academy Students:**

The students are responsible for their own success in the learning process. The Academy students' should be actively involved in the learning process and behave appropriately for their unique learning environment. They are expected to turn up each day with the appropriate lesson equipment (i.e. wetsuit, surfboard and towel). As the school has relatively few numbers, proportionately, more Academy students get the opportunity to assume leadership roles such as School Council, Environment Council, Support and Tutoring, Peer Support, House Leaders, Student Friends, Sports teams, Spirit of New Zealand trips etc. Through assigning the students leadership roles it encourages them to develop strong interdependence, interaction and group processing that can also assist in improving their mental skills as an athlete and surfer.



## Surfing Academy Fees Information

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### All Students

School Donation	\$70.00
Academy Levy (per term)	\$112.50 ( <i>GST inclusive</i> )
Travel Dues (per term)	\$125.00 ( <i>GST inclusive</i> )

### Home Stay Students

Supervision Levy ( <i>per term</i> )	\$56.25 ( <i>GST inclusive</i> )
Emergency Fund	\$200.00 refunded at the completion of the course.

Boarding fees are levied separately as agreed between the host family, supervisor and parents and are not administered by the school.

Pupils will find that there are additional charges for materials and related expenses for individual subject areas. These will be outlined within the stationery accounts that are issued in the first week of the new school year. Further charges may also be levied where students choose to go on special trips or when students travel to various surf competitions.

Students sitting external examinations, Unit Standards or other tests (e.g. Drivers Licence) will also need to meet the associated fees.

### Payment of Fees

The full year's fees will be charged within the first term of the school year.

### Withdrawal

Advice of notice of withdrawal from the Academy is required one full term in advance of the effective date. In Lieu of notice being given, one term's fees are payable.

### Guardians Living Overseas

It is a condition of enrolment for Home Stay students that parents/caregivers living overseas at any stage of your child's enrolment in the Surfing Academy, nominate guardians resident in New Zealand, whom the school can contact.

### Timeline

Applications for enrolment including a referee statement and copies of the End-of-year and the current Mid-year reports, as well as a letter from the applicant telling us about themselves and why they want to join the academy, need to be submitted with a \$25.00 (*GST inclusive*) application fee by October each year. All applications will be acknowledged.

The interviews will be held early November, during which time parents/caregivers will be able to meet with staff, the Home Stay Coordinator, members of the Advisory Board and view the facilities.



Notification of acceptance into the programme will be sent out in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December, if not before.





# Surfing Academy New Zealand Representatives at the World Junior Surfing Championships

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Danny Carse Luke Cederman	Olli Adams  Danny Carse Luke Cederman Kelly Clarkson  Kylie Milek Leon Santorik	Ollie Adams  Mike Banks  Danny Carse Luke Cederman  Kelly Clarkson Jessica Santorik  Leon Santorik	Mike Banks Kelly Clarkson Morehu Roberts Jessica Santorik	Kelly Clarkson  Mischa Davis  Luke Hughes Morehu Roberts Jessica Santorik	Kelly Clarkson  Mischa Davis  Morehu Roberts  Jessica Santorik K. Van der Helder	Mischa Davis  Morehu Roberts  Jessica Santorik Billy Stairmand K. Van der Helder
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mischa Davis  Wini Paul  Sean Peggs  Billy Stairmand K. Van der Helder	Wini Paul Alexis Poulter  Sean Peggs Billy Stairmand  Buck Woods	Alexis Poulter  Buck Woods	Todd Doyle Alexis Poulter  Ben Poulter India Wray- Murane	Alexis Poulter  Ben Poulter	Todd Doyle  Alexis Poulter  Ben Poulter India Wray- Murane  Paul Moretti	Ben Poulter  Paul Moretti

