

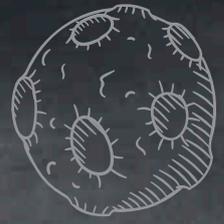


**YMCA**

# for schools

Strong partnerships for  
your school community





YMCA is a not-for-profit organisation committed to building strong kids, strong families and strong communities.

Since 1855 YMCA has been there to help Kiwis lead healthy lives enriched by whanau and connected to community.



We are a silver partner to NZPF





[www.ymcaauckland.org.nz/ymca-for-schools](http://www.ymcaauckland.org.nz/ymca-for-schools)



**798,962**

Fitness club visits



**39,104**

Overnights at Camp Adair



**14,000**

Swim school students



**20,000**

Young people benefit from the Raise Up programme

## YMCA North locations



### AUCKLAND

- ▶ 11 Recreational centres
- ▶ 4 Aquatic centres
- ▶ 3 Early learning centres
- ▶ 10 OSCAR programmes
- ▶ 2 Outdoor camps
- ▶ 2 Backpacker hostels

### HAMILTON

- ▶ 1 Recreational centre
- ▶ 12 OSCAR programmes
- ▶ 1 Early learning centre

### TAURANGA

- ▶ 1 Recreational centre
- ▶ 3 OSCAR programmes





# Safeguarding

“ Our tamariki and rangatahi are tomorrow’s leaders. They all should have access to a safe, enriching environment that prioritises their wellbeing. ”

Julian Baldey, CEO of YMCA North



In 2017 the YMCA Auckland and Waikato network became New Zealand’s first and only accredited childsafe organisation through the internationally renowned Australian Childhood Foundation.

As an organisation serving children, young people and their whānau, we believe it’s important to do our part to protect and support our staff and customers, particularly those who may be experiencing vulnerability.

We regard safeguarding as a shared responsibility for all. We care about everybody’s well-being but have a focus on empowering our youth and providing healthy living for all.

Safeguarding is a fundamental part of our culture and a culture we are proud to share with all of our staff, customers and members. To support this we have:

- Designated safeguarding staff
- Clear policies and protocols promoting safe and best practice for our customers and staff
- Mandatory safeguarding induction and training requirements for all staff.



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# In-school before & after school care

Before and after school care should be carefully personalised, led by well-trained, caring staff, and of benefit to your school, its students and their families.

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We work with you to provide a positive environment where children can grow & develop. Because each YMCA centre and local community is unique, we understand schools are too. With low staff to child ratios, healthy financial returns for the school, and full admin and organisation taken care of by our team, you'll discover it's easy to implement before and after school care programmes and holiday programmes with YMCA. We know this because our partner schools and parents tell us.

## Why YMCA

- ▶ **Extra revenue:** We run most of our programmes from the school's premises, and we pay a financial return to the school.
- ▶ **Hassle-free:** We run the administration and training including bookings, parent communications, WINZ processes, recruitment, on-going training, record keeping, financial, audits, first aid course, child safe training, behaviour management training etc.
- ▶ **Additional facilities:** Access to wider benefits such as recreation centres, swimming lessons, sports programmes, school camp and team building at Camp Adair and Shakespear Lodge
- ▶ **Added value:** Opportunity to market your school through our channels
- ▶ **Personalised and tailored to your school:** We mirror your schools values, pupils needs and curriculums.



What teachers say

“ Thank you for hiring such wonderful staff who are a perfect fit for our community. I am thrilled to have YMCA as part of the Upper Hutt School community.

Jo Grant - Principal Upper Hutt School

What parents say

“ The strong relationship between the school and YMCA is refreshing - thanks to all!

Ayla Yule - Parent ”



# School Camps

With YMCA camps for schools, you're guaranteed an enriching outdoor education experience

With over 10,000 children visiting our camps for schools each year, YMCA knows what works. We provide high quality outdoor education experiences to children from primary through to secondary school age.

## What teachers say

*This trip exceeded my expectations. I had been told the last time our school came they had a great time but it was truly awesome*  
*Teacher, Pukekawa School*

## What parents say

*I feel like I can trust the camp to look after my daughter and give her the opportunity to meet new people and try new activities'*  
*Parent, February 2019*

## Why YMCA

- ▶ Convenient locations: Two amazing options within 50 minutes of Central Auckland – seaside Shakespear or bush-clad Adair
- ▶ Camp lengths to suit your needs: Options include single day, overnight and multiple night camps
- ▶ We have your catering sorted: Healthy, wholesome meals which cover all dietary requirements
- ▶ You're in safe hands: OutdoorsMark certified with experienced, trained staff
- ▶ Make your budget go further: Support for funding applications available on request.



# Swimming

New Zealand is surrounded by water – learning to swim is a vital life skill

YMCA Swim School classes are ability-based and cater to all levels of experience. Classes are based on structured progressions with a strong emphasis on skill execution and water safety. We work with your school to support your curriculum and community's needs.

## What teachers say

*All students make huge gains in their skills and techniques and even our parent community comment on this!*  
Teacher, *St Mary's School Ellerslie*

## What parents say

*Great inclusion of all abilities. Great program to allow children to feel safe in the water*  
Parent, *April 2019*

## Why YMCA

- ▶ Award-winning swim school: Outstanding Swim School Award: NZ Swim Coaches & Teachers Association 2018
- ▶ Flexible programme for your needs: A variety of options across water safety education and swimming lessons
- ▶ Supportive learning: We keep our instructor to student ratios as low as possible to ensure the best results
- ▶ Convenient for you: We operate four swimming pools across Auckland or can operate from your school





# Raise Up

Young people who care, create communities who care!

Raise Up is YMCA's youth development programme, free for 13-18 year olds, run by youth for youth and operates from 11 locations across Auckland and Hamilton.

Raise Up helps young people develop leadership skills, support their community, learn event management and other skills to enrich their CV to prepare them for a better future.



### What teachers say

“Our students are so positive about the programme and enthusiastically endorse it as a safe place for young people to gather while gaining life enhancing skills in the process.”  
Dean at Marist College (2018)

### Why Raise Up

#### Provides young people with:

- ▶ External leadership training
- ▶ Experience in event management
- ▶ Access to trained professionals who offer leadership workshops, physical activations and facilitate your students to design and implement fun activities
- ▶ Networking with other schools and community organisations that provide a variety of opportunities for young people.
- ▶ Chances to earn the Raise Up Youth Service endorsement.





# Accommodation

We customise our service to meet your group's needs, with reasonably priced options to suit your school's budget.

A warm Kiwi welcome awaits you and your group at YMCA Hostel and City Lodge in the heart of Auckland. We host schools from around New Zealand and the world: sports teams playing at our onsite stadium, cultural groups, teachers in Auckland for a conference, and many more. Accommodation includes linen and towels. Breakfast and internet access are available.

Our 4+ star YMCA Hostel offers dorm, single, twin and double rooms, with shared bathrooms.

City Lodge rooms are all private ensuite with their own fridge and TV.

## Why YMCA

- ▶ We have a range of policies and procedures which reflect our commitment to child, young persons and staff safety.
- ▶ Well-equipped indoor and outdoor group spaces with pool tables, hammocks and table tennis
- ▶ Communal catering facilities available, including outdoor BBQs

## What teachers say

*The facility worked wonderfully and the staff went beyond the call of duty, dealing with all aspects of the groups' stay professionally and always with a smile.*

**School Sports Group (2019)**



# Partnerships

When your school joins the YMCA family, we support your entire school community. We take the time to learn about your school to ensure our programmes are in line with your wharenuī. What's more, being our partner gives you access to a generous range of additional YMCA services.







## Our programmes

Get the best of both worlds from our approach. Our central oversight ensures quality and consistency of outcomes, as well as ongoing legislation compliance. This complements our local programme design and delivery, which is tailored for your school, parents and children – incorporating your school values and framework.

## Community activity

You won't only see us during our scheduled programme hours. We've been known to help out at community events, galas, get involved with your eco projects, and much more. With our cheery red branding and big smiles we're hard to miss.

## Benefits for Teachers and School Leaders

### Health & fitness

Through the YMCA you can access gyms across Auckland and Waikato, swimming pools, group fitness classes, boot camps, personal trainers, and a wealth of support to get and stay active. We can offer special membership rates for staff of our partner schools.

### Offsite meeting venues

If you're looking for a space for groups of teachers or school leaders for professional development, team building, strategic planning or even social sport – our local centres and camps have a variety of options to suit you.

### Wellbeing & mental health

We understand the long hours, reporting requirements and pressure of being a teacher. And we also appreciate the vital part you play, like us, in building strong kids, strong families, and strong communities. We offer a range of services to support your health and wellbeing – specialised health programmes, yoga classes, all in a supportive environment.



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