

## What is Switch?

An exciting, integrated learning approach grounded in STEAMM (Science, Technology, English, Arts, Mathematics, and Mātauranga Māori). Unlike traditional subject-based learning, The Switch Project connects knowledge across disciplines to explore big ideas that matter in our local and global communities.



### 2025 Highlights and Achievements – SWITCH Programme

- Secured \$10,000 in funding from the Air New Zealand Every Corner Project to support the clean-up and restoration of the Manse Street berm area.
- SWITCH students received a Highly Commended at the Northland Regional Council Environmental Awards, recognising their leadership and action in sustainability.
- Submitted a joint proposal to NRC for the restoration of the Waiarohia Stream, in collaboration with Whangārei Intermediate School and Whangārei Boys' High School.
- Established strong partnerships with community groups and agencies, including Tiakina Whangārei, Citycare, Horizon Drones, NRC, WDC, and Enviroschools, working together to support long-term environmental outcomes.

## Why Choose Switch?

- The world is changing, and students need skills to thrive in future careers and communities. The Switch Project prepares learners to be adaptable, curious, and innovative. Our students:
- Solve real-world problems
- Collaborate in authentic community-based projects
- Develop critical thinking, creativity, and leadership skills

*I have enjoyed the teachers in Switch, I really enjoy doing the long projects that are actually fun and that we have time to do during class times. I really like the trips that we do and I like the berm project that we are doing. I enjoy the art that we do in the switch rooms.*

### How is Learning Different?

- Project-Based: Hands-on, real-world learning experiences
- Integrated Curriculum: Learning is connected across subjects
- Future-Focused: Preparing students with essential skills for tomorrow
- Community Engagement: Students work on meaningful projects that make a difference

### Who Can Join?

This programme is open to all students passionate about learning in an innovative and collaborative environment.



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### Technology & Assessment

- Students require a Chromebook/laptop for digital learning and collaboration
- Assessment focuses on practical applications of knowledge and preparation for the Common Assessment Activities and NCEA Literacy and Numeracy

### Is Switch for You?

If you enjoy:

- Solving problems creatively
- Working collaboratively
- Exploring new ways of learning
- Making a real impact in your community

**Then Switch is for you!**



Team Work



Sharing Fun Times

WHANGAREI GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL  
**SWITCH**  
INFORMATION EVENING

**TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST**

Join us and learn more about the SWITCH program at WGHS

5.45pm – Health 4/5 – Gate 1  
Lupton Avenue – Follow the signs from the electric gate

*Enjoyed working on projects like films, art, visual diaries, posters, and murals. Favourite activities included the berm project, tukutuku panels, bug and bird houses, and creative writing.*



Collaboration



Switch is an exciting, integrated learning programme grounded in STEAMM (science, technology, English, arts, mathematics, and Mātauranga Māori). Students explore big ideas through a connected NZ Curriculum, with rich tasks and explicit teaching informed by the science of learning. The programme is child-centred and relationship-based and encourages hands-on, real-world learning. Students work in groups with experienced teachers, accessing science labs, health and PE facilities, and specialist rooms as needed. Learning is project-based, fostering critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and leadership. A close partnership with EnviroSchools supports environmental learning and meaningful community action. Switch is ideal for Year 9 students who enjoy solving problems, working with others, and making a real difference.



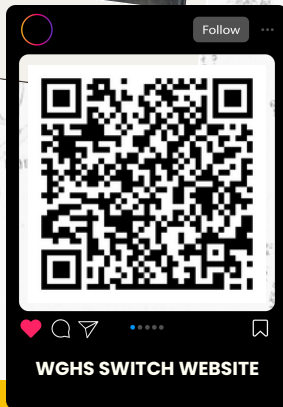
*I loved working on the projects we did about refugees and the one on the Manse Street berm. I enjoyed the bird houses and bug motels; they were my favourite.*



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# WGHS SWITCH

SWITCH OFFERS AN INTEGRATED CURRICULUM FOR YEAR 9 AND 10 STUDENTS