



New Plymouth Girls' High School Te Kura Taitamawāhine o Puke Ariki

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INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS

**New Plymouth Girls' High School
has shaped and influenced the
lives of young women since 1885.**



ET COMITATE - ET VIRTUTE - ET SAPIENTIA • FRIENDSHIP - COURAGE - WISDOM



Our vision, to
develop educated,
confident young
women of outstanding
character, is timeless.

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Welcome

to New Plymouth Girls' High School

Tena koutou katoa

Welcome to you all

Our school prides itself on providing quality education for young women throughout Taranaki and beyond. A wide range of sporting and cultural opportunities is available. The school campus is set within 11 hectares of attractive grounds and offers superb hostel living on-site.

Our School is built on traditional values with innovative approaches to teaching and learning. We have a proud history of academic excellence and a proven record of outstanding achievement in sport, visual and performing arts, Vocational Pathways, and cultural pursuits.

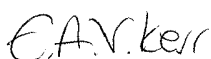
We promote lifelong learning and ensure students identify and follow their passions and achieve to their full potential. We offer a unique opportunity to be educated at one of New Zealand's oldest, most prestigious public girls' schools.

Our vision is to create confident young women of outstanding character. Each young woman will have the opportunity to discover and develop the necessary knowledge, skills, values and character to enable her to fulfil her potential.

Our School is large enough to have great opportunities yet small enough to care and develop each of our girls as a unique individual. Our platform of traditional values encourages Whakamana/Respect, Haepapa/Responsibility, and Whanaungatanga/Positive Relationships.

Our students consistently achieve exceptional results in national qualifications.

We welcome your girls to come and join our family.



Victoria Kerr
BA (Hons), PGCE
PRINCIPAL

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Victoria Kerr - PRINCIPAL





New Plymouth

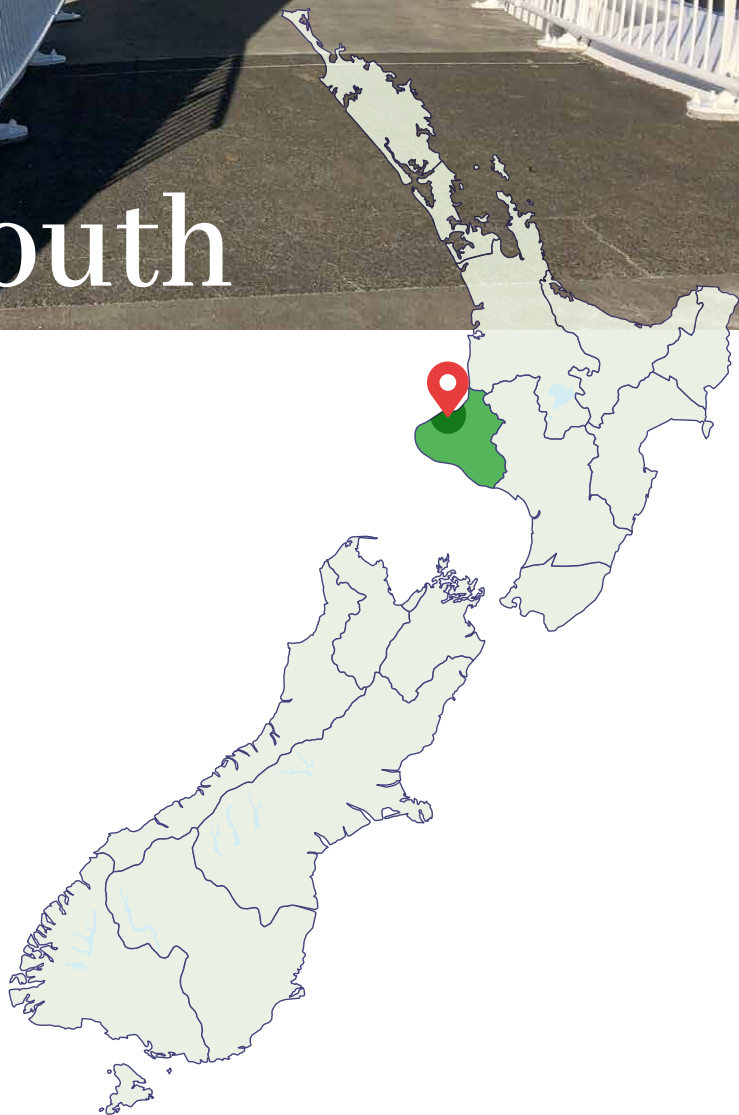
Taranaki

With the stunning Mount Taranaki as a backdrop and the warm iron sands along our coast it's no wonder Lonely Planet judged it as the #2 region to visit in 2017.

New Plymouth is the largest settlement in the Taranaki region and has an estimated population of 74,000. The city is situated on the West Coast of the North Island and is nestled between a picture-perfect mountain and a sparkling sea. New Plymouth is a mix of diverse cultures and is a popular region for visitors, businesses, migrants, refugees and their families.

The region offers the best of town and country with beautiful parks, gardens, lakes, walkways, historic sites and stunning surf beaches. New Plymouth has a vibrant events programme with music festivals and concerts that attract world class artists. There are art galleries, museums, libraries and sports stadiums where international events are held.

Taranaki has a strong economy based on dairy farming, food production and oil and gas exploration. There are many thriving businesses across a wide range of industries, providing plenty of careers and job opportunities. New Plymouth is a 45 minute flight from Auckland in the north and Wellington in the south.



New Plymouth District is a safe, welcoming and community orientated place to live.

WEATHER

The weather is unique given the location of New Plymouth between the Tasman Sea and Mount Taranaki. There is good rainfall coverage, high sunshine hours and moderate temperatures throughout the year ranging from around 20-30 degrees in summer and 5-12 degrees in winter.



About our school

Founded in 1885, New Plymouth Girls' High School combines traditional values with a strong appreciation of the needs of young women in the 21st century.

The school is set in 11 hectares of attractive grounds and its modern on-site boarding hostel has a fine reputation. All buildings have been upgraded to meet current curriculum needs. Classrooms are networked and Wi-Fi is available across the school.

We welcome diversity and the ethnic composition of the student body reflects the wider community with 66% identifying as New Zealand European, and 22% New Zealand Māori. Our students consistently achieve excellent academic results above the national median.

Our mission is to provide a range of dynamic academic, cultural, sporting and personal learning experiences through quality teaching in a challenging yet supportive environment. Accelerated and enrichment programmes are offered to gifted and talented students and multi-level programmes begin at Year 10 with students taking subjects at two or more levels. Students excel at sport and in the performing and visual arts at both provincial and national levels.

There is a holistic approach to the welfare and education of young women and we strive towards our vision to develop educated, confident young women of outstanding character.

"I reached all my goals, passed English and gained UE."


Sandy - Year 13

International Student Thailand



Why choose

New Plymouth Girls' High School



"The staff and teachers played important roles in making us feel extremely welcome and comfortable. They never hesitated to assist and guide us whenever we are unsure about anything."

Joe Yie Lai - Year 13 International Student Malaysia

- New Plymouth Girls' High School is recognised both nationally and internationally for providing excellence in education.
- High academic standards.
- A wide range of extra-curricular sporting and cultural activities are offered. High achievement nationally in all areas – Sport, Music, Art, Dance and Drama are 'Centres of Excellence' in the school.
- Situated in a small city with excellent amenities but few "big city" temptations. With a small friendly population there is ample opportunity to speak English.
- Strong links with all top universities (Massey, Victoria, Waikato, Auckland, Canterbury and Otago).
- Small number (maximum 35) of international students. International students are highly valued for the variety, richness and diversity they bring to the school.
- Excellent pastoral care in accordance with the New Zealand Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice.
- An orientation programme for International students who are paired with New Zealand students as mentors and friends.



Vision

To develop educated, confident young women of outstanding character.

Mission

Each young woman will have the opportunity to discover and develop the necessary knowledge, skills, values and character to enable her to fulfil her potential.

"I had the opportunity to try everything I wanted! Girls' High is great for people who want to create new experiences."

Anna – Year 10, International Student South Korea

Our Values

RESPECT

Whakamana

RESPONSIBILITY

Haepapa

RELATIONSHIPS

Whanaungatanga

Waka Huia

Our Waka Huia are named after famous waka. Waka Huia is a Treasure chest, shaped like a canoe. All the waka have historical connections to Taranaki through tribal interactions and they were great ocean-going canoes that were used in the migrations that settled New Zealand.

Our Motto

ET COMITATE

Friendship

Whakahoanga

ET VIRTUTE

Courage

Maia

ET SAPIENTIA

Wisdom

Matauranga




AOTEA

KURAHAUPO

TOKOMARU

TAINUI

A photograph of three students walking away from the camera on a paved path. They are wearing dark blue school uniforms. The student in the middle has curly hair and is carrying a black Nike backpack. The student on the right is carrying a green backpack with a pom-pom. In the background is a modern school building with a large blue mural on its side. The mural features the letters 'N', 'Z', 'I', 'S' in a stylized, blocky font. The sky is blue with some clouds.

**"I learnt a lot about
New Zealand
culture and made
really nice friends."**

Hannah - Year 11
International Student
Vietnam



How to apply

Here at New Plymouth Girls' High School we strive to provide a best possible experience for our International Students. We welcome your enquiries wanting to know more about our School and what we can offer. The application pack can be emailed on request or found on our website.

Enrolment information

We accept enrolments from all students 13-18 years old. There is an adequate level of English in ELA (English Language Assistance) required and tested on arrival to ensure the student can participate in the level they enrol in.

Process

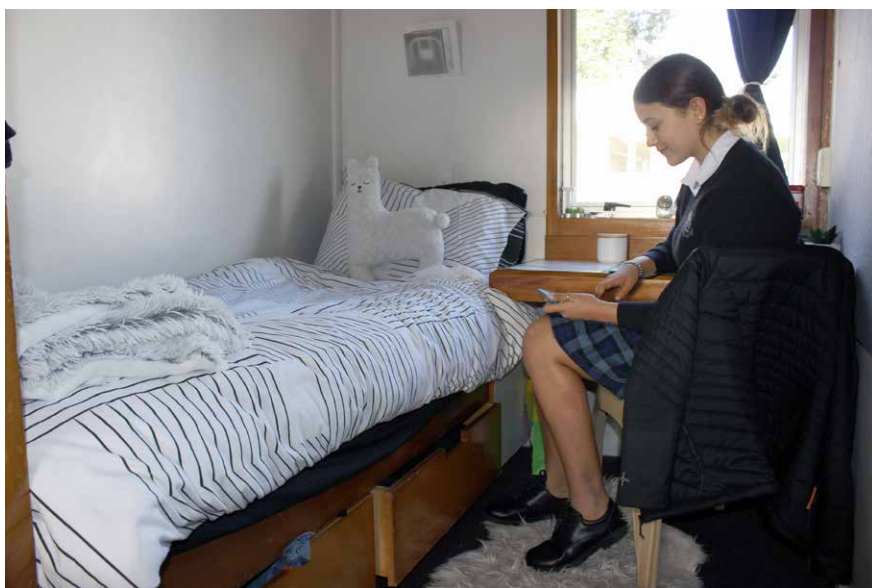
- Enquiry is received from the parent/agent.
- Application pack with relevant information emailed. This includes:
 - International Student Application Form and Contract of Enrolment.
 - Accommodation agreement and/or Designated Caregiver Agreement.
 - Fee Schedule and Term Dates.
 - Refund Policy.
 - School Code of Conduct.
 - Disciplinary Policy.
- On receipt of application it will take approximately five working days to process. Application needs to include:
 - All forms mentioned above filled out in full.
 - Copy of the students passport.
 - Copy of the students most recent school report.
- Skype interview requested.
- A conditional offer of place and invoice will be sent when all above criteria is met and the International Director has reviewed.
- On payment of fees a confirmed offer of place will be sent.
- Apply for a Student Visa.

Accommodation



Boarding at New Plymouth Girls' High School Scotlands Hostel

Our Hostel provides your daughter with a safe, secure and caring environment in which she can feel happy and supported in all that she does. The environment will help her focus on learning, discovering and exploring new opportunities and to have fun doing it! Our Boarders come from many different areas of New Zealand and overseas.



Student Homestay

Homestay families choose to become involved in our international programme because they have a desire to share their home and lives with a teenager from a different culture.

A homestay family will include the student in all family activities and celebrations and provide her with a secure, caring and supportive environment where she will be encouraged to develop her English and become immersed in our New Zealand lifestyle.



"There's a sense of family at the hostel, with this comes a feeling of acceptance, which I'll never forget"

Sabine Volker, Year 13
Hostel Student 2019



Principal and
International
Director

Victoria Kerr



Deputy
Principal and
International
Dean

Kerry Macdonald



International
and Marketing
Co-ordinator

Kerrie Wootton



Homestay
Co-ordinator

Cimone Wright



Teacher in
Charge English
Language
Assistance

Ami Kindler

Pastoral Care

New Plymouth Girls' High School is committed to ensuring that every girl feels she is a valued member of the school community.

We are committed to building positive relationships between students, teachers, families and all members for the school community.

Young people need guidance and assistance as they progress through school. All staff are involved in pastoral care, but some have very specific roles.

The Pastoral Network

This network includes the Director of International Students, the International Dean, the International Co-ordinator, Homestay Co-ordinator and the Teacher in charge of English Language Assistance (ELA). As a team their role is to assist students through any vocational, personal and educational difficulties.

Wai Ora Wellness Centre

Services at the Wai Ora Wellness Centre include counselling, general health concerns, health education and promotion and referral to other services. There are counsellors and nurses on site and are available daily for the students to make appointments.



"I found good friends and had a lot of fun with them in my time at NPGHS."

Anna - Year 11
International Student
Germany

Orientation

All new students will participate in an orientation programme on their initial first few days at school. Students will be with other International students who are all new to school so this is a very supportive environment.

Some of the topics covered in orientation are:

- Meet and greet with Principal, International Dean and International Co-ordinator.
- Familiarisation with members of staff within the school and the various roles they have.
- Information about what is in New Plymouth and how to get around the town.
- A tour of the school.
- Uniform fitting.
- Setting up of Wi-Fi and school email addresses.
- School rules.
- Familiarisation with all amenities the school has to offer.

Student Voice



As the International Leader of New Plymouth Girls' High School of Year 2019, I am given the privilege to guide and lead the international students for the year.

Looking at my fellow international juniors and friends today, I was reminded of when I first came to New Plymouth Girls' High School back in 2017. At that time, I knew nothing much about New Zealand. All I really knew was there is more sheep than humans in this little country. My lack of knowledge about New Zealand made me even more curious and I was determined to know more about the country and its culture. In 2017, I made one of the craziest decisions in my life – I decided to continue my secondary studies in New Zealand and began my journey at NPGHS as a Year 11 student. It was quite a spontaneous decision for me to move from my home country, Malaysia, all the way to New Zealand. At first, I was extremely excited about studying abroad for the first time ever. It's an important milestone!

Unfortunately, it wasn't all sunshine and rainbows. I had a rocky start as there are several difficulties that I have encountered as an international student. One of the major and most common ones would be dealing with homesickness. Along my journey, I was introduced to many other international girls from countries such as Vanuatu, Germany, Vietnam, Japan and more. Some came to NPGHS earlier than I have while some came around the same time as I did, and most of them could emotionally relate to how I felt at that time. I was able to gradually overcome my homesickness and loneliness because of how friendly the girls were and how easily we could get along with one another because we have so much in common. The staff and teachers also played important roles in making us feel extremely welcome and comfortable. They never hesitated to assist and guide us whenever we are unsure about anything. Thanks to the hospitable staff and the easy-going girls in school, my experience in NPGHS as well as New Zealand has been astounding.

Joe Yie Lai – Malaysia
Year 13
INTERNATIONAL LEADER



Curriculum

YEAR 9

All Students Study all
EIGHT Learning Areas:

- Arts ▪ English ▪ Health and Physical Education
- Languages ▪ Mathematics ▪ Science
- Social Science ▪ Technology

**WITHIN SOME LEARNING AREAS
THERE IS A CHOICE BETWEEN SUBJECTS:**

ARTS:

- Dance
- Drama
- Music
- Visual Arts

LANGUAGES:

- English Language and Literature
- French
- Literacy
- Spanish
- Te Reo Māori

TECHNOLOGY:

- Biotechnology
- Design Technology
- Design and Visual Communication
- Digital Technology, Textiles Technology.

**STUDENTS MAY BE PLACED IN ONE
OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS
TO SUPPORT THEIR LEARNING NEEDS:**

- Numeracy
- ELA (English Language Assistance)
which is English for speakers of other languages
- Learning Skills or Literacy.

YEAR 10

All Students Study
FIVE Learning Areas:

- English ▪ Health and Physical Education
- Mathematics ▪ Science ▪ Social Science

**PLUS STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO SELECT
THREE OPTIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING:**

- Animal & Plant Science
- Business Studies
- Dance
- Design Technology
- Design and Visual Communications
- Digital Technology
- Drama
- English Language
- Food and Nutrition
- French
- Literacy
- Music
- Spanish
- Sports Education
- Te Reo Māori
- Textiles Technology
- Visual Arts

**STUDENTS MAY BE PLACED IN
THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT TO
SUPPORT THEIR LEARNING NEEDS:**

- ELA (English Language Assistance)
which is English for speakers of other languages

YEAR 11

Students Select SIX Subjects

Compulsory Subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- A Science

Students select **THREE** options from a list of 39 subjects.

YEAR 12

Students Select SIX Subjects

Compulsory Subject:

- English

Students select **FIVE** options from a list of 47 subjects.

YEAR 13

Students Select a Full Course of FIVE Subjects

and also have a study line.

Students select all of their subjects from a list of 46 subjects.

NCEA

NCEA Levels 1, 2 & 3

Senior students can select courses from any NCEA Level appropriate to their ability so long as they meet the entrance criteria (or the equivalent thereof).

Alternative or more practically based courses are available in many subject areas.

Timetabled and supplementary Vocational Training opportunities are available to senior students at NCEA Levels 1 to 3 and higher.



Subject Selection Guide

LEARNING AREA	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
ARTS	Dance Drama Music Visual Arts	Dance Drama Music Visual Arts
ENGLISH	English	English
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Food & Nutrition Health Physical Education	Food & Nutrition Health Physical Education Sports Education
LANGUAGES	English Language French Literacy Spanish Te Reo Māori	English Language French Spanish Te Reo Māori
LEARNING SUPPORT	Learning Skills	SPEC – Yr10 / Pre-Level 1 (for Yr10/11/12/13's)
MATHEMATICS	Mathematics	Mathematics
SCIENCES	Science	Animal & Plant Science Science
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Social Science	Business Studies Social Science
TECHNOLOGY	Nature of Technology Design Technology Design & Visual Communication Digital Technology Textiles Technology	Design Technology Design & Visual Communication Digital Technology Textiles Technology
VOCATIONAL TRAINING		
TOTALS	22	23

Placement is subject to the English language level and course availability at the time of enrolment.

All courses are subject to numbers and staffing

This course may be offered through Te Kura (Correspondence School) - other courses may also be available. Additional Fee's apply for International Students.

SPEC –
(Specific Preparation for Employment & Citizenship)

ACADEMIC LEVELS:



Extension Course




Intermediate Course



Alternative Course

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 3+
Dance Digital Visual Arts Drama Music Visual Arts	Art Design Art History Dance Drama Music Photography Visual Arts	Art Design Art History Dance Drama Music Painting Photography Printmaking Sculpture	
English English Alternative English Extension (Yr10's)	English English Alternative English Extension (for Yr11s)	English Alternative English Extension (for Yr12's) English Visual English Written	English Extension (Scholarship - for Yr13's)
Food & Nutrition Hauora Health Hospitality Sports Science & Physical Education	Fitness & Recreation (for Yr11/12/13's) Food & Nutrition Hauora Health Hospitality (for Yr12s & Yr13's) Sports Science & Physical Education	Food & Nutrition Hauora Health Sports Science & Physical Education	
English Language French Spanish Te Reo Māori	English Language French # Spanish Te Reo Māori	English Language French # Spanish Te Reo Māori	
SPEC (for Yr11/12/13's)	SPEC (for Yr11/12/13's)	SPEC (for Yr11/12/13's)	
Maths with Algebra & Statistics Maths Extension (for Yr10's) Maths Numeracy Maths with Statistics	Maths with Algebra & Statistics Maths Extension (for Yr11's) Maths with Statistics	Calculus Maths Extension (for Yr12's) Statistics External Statistics Internal	Statistics Extension (for Yr13's)
Animal & Plant Science Science Alternative Science Extension (for Yr10's) Science External Science Internal	Animal & Plant Science Biology Chemistry Physics Science Science Alternative	Animal & Plant Science # Biology Chemistry Physics Science Science Alternative	
Accounting Business Studies Economics Geography History Social Science Extension (for Yr10's) Social Studies	Accounting Classical Studies Economics Enterprise Studies Geography History Media Studies Social Studies Tourism	Accounting Classical Studies Economics Enterprise Studies Geography History Media Studies Social Studies Tourism	
Computer Science Design Technology Design & Visual Communication Textiles Technology	Computer Science Design Technology Design & Visual Communication Textiles Technology	Computer Science Design Technology Design & Visual Communication Textiles Technology	
Supplementary Career Development (Not an option subject)	Classroom Career Development Supplementary Career Development (Not an option subject) Trades Academy Workplace Training	Classroom Career Development EE2E Engineering Supplementary Career Development (Not an option subject) Workplace Training 3+2 Career Training	
39	47	49	2

A photograph of several students in school uniforms sitting at a table in a canteen. A young woman with glasses is smiling at the camera, while others are eating or looking down.

"I was able to speak English really well compared to before I came and I am so proud of how far I have come."

Miona - Year 12
International Student Japan

ELA

English Language Assistance



New Plymouth Girls' High School has an excellent English Language Assistance Programme (ELA).

This course aims to support those who need specific assistance both in learning the English language and in their curriculum areas.

There is a focus on the core skills needed in listening, speaking, reading and writing with a focus on grammar and vocabulary development.

Our Senior students are taught ELA for a 5-hour period over the course of a week and Juniors have 3 hours per cycle. We can provide additional ELA as needed. For all other classes students are in mainstream classes.

Outdoor Education



There is no better place to experience the outdoors, than what is right here on our doorstep.

There are so many outdoor opportunities in easy reach, from the beach, to the mountain and everything in between.

We have camps for Year 9 and 10 students, with Year 9 having a 2-day camp at the beginning of the year followed by a 3 day camp at the end of the year. Year 10 students participate in a 3 day camp at the end of the year.

For students Year 11 and up, there is the opportunity to participate in TOPEC (Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits & Education Centre) as an option. There is the opportunity for classroom experiences, as well as outdoor experiences. This is run by qualified teachers who have great experience in Outdoor Pursuits.

There are additional opportunities that take place for international students throughout the course of the year.



Sport & Outdoor Education



Sport

- Adventure Racing
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- BMX
- Canoe Polo
- Croquet (Golf)
- Crossfit
- Climbing
- Cricket
- Cross-country
- Cross Fit
- Cycling
- Equestrian
- Football
- Futsal
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Hillary Challenge
- Hockey
- Indoor Bowls
- Indoor Rowing
- Lawn Bowls
- Multi Sports
- Netball
- Orienteering
- Road Relays
- Rogaine
- Rugby League
- Rugby – Union 7's and 15's
- Skiing and Snowboarding
- Sailing
- Squash
- Surfing
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Volleyball – Beach and Indoor
- Waka Ama

Outdoor Education

- Outdoor Pursuits Centre
- Outward Bound
- Spirit of Adventure
- TOPEC - (Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits & Education Centre)
- Year 9 camps - (2 day at beginning of year and 3 day at end of year)
- Year 10 camp (3 day at end of year)

GROUPS/ COMMITTEES/ LEADERSHIP

Amnesty International
 Aspiring Leaders Forum
 Dance Committee
 Drama Committee
 Environment Group
 Global Young Leaders Conference
 Honohono
 Levels Councils
 Library Group
 Model United Nations -
 (Taranaki & National Conferences)
 Monetary Policy Challenge
 Music Committee
 Rogaine
 Rotary Rypen
 SADD - (Students Against Dangerous Driving)
 School Council
 Security Council - (Central North Island)
 Tech Angels (IT Support)
 Treasury Schools Challenge
 Visual Arts Committee
 World Vision 40 Hour Famine
 Writers' Group
 Young Enterprise Scheme
 Youth Congress - (UNICEF)
 Youth Declaration
 Y-Lead

CULTURAL

Barbershop Singing
 Chamber Music
 Concert Band
 Folk Group
 Harmony Singers
 Jubilate Singers
 Jazz Band
 Kapahaka
 Oxford X International Forum
 Orchestra
 Music Instrument Tuition
 Musical Production (Biennial)
 Pacific Project - (UN Youth)
 Pasifika
 Percussion Group
 Rock Quest Bands
 String Group
 Ukulele Orchestra
 World Challenge





Uniform

International students are expected to purchase full correct school uniform unless otherwise agreed for short stay students.

Junior Skirt	62cm – 122cm
Senior Skirt	62cm – 122cm
Culottes	62cm – 122cm
Senior Short	62cm – 122cm
Blouse	6 – 32
Navy Jersey	82cm – 117cm
Pantyhose Black, Opaque (3 pack)	Extra Small – Extra Tall
Blazers	8 – 24
Ties	One Size

Footwear

Black sandals with backstraps, Havaiana sandals are permitted (not surf-wear sandals or jandals).

Black low heeled, polishable shoes with or without plain black pantyhose/tights or ankle socks.

No sports shoes, boots or canvas shoes.



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