



Whangarei Girls' High School



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Haere mai, naumai, haere mai

Whangarei Girls' High School is located in Whangarei, Northland's largest city. It is a safe, clean and friendly place to live, with New Zealand's warmest climate.

Our region is stunningly beautiful, with unspoilt beaches, harbours and forests. We welcome visitors from all countries and cultures around the world.

Once you arrive in Auckland, it is only a 30 minute flight to Whangarei, making it easy to travel to and from our school.





Welcome to Whangarei Girls' High School – offering a world of opportunity in Whangarei, New Zealand.

We are delighted to welcome international students to our school and enjoy helping them to improve their English, achieve their academic goals and experience our beautiful country. At the same time, we enjoy learning about other countries and cultures, as we prepare our students to discover everything the world has to offer.

We are proud of our 130 year history as a successful and highly regarded school, providing:

- Strong academic achievement
- Safe, supportive and secure environment
- Sporting opportunities and successes
- Warm and friendly school community
- Extensive curriculum across many subjects.

Anne Cooper
– Principal



We have a dedicated team who care for our international students, beginning with their safe arrival in New Zealand.

We offer 24/7 support, with everything from choosing classes and joining school clubs, to planning social trips and ensuring quality accommodation.

Katy Mandeno – International Director

- Ensures high quality of care for international students
- Liaises with agents in New Zealand and overseas
- Manages strategic marketing and communications

Jill Brien – International Student Manager and Homestay Coordinator

- Provides pastoral care and support to all international students
- Organises school orientation programme and plans social activities
- Places students with safe, friendly homestay families and provides 24/7 support

Marian Innes – Dean

- Assists students to plan their learning and curriculum
- Liaises with other schools and other tertiary institutions

Arabelle Sobran – ESOL Teacher

- Offers small, supportive ESOL classes
- Teaches IELTS and supports students with other subjects

We look forward to meeting you!

Please contact us or visit our website for application forms, enrolment policies and further information about our school and our region.

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Accommodation

A safe, friendly and supportive living environment is arranged for all international students, either with a homestay family or boarding at Lupton House.

Lupton House provides safe and secure boarding within the school grounds, with friendly, caring staff and a safe and welcoming atmosphere. Lupton House is within walking distance to doctors, shopping and sporting facilities.

Homestay accommodation is arranged by our international team, with all host families offering a safe, friendly home that is carefully chosen to suit our visiting students.

All homestay and boarding students are well supported, with routines and guidelines to enhance opportunities for educational and social learning and development.

“I enjoy all my subjects at WGHS, especially dance. I am very happy to live with my host family, they are very funny and kind to me.”
Runa Saito – Japan



Lupton House lounge



Homestay family

Lupton House Dormitory



“The school and my subjects were great and I'm quite sad to leave such a great school system with so many opportunities.”
Sara - Germany

Study Opportunities

We offer an exciting and extensive curriculum, built around our internationally recognised qualification programme.

International students are provided with tailored programmes to suit the individual student's abilities and interests.

We offer traditional subjects such as English, Maths and Science as well as languages, arts, graphics and design, music, technology, textile fashion, dance and outdoor education. We also offer ESOL for students who require extra support with their English language, as well as IELTS.

“The teachers are really nice, kind, funny and helpful. They make you feel welcome and take care of you. They also have many challenges, sports, cultural and community things for you to do. It is a really exciting school to attend.”

Kankan - Thailand



Drama Class



Food & Nutrition

Our School Curriculum

| | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 / NCEA Level 1 | Year 12 / NCEA Level 2 (unless otherwise stated) | Year 13 / NCEA Level 3 (unless otherwise stated) |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| Academy | - | - | - | Services Industry | Services Industry |
| Art | Art* | Art Nga Taonga Maori | Art Art Design & Photography Art Practical & Digital | Art Art - History Art Design & Photography Art - Photography | Art - History Art - Design & Photography Art - Photography Art - Painting |
| Commerce | Economics | Accounting Economics Enterprise | Accounting Economics | Accounting Economics Enterprise Get Sorted with Money & Work | Accounting Economics Enterprise Management |
| Dance | Dance* | Dance | Dance Dance Fundamentals | Dance Dance Fundamentals | Dance Dance Fundamentals |
| Design & Visual Communication | Design & Visual Communication | Design & Visual Communication | Design & Visual Communication | Design & Visual Communication | Design & Visual Communication |
| Digital Technology | Digital Technology* | Digital Technology | Digital Technology | Computer Science Computer Media Design | Digital Technology Computer Media Design |
| Drama | Drama* | Drama | Drama | Drama | Drama |
| English | English* | English* | English | English | English |
| ESL | ESL | ESL | ESL | ESL | ESL |
| European Languages | European Languages | French German Spanish | French German Spanish | French German Spanish | French German Spanish |
| Food & Nutrition | Food & Nutrition | Food & Nutrition | Food and Nutrition Hospitality Hospitality Master Class | Food and Nutrition Hospitality Early Childhood Studies | Food and Nutrition Hospitality Early Childhood Studies |
| Health Education | Health Education* | Health Education* | Health Education | Health Education | Health Education |
| Kaupapa Maori | Te Reo Maori *Tikanga Maori | Te Reo Maori Nga Tikanga Maori | Te Reo Maori Maori Performing Arts | Te Reo Maori | Te Reo Maori |
| Mathematics | Mathematics* | Mathematics* | Mathematics Mathematics Applied I Mathematics Modular | Mathematics Mathematics Applied II Mathematics Modular | Mathematics with Calculus Mathematics (Statistics & Modelling) Mathematics Modular |
| Music | Music* | Music | Music | Music | Music |
| Physical Education | Physical Education* | Physical Education* | Physical Education Outdoor & Environmental Education | Physical Education Outdoor Education | Physical Education Outdoor Education Outdoor Leadership |
| Science | Science* | Science* | Science Science - Middle Agricultural & Horticultural Science Science in the Environment | Biology - Applied Biology Chemistry Chemistry 02 Physical Science Physics Science - Alternative | Biology - Applied Biology Chemistry Physics |
| Social Studies | Social Studies* | Social Studies* | Geography History Social Science - Modular Media Studies | Geography History Classical Studies Media Studies Tourism | Geography History Classical Studies Media Studies Tourism |
| Technology | Product & Design* Textile & Fashion* | Product & Design Textile and Fashion | Product & Design Textile and Fashion Textile & Fashion Practical | Product & Design Textile and Fashion Textile & Fashion Practical | Product & Design Textile and Fashion Textile & Fashion Practical |

“I did so much here that I have never done before: kayaking, snorkeling, sky diving, jet boating, I saw dolphins and whales, I went to a Marae and took part in lots of camps.”

Johanna - Germany



Football match at school

Sports and Outdoors

Our students have the option to join over 30 sports clubs, including hockey, horse riding, football, cheerleading, tennis, netball, cycling and volleyball.

Joining these teams provides a valuable opportunity to stay active and make new friends.

We offer exciting opportunities to experience New Zealand's beautiful outdoors, with school camps, outdoor education and community events.

Students can also enjoy forest walks and swimming and surfing at local beaches, as well as an abundance of adventure sports like bungee jumping, white water rafting and skydiving.



Kayaking at school camp



School swimming sports



School equestrian

Arts and Culture

We celebrate arts and culture, encouraging our students to share their talents in drama, dance, singing, music and debating.

Maori culture is also an important part of our school life, with students having the opportunity to learn Te Reo (Maori language) and join our Kapa Haka cultural performance group.

Our school clubs also offer a wide range of learning and development opportunities in leadership, health, the environment and global issues, as well as providing friendship and fun.

**“I have had a fantastic time at WGHS, I have experienced a real high school system for the first time in my life and got the opportunity to try new subjects such as Maori and Tourism.
Hanna - Austria”**



School Marae



Kapa Haka Performers



Band Practice



Dance Rehearsal



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