

WHANGAREI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL



School Prospectus





OUR MISSION

To enable all students to become positive contributors to society by meeting the emotional, physical and academic needs and aspirations of all (hauora).

OUR VISION

To develop boys into fine men

VALUES

Respectful relationships
Whakawhanaungatanga and manaakitanga

Honesty and integrity
Tika and pono

Courage and compassion
Maia and aroha

Work hard together
Mahi tahi



From the Principal

We are an internationally recognised Boy's School built on a vibrant history and strong traditions which have consistently enabled young men to gain an education of high academic and sporting standards since 1881. Our students routinely achieve leading levels of academic attainment above national averages and other Boys' schools.

We offer a wrap-around support system for all our students with two deans per level, a social worker, two counsellors, a nurse, doctor (GP), and other health professionals to ensure the well-being of each of our young men.

Our school culture is student-centred with prime focus on holistic development. The needs of young people continually evolve and our curriculum reflects both current and future student requirements.

Currently 1150 boys are enrolled, made up of vital young men from Whangarei District, as well as live-in students from all over Tai Tokerau, Korea, China, India, Germany and Thailand, 80 of whom are accommodated at our boarding hostel, Carruth House.

As Northland's oldest school, and only Boys school, we specialise in delivering an education tailored specifically for boys. We value all boys and encourage them to develop a long-lasting sense of brotherhood through their connections at WBHS.

Whangarei Boys' High School is currently in community consultation for a \$50m major extension and rebuilding of the school. A master plan will be developed for the modern upgrade and enhancement of facilities to meet student needs into the future.

Our defining vision for the School is a commitment to the evolution and growth of fine young men and in this regard we truly value the robust relationships we have with parental and wider communities. Their support encourages all our students to succeed. In partnership with our students and whānau, we are honoured to support the successful advancement of each of our young men through Whangarei Boys' High School.

Karen Gilbert-Smith
Principal

OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

YEAR 9

At the beginning of the year students will sit a series of tests. These tests, along with information from their contributing schools, will be used to place students in their classes.

Students have the opportunity to study a wide range of subjects from all learning areas of the New Zealand Curriculum so that they are well informed when it comes to the senior school option choices. Extension work will be undertaken following consultation with class teachers.

YEAR 10

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YEAR 11

Students choose six subjects to study, with English and Mathematics being compulsory, towards NCEA Level 1.

YEAR 12

Students study six subjects working towards NCEA Level 2. In Year 12 some courses are available for those students considering university as well courses for those interested in trades and other career options.

YEAR 13

Most Year 13 courses are NCEA Level 3 courses, with top academic students able to undertake Scholarship examinations. However there are also some courses available for those students interested in trades and other career options rather than university study.

Supported Learning Students who are identified as requiring specialist support will have individually tailored programmes to suit their needs through our Supported Learning Department.

Points to Note

YEAR 9
Students study English, Science, Social Studies, Mathematics, Physical Education, Health, and Materials Technology for the full year.
Te Reo Māori and a choice of either Art, Drama or Music, are studied for half a year. Students also select two option subjects* which are studied for half a year.

YEAR 10
Students study six compulsory subjects and three option subjects*. Please select a spare subject.

YEAR 11
Mathematics & English are compulsory. Students study six subjects all year. Please select a spare subject.

YEAR 12
Students select six subjects and a spare subject. It is important to identify subjects that lead to the trades and those that prepare students for University Entrance. It is possible to repeat Level 1.

YEAR 13
Students select five subjects and a spare. They may also select from Years 11 and 12 subjects.

SUPPORTED LEARNING
Extra learning support in a safe environment for those who do not cope with the structure of secondary school.

Faculty	Year 9	Year 10	YEAR 11 – NCEA Level 1	YEAR 12 – NCEA Level 2	YEAR 13 – NCEA Level 3
The Arts	* Art * Drama * Music	* Art * Drama * Music	Art Digital Art Drama Music	Art Design Art Painting Photography Drama Music	+ Art Design + Art Painting + Photography + Drama + Music
	✓ Health ✓ Physical Education * Outdoor Education * Sports Specific Training	✓ Health ✓ Physical Education * Outdoor Education * Sports Specific Training	Health Physical Education Physical Well-being Outdoor Education Personal Social Development	Health Physical Education Physical Well-being Outdoor Education Personal Social Development	+ Health + Physical Education Physical Well-being Outdoor Education Personal Social Development
Health & Physical Education	✓ English * Japanese * Languages via FarNet (by application) ✓ Te Reo Māori * Te Reo Rangitira ESOL	✓ English * Japanese * Languages via FarNet (by application) * Te Reo Rangitira ESOL	✓ English English Language & Communication English Literacy Japanese Languages via FarNet (by application) Senior Maori Arts Te Reo Rangitira ESOL	English English Language & Communication Japanese Languages via FarNet (by application) Senior Maori Arts Te Reo Rangitira ESOL	+ English English Language & Communication Languages via FarNet (by application) Senior Maori Arts + Te Reo Rangitira ESOL
	✓ Mathematics	✓ Mathematics	✓ Mathematics Mathematics Bridging Mathematics Numeracy	Mathematics Mathematics Bridging	+ Calculus + Mathematics + Statistics
Science	✓ Science * Agriculture/Horticulture	✓ Science * Agriculture/Horticulture	Agriculture/Horticulture Science Science Bridging Primary Industries	Agriculture/Horticulture Science Biology Chemistry Physics Science Bridging Forestry Primary Industries	+ Agriculture/horticulture (FarNet) + Science + Biology/ + Chemistry + Physics Forestry Level 4 Professional Engineering
	Social Sciences * Start Your Own Business * The World of Money	* The World of Business * Money Wise	Accounting Business Studies Economics Personal Financial Management	Accounting Business Studies Economics Personal Financial Management Sales & Customer Service Tourism & Travel Classical Studies Geography History Psychology	+ Accounting + Business Studies + Economics Personal Financial Management Sales & Customer Service Tourism & Travel + Classical Studies + Geography + History + Psychology
Technology	* Design & Visual Communication * Digital Technology	Design & Visual Communication * Digital Technology	Design & Visual Communication Digital Technology Digital Literacy Electronic Products Product Design Advanced Engineering Advanced Woodwork	Design & Visual Communication Digital Technology Electronic Products Product Design Pre-trade Engineering Pre-trade Woodwork Automotive Trades Engineering Trade Academy	+ Design & Visual Communication + Digital Technology Pre-trade Engineering Pre-trade Woodwork Automotive Trades
	✓ Materials Technology	* Product Design * Materials Technology	Advanced Engineering Advanced Woodwork	Pre-trade Engineering Pre-trade Woodwork Automotive Trades Engineering Trade Academy	

✓ These subjects are compulsory

* Option subjects
+ Approved subjects for University Entrance

(FarNet) is learning via the internet and video conferencing. It is similar to Correspondence but with more tutor and class interaction. Students also receive one-on-one assistance from a trained teacher.

Sport & Outdoor Education

Whangarei Boys' High School takes pride in its ability to provide a host of physical activities for its young men, with all boys being actively encouraged to participate. There is top-class professional tuition available in all activities.

Outdoor Education is a growing area of focus in our school and all students are encouraged to participate in education outside the classroom.

There is regular weekly competition and a variety of inter-school exchanges in a range of sports.



30+ Sports Clubs

Besides the major sporting codes, boys have the opportunity to join more than 30 sporting clubs, including Surfing, Swimming, Rowing, Cycling, Cross-Country Running, Badminton, Table Tennis, Yachting, Triathlon, Athletics, Trap-Shooting, Squash, Golf, Volleyball, and Adventure Racing.

We hold national titles in a number of sports and our top students compete at international level.

We also encourage the formation of new clubs and teams, based on student interest.

Sporting Facilities

We have first-class recreational facilities, including three rugby fields, a football field and a dedicated golf academy.

For summer sports, there is a full-sized swimming pool, tennis courts and cricket pitches, with three practice nets. In addition, the school has a well-equipped gymnasium for Volleyball and Basketball, a weight-training room, and Table Tennis facilities.

The school also makes regular use of Sport Northland's Kensington Complex, the city heated pools and the nearby Northland Hockey Association's artificial turf.





Music

Music is a strong part of our school culture, with established groups including the Chamber Music Group, Choir, Rock Bands and the school Jazz Band 'Fideliter'.

Instrumental tuition is available for all year levels. Instruments taught include drums, guitar, brass, woodwind as well as vocal tuition. The school also has many different musical instruments for hire and itinerant music teachers offer expert tuition in these.

The Smokefree Rockquest is an annual event with as many as six student-led bands entering the competition.

Drama

We encourage interested students to take to the stage, with opportunities to participate in events such as Showquest and the University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival.

In 2017, our students won the National concept award for Stage Challenge. We have also competed in the National Shakespeare festival four times in the last five years, winning six awards in total with three of our students chosen to represent WBHS in the National Student Shakespeare Production. One student was selected to perform on stage at the Globe Theatre in London.



Celebrating Māori Culture

All aspects of Māori culture are celebrated within our school, in particular Te Reo, cultural history, design and Kapa Haka.

Our Northland Secondary Schools' Champion Kapa Haka group has had considerable success over recent years.

The boys perform at the Tai Tokerau Festival as well as other events and festivals throughout the year. Boys are also strongly encouraged to take part in the Manu Kōrero Speech Competitions.

STUDENT LEADERS

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Student leadership is an integral value of Whangarei Boys' High School and is evident across every level of the school.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL

This body consists of two representatives (one senior, one junior) from each Whānau, as well as the Head Boy, Deputy Head Boys and BoT Student Representative. Its principal aim is to work for the good of the school while promoting the interests and welfare of the students. As there is a student representative on the Board of Trustees, the Student Council has direct access to their meetings. The Principal also meets frequently with the Chairman of the Council (Head Boy). In this way, there is constant feedback and communication between the student body and the administration of the school.

PREFECTS and SENIOR LEADERS

All Year 13 students play a vital role in being leaders and mentors to students of Whangarei Boys' High School. Prefects are given extra responsibilities in leading the student body and representing the school at events throughout the community.

Senior Leaders work alongside Prefects in organising school committees and also assist with student support in junior classes.

FUTURE LEADERS

During Year 12, students can opt into the Future Leaders Programme. It is from this that our school Prefects and Senior Leaders are chosen for the next year. Throughout this programme, the Future Leaders are taught about different leadership styles as well as reflecting on their own strengths and weaknesses and how to develop these further. There is also a camp that takes place where the students work together on developing the traits and skills they have been learning about.

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

We are currently looking at developing a Junior School Leadership programme "*Rangatira Kura Teina*". The kaupapa of the initiative will be to provide opportunities for the development of leadership skills throughout the student's time at Whangarei Boys' High School



OUR PASTORAL NETWORK

THE WHĀNAU SYSTEM

The school is divided into five Whānau Houses or groups, named Bledisloe, Carruth, Grey, Hobson and Marsden.

On arrival at WBHS, each boy is assigned to a whānau group. All Carruth House boarders are assigned to Carruth whānau (along with some day boys). Within each Whānau there are up to ten vertical form groups or classes, each with its own whānau teacher.

A very hotly contested Inter-Whānau competition takes place throughout the year. Swimming, Athletics, Basketball, Indoor Hockey, 7-side Rugby, Cross-country, Music, Speeches, Inter-whānau Quiz, Singing, Tennis, Haka and Academic endeavour all contribute to the overall points for each whānau.

WHĀNAU TEACHER

Whānau teachers are the first point of contact for all students and families. Their role is primarily pastoral and administrative support, ensuring boys start their day in a positive way and are well prepared for class.



DEANS

Each year level has a Dean responsible for the placement of students into classes and ensuring course structures meet the individual's needs. Deans are also heavily involved with external examination requirements and all aspects of academic guidance and monitoring. Deans also fulfil a guidance role, liaising with student support. In addition to Year Level Deans, there is also a Dean of Māori students. The Deans move with the students through their five years of high school.

CAREERS ADVISOR

The Careers Advisor is available for a range of services including subject and career planning, as well as tertiary and scholarship information. The Careers Office arranges a number of programmes and initiatives to support student achievement throughout the year, including field trips and school-based presentations.

GATEWAY PROGRAMME

The Gateway Programme is designed to strengthen the pathway for students from school to workplace learning and employment. It is available to all students in the senior school who are keen to explore an employment pathway and are on the way to being 'ready for work'. A Gateway experience provides young people with valuable learning and assessment in real workplaces, and helps them make decisions about their future.

Each year, up to 100 students are part of the Gateway Programme at WBHS, working with businesses in a huge range of industries. Each year our supportive employers willingly take students on placement. Gateway is always a huge success with our students and often helps them understand the importance of what they are being offered in the classroom.

MENTORING PROGRAMME

The school has a number of Mentoring Programmes including "Boys to Men" which happens within Whānau class and "Tuakana Teina" where Y9 boys apply and are matched with Y13 students. These programmes involve Senior students supporting new Year 9 boys in their whānau class. Its basic aim is to ensure a smoother transition to secondary schooling for the juniors while giving senior students the opportunity for self-development through service to others.

It is based on the principle that students are more open to their peers than authority figures.

WELLNESS CENTRE - TE AWATEA

The Wellness Centre team have an important and complex role to play within the school. The team includes two Counsellors, a Social Worker, a full time registered Nurse and a Receptionist/First Aider, who are here to assist students with their pastoral needs. A Doctor also visits the school once a week. These services are provided to ensure that students' health and wellbeing needs are met with minimal disruption to their education.



WBHS UNIFORM

Students are asked to present themselves as clean and tidy at all times. They are expected to wear the uniform correctly and with pride, while at school, going to and from and when representing the school in the community. Approved uniform stockists are Bethells, Northland School Wear and The Warehouse.

Hat: Permitted hats are the school cap (peak worn forward) and the school bucket hat. A plain black beanie may be worn during winter, Terms 2 and 3. Hats off indoors.

Shirt: Regulation blue "polo" shirt with school monogram, worn over school shorts but must be tucked in when wearing a jersey/sweatshirt.

Shorts: Grey school shorts - plain with zip fly and side tabs (NOT elasticised waist) - waistband above hips and hem above knee.

Trousers: Year 12 & 13 only: Long, light grey dress trousers with black/grey belt. No cuffs, waistband above hips, hem above shoes. Shirts must be tucked in.

Socks: should come to just below the knee. If students do not wish to wear school socks pulled up, they have an alternative in sandals (see below).

Jersey: Regulation navy blue jersey features school colours around neck and school monogram on left side of chest.

Sweatshirt: Regulation black as manufactured for the school with monogram on left side of chest.

Jacket: A new black weatherproof, lined school anorak with a fold away hood was introduced in 2016. This jacket is the only option for rain/weather protection other than students in Yr 13 who may choose to purchase this jacket, or if they already have a plain black raincoat, may continue to wear it. By 2020 this jacket will be the only option as a raincoat. The black/gold jacket remains part of our uniform. No coloured raincoats permitted. Sports jackets with the school logo are not part of our regular uniform.

P.E: Boys should wear plain black football-type shorts with whanau-coloured T-shirt or singlet.

Footwear: Plain black lace up shoes OR sandals, black or brown (not jandals) to be worn with strap over the heel. Sandals may only be worn with shorts. The term "plain" means NO coloured labels, soles or, in the case of sandals, no colour patterns on the straps. No 'booties'. Black leather shoes that can be polished are compulsory when wearing dress uniform (number ones).

Jewellery: The only jewellery permitted is a watch or Medic-alert bracelet. No nail polish. No sunglasses.

Hair: Only naturally coloured hair is permitted. Long hair is to be tied back. A clean, shaven face is preferred at all times.

Undergarments: Only plain white singlets or short sleeved T-shirts may be worn and must not hang down below the school shirt.

Dress uniform: Referred to as Number Ones – May be worn by any student. Plain white long-sleeve shirt, light grey long trousers and plain black leather lace-up shoes that can be polished, WBHS blazer and a School tie. Number Ones not to be worn with sweatshirt or jacket.

Prefects and Yr 13 Senior Leaders must wear dress uniform. In terms 1 and 4, Prefects, Yr 13 Senior Leaders and other Yr 13 students may wear open neck short sleeve white shirts. They are not required to wear a school tie.

All students: No gang affiliated paraphernalia or symbols are permitted in school.





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