

# WHANGAREI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL



## School Prospectus





# Haere mai, naumai, haere mai

Whangarei Boys' 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 BOYS' 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 find their place in today's world. Our school was established in 1881 and is one of the oldest state secondary schools in New Zealand.

We are proud of our history and offer our students an education built on traditional values. These include the promotion of excellence, loyalty, respect, honesty and integrity, and high standards of personal conduct. It is our aim to give every student a genuine opportunity to excel in his own way; to instill courage, self-confidence, discipline and leadership.

Karen  
Gilbert-Smith,  
Principal



We have a dedicated team who care for the educational and social needs of our international students, beginning with their safe arrival in New Zealand. We offer 24/7 support, helping with selecting subjects and joining school clubs, to planning social trips and ensuring quality accommodation.

We know all our international students personally, and meet with them every week.

### Lyn Swan – International Director

- Oversees school commitment to the International
- Code of Practice
- Ensures high quality, 24-hour pastoral care and support for international students
- Liaises with agents in New Zealand and overseas, and family
- Manages strategic marketing and communications
- Arranges supportive, friendly homestay placements
- Provides ongoing support to students and homestay families
- Coordinates visas and insurance
- Plans student activities and offers student support
- Arranges school orientation programme for new students

### Deans

- Assist students to plan their learning and select academic courses

### ESOL Teacher

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

## We look forward to meeting you!

Please contact us or visit our website for application forms, fee schedules and policies, and further information on our school and region.

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# HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION

New Zealand is recognised as having one of the best education systems in the world, with high quality teachers delivering an internationally recognised qualification programme, NCEA (National Certificate of Education Achievement).

Whangarei Boys' High School has a strong academic record. We strive to prepare our students for future success, and are proud that many of our graduating students have been accepted into top universities around the world, and across New Zealand including Auckland

University, Waikato University, Victoria University, Canterbury University, and Otago University.

For consecutive years Whangarei Boys' High School students have won the New Zealand Mathematical Modelling Competition and represented New Zealand in the prestigious International Mathematical Modelling Competition. Our students were placed in the top 10 teams in the world, greatly honouring our school community and country.

As well as academic excellence, many of our students have also enjoyed national success in a number of other fields, such as music, the arts and sport.







# LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

We offer an exciting and extensive curriculum, built around our internationally recognised qualification programme, NCEA (National Certificate of Education Achievement).

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

We offer traditional subjects such as English, Mathematics and Science as well as Outdoor Education, Languages, Arts, Music, Business and Commerce, Technology, Engineering and Physical Education. We also offer ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) for students who require extra support with their English language, and IELTS.

*"I have had the most wonderful and memorable time and made lots of lifetime friends."*

Zefan Zhong - China



# OUR SCHOOL CURRICULUM

**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	* Art	Art Digital Art	Art Design Art Painting Photography	+ Art Design + Art Painting + Photography
	* Drama * Music	* Drama * Music	Drama Music	Drama Music	+ Drama + Music
Health & Physical Education	<b>Health</b> <b>Physical Education</b>	<b>Health</b> <b>Physical Education</b>	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
	* Outdoor Education * Sports Specific Training	* Outdoor Education * Sports Specific Training			
Languages	✓ <b>English</b> * Japanese * Languages via FarNet (by application) ✓ <b>Te Reo Māori</b> * Te Reo Rangatira ESOL	✓ <b>English</b> * Japanese * Languages via FarNet (by application) ✓ <b>Te Reo Māori</b> * Te Reo Rangatira ESOL	✓ <b>English</b> English Language & Communication English Literacy Japanese Languages via FarNet (by application) Senior Māori Arts Te Reo Rangatira ESOL	English English Language & Communication Japanese Languages via FarNet (by application) Senior Māori Arts Te Reo Rangatira ESOL	+ English English Language & Communication Japanese Languages via FarNet (by application) Senior Māori Arts + Te Reo Rangatira ESOL
Mathematics	✓ <b>Mathematics</b>	✓ <b>Mathematics</b>	✓ <b>Mathematics</b> Mathematics Bridging Mathematics Numeracy	Mathematics Mathematics Bridging	+ Calculus + Mathematics + Statistics
Science	* Agriculture/Horticulture ✓ <b>Science</b>	* Agriculture/Horticulture ✓ <b>Science</b>	Agriculture/Horticulture Science 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
	* Classical Studies ✓ <b>Social Studies</b>	* Classical Studies ✓ <b>Social Studies</b>	Classical Studies Geography History		
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
	✓ <b>Materials Technology</b>	* Electronics * Product Design * Materials Technology			
✓ <b>These subjects are compulsory</b> * Option subjects + Approved subjects for University Entrance			<b>(FarNet)</b> 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.		



# SPORTS AND ARTS

We encourage our students to participate in their choice of sporting clubs and arts pursuits, such as the orchestra, choir, chamber music group, Kapa Haka (Maori performing arts) and drama.

*Through school, sports and social get togethers I met heaps of people and made many friends.*

Jonas Moll - Germany

We have over 35 sporting clubs that students are encouraged to join, such as hockey, badminton, volleyball, football, basketball, rugby, sailing and surfing. Our school also has a dedicated golf academy, providing students with the most comprehensive golf coaching and development programme in Northland.

We have produced countless sporting champions, winning at regional, national and global competitions across a wide range of sporting codes, including golf, rugby, swimming, cricket, athletics, hockey, football, basketball, sailing, adventure racing, surfing, squash, badminton, tennis, table tennis, clay target shooting, rugby league, AFL, touch rugby and weight lifting.







# ACCOMMODATION

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

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

Homestay accommodation is arranged by our Homestay Coordinator, and every effort is made to match the students with a family who have shared interests.

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



*“You don’t only learn a new language, you become part of a new culture, surrounded by great people with whom you will have so much fun and live great experiences”.*

Iñigo Eguia, Spain



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