



WHANGĀREI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

DEVELOPING BOYS INTO FINE MEN

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



2025

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A Message From Our *Tumuaki*

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 standards since 1881. Our students routinely achieve leading levels of academic attainment above national averages and other Boys' schools.



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 1,400 boys are enrolled, made up of young men from the Whangārei District and International students.

As Northland's oldest secondary 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 and experiences at WBHS.

Whangārei Boys' High School has completed a total rebuild of the school. We are proud to have one of the newest schools in the country and one that is fit for the purpose of educating young men.

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 our parents and wider community. Their support encourages all of our students to succeed. In partnership with our students and Whānau, we are honoured to support the progress and growth of each of our young men through Whangārei Boys' High School.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Smith

Principal - MProfStuds (Education), BEd (Hons)

As a keen sportsman, it offered me countless opportunities across a wide range of sports and outdoor activities. In year 9 and 10 I was a part of the Rugby Academy and the Adventure Racing team. I also competed in Inter-Whānau events such as athletics, swimming sports and cross country. Another thing that swayed my decision was the feeling of a brotherhood that surrounded the school, that everyone was working together to achieve great things during their time at school. One of my favourite moments from my whole schooling journey was my first experience of the whole school haka. At the end of the Inter-Whānau haka competition, the whole school gathered together to haka as one. This made me really feel that I was part of something bigger than myself.

However, while Whangārei Boys is a sporting powerhouse, it also gives opportunities in so many more aspects of a young man's life. Whatever you're into whether it's music, drama, esports or academics, Whangārei Boys is the perfect place for you. So far my high school journey has been hugely rewarding in all aspects of my own life; from the moment I walked through the front gates on my first day of Year 9 right up until today I have felt welcome, at home and a part of the brotherhood.

Whangārei Boys has helped myself and thousands of others on the treacherous journey through adolescence to come out the other side and turn us from boys to fine young men.

Jack Saunders

Head Boy 2024

A Message From Our *Head Boy*

I remember coming home from school one day in my last year of intermediate and being sat down by my parents and asked what high school I wanted to attend. At this point, I knew nothing about the high schools in Northland. As I looked into the schools around Whangārei, there was one that stood out for me, and that was Whangārei Boys.



Our Academic *Pathways*

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.

Whangārei Boys' High School is a BYOD school for Year 9 - 11 students. Students will be required to bring a Chromebook (or similar) to use in class. Full details about BYOD at Whangārei Boys High School are available on the school website.

YEAR 9

Year 9 students are involved in a course of compulsory academic subjects that run for a full year. These include: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Health and Physical Education. Students also study **SIX** option subjects throughout the year. Each option is for half a year.

YEAR 10

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. Students study the compulsory subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Health and Physical Education, and **SIX** option subjects.

YEAR 11

Students choose **SIX** subjects to study for a full year, with English and Mathematics being compulsory, towards NCEA Level 1.





YEAR **12**

Students select **SIX** subjects to study towards NCEA Level 2. Courses are available for those students considering University as well as those interested in Trades and other career options.

YEAR **13**

Students choose **FIVE** subjects to study towards NCEA Level 3, in preparation for University. Top academic students are able to undertake Scholarship examinations. There are also courses available for students interested in trades and other career options rather than university study.

INCLUSIVE LEARNING

Our inclusive learning team collaborates to create a safe environment and deliver a differentiated curriculum tailored to students with the highest needs. In-class support may be available within the mainstream environment, while small-group withdrawals offer more focused assistance. Additionally, our Gifted and Talented coordinator provides an adapted curriculum for students who require acceleration, extension, and enrichment opportunities.

FLOW OF SUBJECTS 2025

Faculty	Year 9	Year 10
The Arts NGĀ TOI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Art * Drama * Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Art * Drama * Music * Photography and Design
Careers & Transition RAPUARA WHAKAWHITINGA		
Health, Physical Education & Outdoor Education TE HAUORA ME TE WHAKAAKO TINANA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Health ✓ Physical Education * Outdoor Education * Sports Specific Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Health ✓ Physical Education * Outdoor Education * Sports Specific Training
Languages WAHANGA REO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English * Japanese * Spanish * ESOL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English * Japanese * Spanish * ESOL
Te Aka Matua MĀTAURANGA MĀORI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Te Ao Māori me ōna Tikanga * Junior Māori Arts * Te Reo Māori (full year) * Whakairo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Junior Māori Arts * Te Reo Māori * Whakairo
Mathematics PĀNGARAU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mathematics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mathematics
Science PŪTAIAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Agriculture/Horticulture ✓ Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Agriculture/Horticulture ✓ Science
Social Sciences TIKANGA-Ā-IWI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Innovation Stations * The World of Money * Ancient Mythology * Tourism ✓ Social Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Accounting * Enterprise * Economics * Wealth by Stealth * Classical Studies * History * Geography ✓ Social Studies
Technology HANGARAU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Materials Processing (Wood & Metal) * Digital Technology * Design & Visual Communication * Food Technology * Robotics & Electronics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Digital Technology * Electronics * Materials Technology Metal * Materials Technology Wood * Design & Visual Communication * Food Technology * Product Design



	Year 11 - Level 1	Year 12 - Level 2	Year 13 - Level 3
	Art Drama Music Photography and Design	Art Design Art Painting Drama Music Photography	+ Art Design + Art Painting + Drama + Music + Photography
	Pathways to Success	Pathways to Success	Pathways to Success
	Health Physical Education Physical Well-being Outdoor Education Senior Rugby Academy	Health Physical Education Physical Well-being Outdoor Education Senior Rugby Academy	+ Health + Physical Education Physical Well-being Outdoor Education Senior Rugby Academy
	English English Literacy Japanese Spanish ESOL	English with Internals English with Externals English Literacy Engineering Academy English Japanese ESOL	+ English with Internals + English with Externals English Literacy + Japanese ESOL
	Senior Māori Arts Te Reo Māori Whakairo	Senior Māori Arts Te Reo Māori	+ Senior Māori Arts + Te Reo Māori
	Mathematics with Algebra Mathematics with Statistics Mathematics with Internals	Mathematics with Calculus Mathematics with Statistics Mathematics with Internals Engineering Academy Mathematics	+ Mathematics with Calculus + Mathematics with Statistics + Mathematics with Internals
	Agriculture/Horticulture Science Pathway Science Specialisation Primary Industries	Agriculture/Horticulture Science Pathway Biology Chemistry Physics Forestry Primary Industries	+ Agriculture/Horticulture (FarNet) + Science Pathway + Biology + Chemistry + Physics Forestry
	Geography History Commerce	Accounting Business Studies Economics Sales & Customer Service Tourism Classical Studies Geography History Psychology	+ Accounting + Business Studies + Economics Sales & Customer Service Tourism + Classical Studies + Geography + History + Psychology
	Design & Visual Communication Digital Technology Electronic Products Advanced Engineering Advanced Woodwork Food Technology	Design & Visual Communication Digital Technology Electronic Products Pre-trade Engineering Pre-trade Woodwork Engineering Trade Academy Food Technology Pre-trade Automotive	+ Design & Visual Communication + Digital Technology + Electronic Products Pre-trade Engineering & Automotive Pre-trade Woodwork





MODERN FACILITIES

Whangārei Boys' High School has many state of the art facilities for you to enjoy. The central point would have to be our Auditorium which has a capacity of approximately 1200 and is available to the public for hire.

Downstairs which, depending on seating configuration, can seat approximately 650 and upstairs we have 557 fixed seats and this area can be opened or roped off to give more flexibility around the number of seats required.

The Auditorium features a high quality sound system, full lighting rig including LED fixtures, projector as well as viewing monitor screens. Full back stage facilities include spaces which can be used for dressing rooms and green rooms on request, making it a truly fantastic space for school and community use.

All other zones of the school are also available for consideration to hire including the Library, Classrooms, Café area, Gymnasiums, Hockey Turf and Swimming Pool.

On site parking for up to 120 cars (plus additional parking available on request) is available which is in close walking proximity to all facilities.

30+ SPORTS CLUBS

Besides the major sporting codes, boys have the opportunity to participate in more than 30 sports 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 a range of recreational facilities including two rugby fields, a multi-purpose field and a dedicated golf academy.

For summer sports there is a full-sized swimming pool, tennis courts and a partially covered all weather artificial turf (to be completed by 2025). In addition, the school has a well-equipped gymnasium for Volleyball and Basketball, a weight training room and Table Tennis facilities.





MUSIC

Music is a strong part of our school culture. Opportunities are available to be involved in Fideliter Jazz Band, Kent Consort (guitar group), and any number of rock bands. There is also a group of keen students learning the chanter. Free tuition is available on a range of instruments including drums, guitar, brass, wind, keyboard, strings, and voice. Some instruments are available for hire from the school.

The School competes in annual competitions such as Smokefree Rockquest and the Chamber Music Contest. Established bands regularly perform at venues/festivals/events in the area.

DRAMA

We encourage interested students to take the stage in full scale major productions at each senior year level, showcasing works from both NZ and international playwrights.

Year 12 and 13 drama students can choose to compete in the **University of Otago Sheila Winn Shakespeare Festival**, in which WBHS has been a key contender for the last ten years, winning multiple awards on a national scale. We have celebrated the success of five students who were selected to participate in the **National Schools Shakespeare Production**, and two who have gone on to be members of **The Young Shakespeare Company**, who travel to London to perform on the stage of **The Globe Theatre**. We aim to provide our students with the support and insight into working professionally in the industry, as well as offering opportunity to be involved in the technical aspects of stage craft, including; lighting, sound, set, prop and costume creation.



TE AO MĀORI

All aspects of Māori culture are celebrated within our school, in particular Te Reo Māori, 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 Ngā Manu Kōrero Speech Competitions.



PASIFIKA

We have a small, but growing, Pasifika community at WBHS. We recognize and celebrate Pacific culture by participating in Language Weeks and we have a Pacific Dance Group - Tama Afakasi.

The group has been going from strength to strength in recent years and are recognised in the community for their contemporary dance style that incorporates traditional cultural dances both traditional and modern.

Student *Leaders*

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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



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 young men.

OUR VALUES

Whakawhānaungatanga and Manaakitanga

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Tika and Pono

HONESTY AND INTEGRITY

Maia and Aroha

COURAGE AND COMPASSION

Mahi tahi

WORK HARD TOGETHER



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

All Year 13 students play a vital role in being leaders and mentors to students of Whangārei Boys' High School. Prefects are given extra responsibilities in leading the student body and representing the school at events throughout the community. They also work alongside other students in organising school committees.

MENTORING PROGRAMMES

The school operates a mentoring program called "Tuakana Teina" where Y9 boys who apply are matched with Y13 students. Its aim is to ensure a smoother transition to secondary schooling for junior students and giving senior students the opportunity to self development through service to others. It is based on the principle that students are more open to their peers than authority figures.

KAIĀRAHI FUTURE LEADERS

During Year 12, students can opt into the Kaiārahi Future Leaders Programme. Throughout this programme, the Kaiārahi are taught about different leadership styles as well as reflecting on their own strengths and weaknesses and how to develop these further. There is a camp where the students work together on identifying and developing their leadership traits and skills.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE RECOGNITION

Whāngarei Boys' High School encourages and recognises leadership and service across all areas of the school and local community. Students from all year levels who meet the set criteria can be awarded badges for volunteer service as well as commitment to curriculum areas within school.

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP

During Year 9 students are given the opportunity to opt into a growth coaching programme where they learn the skills to work with others in a supportive way. In Year 10, they can then coach a Y6 student from potential feeder schools to develop relationships to support transitions, connections, social skills and personal growth. The connections with these students are continued into their schooling at intermediate and again when they start as Y9 at WBHS.

Our Pastoral *Network*

THE WHĀNAU SYSTEM

The school is divided into five Whānau Houses or groups, Kaokao, Niho Taniwha, Unaunahi, Mangopare & Poutama.



KAOKAO



Kaokao represents the shape of the arm when you embrace someone and the shape of the ribs. It symbolises protection.

UNAUNAHĪ



Unaunahi represents fish scales. Symbolising abundance of food, safety and health.

MANGOPARE



The Mangopare represents the hammerhead shark. Symbolising strength, agility and tenacity.

NIHO TANIWHA

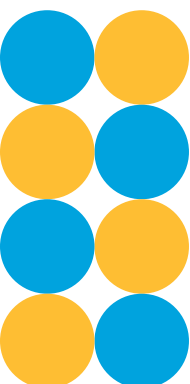


The Niho Taniwha pattern represents the teeth of a taniwha. Symbolising strength, unity and resilience.

POUTAMA



The Poutama symbolises the atua climbing to the heavens to attain the baskets of knowledge. Symbolising growth and striving for improvement.



WHĀNAU TEACHER

Whānau teachers are the first point of contact for all students and families. Their role is primarily pastoral and administrative support.

On arrival at WBHS, each boy is assigned to a Whānau group. Within each Whānau there are up to 15 horizontal form groups or classes, each with its own Whānau teacher. These groups meet on a daily basis with it being for an extended time twice per week. During these times, students are encouraged and supported in working on becoming a "Fine Man" as well as building Whānau and school relationships and connection.

A 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 endeavours all contribute to the overall points for each Whānau.

ACADEMIES

Opportunities are available for senior students in Trades and Primary Industries. These courses are targeted at students who are interested in seeking a career in these areas. Some of these academies are delivered on site and others via courses with outside providers. Trades academies include Engineering, Cookery, Automotive, Civil Construction, and Design. The Primary Industry academy focuses on a wide range of aspects of this industry.

We also offer a variety of Sports Academies from Basketball, Football, Hockey and Golf. For more detailed information please go to our Google site: WBHS Sports Academies.

INCLUSIVE LEARNING

At WBHS, we uphold the principles of Inclusive Education, aiming to achieve fair educational outcomes for every student. Our Inclusive Learning team consists of coordinators, specialist teachers, and learning support assistants, who collaborate effectively to cater to a wide range of student needs. This encompasses areas such as special education needs, sensory issues, health considerations, neurodiversity, and gifted and talented.

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.

WELLNESS CENTRE – TE AWATEA

The Wellness Centre team have an important and complex role to play within the school. The team includes one Counsellors, a Social Worker, GP and nursing services are available, and a Receptionist/ First Aider, who are here to assist students with their pastoral needs. These services are provided to ensure that students' health and wellbeing needs are met with minimal disruption to their education.

DEANS

Each year level has two Deans responsible for the placement of students into classes and ensuring course selections meet the individual's needs. Deans are involved with all aspects of academic guidance and monitoring. Deans also fulfil a guidance role, liaising with student support services. The Deans move with the students through their five years of high school.

GATEWAY PROGRAMME

The Gateway Programme is designed to strengthen the pathway for students from school to workplace learning and employment. It is available to Y12 and Y13 domestic students who are keen to explore an employment pathway and are on the way to being 'ready for work'. Each year, up to 100 students are part of the Gateway Programme at WBHS, working with businesses in a huge range of industries. 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.

International

STUDENTS



HAERE MAI, NAU MAI, HAERE MAI

Whangārei Boys' High School is situated in the heart of Whangārei, Northland's largest city at the top of the North Island. Whangārei is a 30-minute flight from Auckland or a scenic 2 hour drive, making it easy for international connections. This is a safe, clean, and friendly place to live, with a temperate climate enjoying over 2,000 hours of sub-tropical sunshine each year. Our region is stunningly beautiful with over 100 unspoilt beaches, harbours and forests to explore!



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.

Whangārei Boys' High School is signatory to The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 which allows our school to host international students.

We have a dedicated team who care for the educational and social needs of our international students, beginning before they even arrive in New Zealand. Safety and well-being of our students is paramount. All our homestay families are carefully selected and monitored by our Homestay Coordinator Laura. We encourage our students to make contact with their host family before they arrive either via an email or video call.

We offer 24/7 support, help with selecting subjects, organising their uniform, joining our many sporting

teams and school clubs, opening bank accounts, social trips and ensuring quality accommodation. We can also assist with visa renewal when the student is actually here in New Zealand.

We know all our international students personally and we have an 'open-door' policy, so they know that they can contact one of our team members at any time.

We would be delighted to share your high school journey with you.

If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact our International Director:

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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 and The Warehouse.



Enrolment

INFORMATION

Students enrolment interviews and information from their previous school contribute to class placements. We have a supported learning class with smaller numbers and consistent teaching across the compulsory classes if required. Students are placed in this class in consultation with Whānau.

Enrolments can only take place after an interview with an Enrolment Officer at Whangārei Boys' High School. Please ensure you bring all the required documentation to the interview. Once your enrolment has been confirmed, the Enrolment Officer will be in touch to confirm the start date. Throughout the year, new enrolment start dates are every fortnight and students are welcomed to the school with a whakatau and small induction process.

KEY DATES

Thursday 8 August 2024

Year 8 Open Evening
4.30 - 7.00pm

For students and parents/ caregivers. Tours will commence at 4:30pm with a formal presentation from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. Subject displays will be in the School Auditorium

Wednesday 14 &

Thursday 15 August 2024

Year 8 Enrolments

Interviews for inzone students will be held in the School Auditorium. Bookings to be made online. Out of zone student interviews will be at a later date.





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