WHANGĀREI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL
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SPORTS ACADEMIES

Cricket Academy

Programme overview

Cricket has a proud history at Whangārei Boys' High School. Breaking into the game at a higher level can be difficult without the right team behind you, and our Cricket Academy coaching team is just that team.



AT A GLANCE	
Who it's for	Students wanting to develop their cricket and compete at regional and national level
When	Friday afternoons, 3.30pm – 5.00pm (to be confirmed)
Where	Whangārei Boys' High School: new practice nets, artificial turf and indoor gym
Coaching	Sam Walker, advanced qualified cricket coach
Cost	All of the following apply: Academy Administration fee: $50 (paid per academy per year) Uniform: purchased separately from NZ Uniforms

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About the academy

The Cricket Academy offers extra learning opportunities for students who want to improve their cricket, while lifting the school's standard so we can succeed at regional and national competitions, most notably the Gillette Cup. Northland has a keen, dedicated group of junior players, and the academy gives them a clear pathway to achieve their ambitions in the game.

Sessions are structured around long-term athlete development and decision-making, with room for a broad range of players' needs and aspirations.

What students will develop

Players benefit from both one-on-one sessions and group training, with tailored coaching to strengthen fundamental skills and develop each player's specialist role in the team. Training covers:

- Technical and tactical knowledge
- Fitness and injury prevention
- Goal setting
- Creating positive environments and team culture
- The laws of the game, including umpiring experience

How the year runs

Winter phase

- A practical review of everything that affected performance last summer: technical, fitness and psychological
- Target setting for the coming summer
- Technical coaching and fitness development to support those targets

Summer fixtures programme

- Game management: tactics and psychological skills
- Reinforcing technical development in match conditions
- Friendly fixtures against other schools

Competition and pathways

Each year Whangārei Boys' High School sends a team to the Gillette Cup, the most prestigious secondary school competition in New Zealand cricket. The academy aims to help produce representative players at age-group, first-class and international levels.

Academy players are encouraged to take part in all school cricket activities and to be actively involved with their club sides: attending training, helping with junior teams and passing on the skills they have learnt.

Overseas tours

Tours continue players' development and give them experiences beyond Northland. Tours are fundraised during the year through a range of activities. The team toured Australia in 2024 and is touring South Africa in 2026–2027.

> ***We want everyone who comes to the WBHS Cricket Academy to have a positive experience, feel welcome and part of the cricket family, and most importantly to enjoy the great game.***