

WHANGĀREI GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL



International Prospectus



WELCOME TO WHANGĀREI GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

Kia ora koutou,

We love welcoming international students to our school to share in the academic, sporting, cultural and service activities that make up the student programme.

Our school community enjoy hosting international students in their homes and at our boarding house, as well as helping to support international students at school. Students are keen to develop an understanding of other cultures while at the same time helping international students to develop a strong understanding of New Zealand culture.



We have a kaupapa (policy) which is embedded in the Māori culture and way of life and guides everything that we do. This consists of four key values:

Whanaungatanga - Connection

Tūrangawaewae - Our place, our space

Manaakitanga - Respect and kindness

Kotahitanga - Unity of purpose

These values are designed to uplift our students and their families and to empower them to be the best that they can be. We are located in the beautiful Northland region of New Zealand, and we encourage our international students to explore the stunning natural environment all around us, with beautiful native bush and beaches in our backyard.

We warmly welcome you to our school!

Nau mai, haere mai.

Sonya Lockyer,

Principal

YOUR SUPPORT TEAM

We have a dedicated team who care for our international students, helping with everything from choosing school classes and planning social trips, to accommodation and day-to-day support. Students are well supported within the school and at home, with 24/7 care available.



Amelia Morrison | International Director

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



Madeline Tetzner | International Student Manager

- Provides pastoral care and support to all international students
- Organises school orientation programme and plans social activities
- Ensures students are placed with supportive homestay families and offers 24/7 homestay support



Jo Steele | ESOL Teacher

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



Tracey Cooper | International Dean

- Assists students in planning their learning and curriculum
- Tailors unique course programmes for each student

Career pathway planning

We ensure our students leave well-prepared for the next step in their lives. Our dedicated Careers Team helps students who want to plan and consider their career options, whether within New Zealand or beyond.

Support at school

Our dedicated Guidance Counsellors are available to help all students with personal situations such as homesickness. We also have a nurse, physiotherapist and doctor within our student support centre.

Discover Whangārei, New Zealand



Whangārei

2,000

hours of subtropical sunshine per year

40+

beautiful walking tracks through forests and along beaches

100+

stunning beaches and coves

100,500

Population of (one of New Zealand's fastest growing districts)

Internationally recognised education systems, NCEA and Cambridge

New Zealand

1st

country to have a wellbeing strategy for international students

Source: International Student Wellbeing Strategy (2017)

2nd

most peaceful place to live of 163 nations

Source: Global Peace Index (2020)

3%

All New Zealand universities are ranked in the top

of all universities worldwide

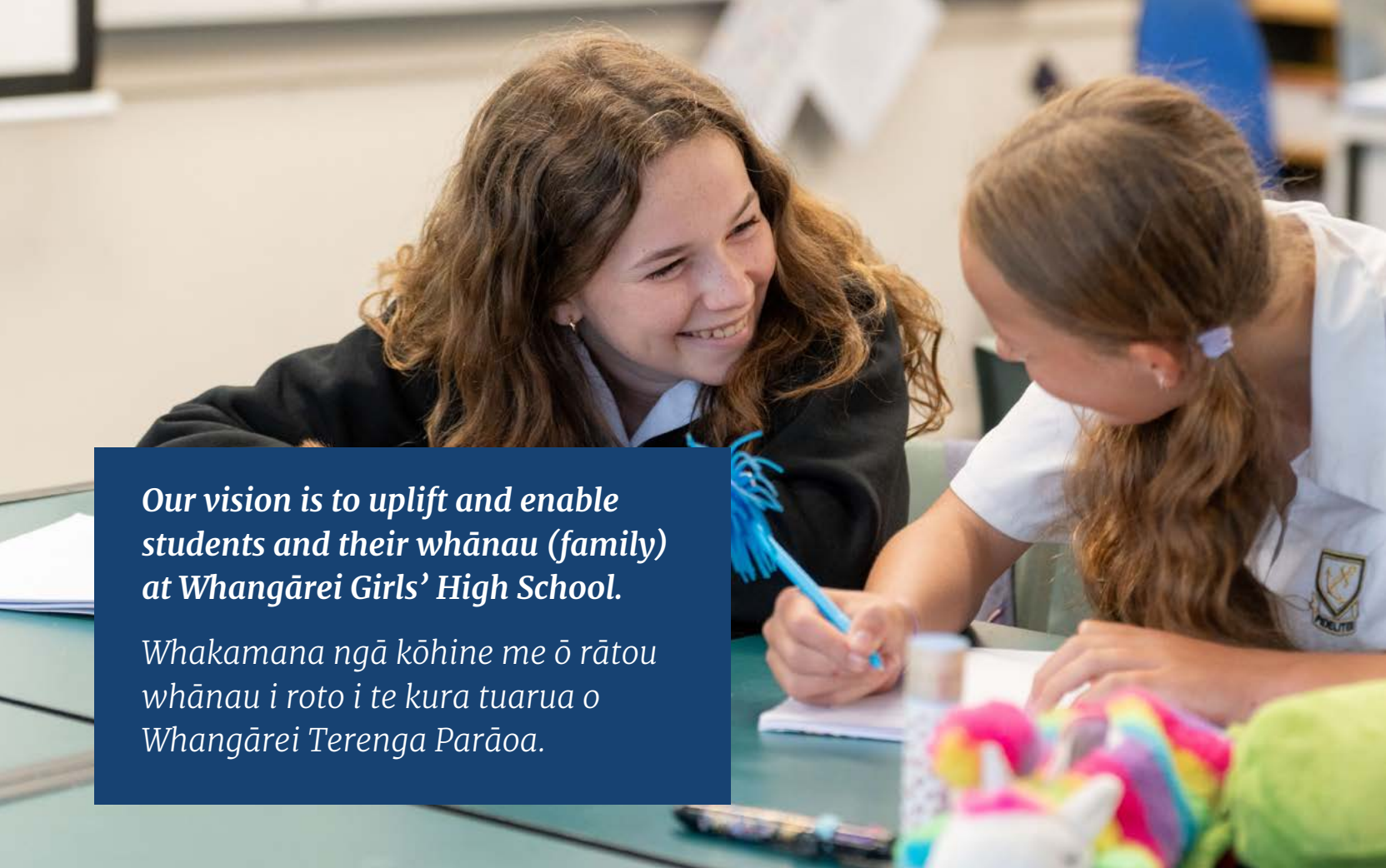
Source: QS Uni Rankings (2018-2020)

#1

English-speaking country in preparing students for the future

Source: Economist Intelligence Unit

New Zealand PISA scores among the highest in the world



Our vision is to uplift and enable students and their whānau (family) at Whangārei Girls' High School.

Whakamana ngā kōhine me ō rātou whānau i roto i te kura tuarua o Whangārei Terenga Parāoa.

OVER 140 YEARS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Founded in 1881, Whangārei Girls' High School is a dynamic and vibrant school community dedicated to excellence. Our students leave well-prepared to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future.

We enjoy welcoming international students and helping them improve their English, achieve their academic goals and experience the 'Kiwi' (New Zealand) lifestyle.

Within our school community, we have many people committed to creating a safe and supportive learning environment for our students and we take pride in exceeding the New Zealand Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice requirements, including 24/7 care for all of our international students.

We have over 1,500 students enrolled in our school, with a diverse range of cultures, religions and nationalities represented. We proudly celebrate our Māori culture and international students are offered opportunities to learn Te Reo Māori (Māori language).

Our school is located in the heart of Whangārei, making it easy for students to access transport and shopping. Students enjoy our attractive grounds and well-maintained facilities, including specialist classrooms, an impressive library, modern science laboratories, music and arts departments, and a wide range of sporting facilities.

“The international team are so supportive. I definitely couldn't have had such a beautiful time without them.”

Nanami - Japan



The Code of Practice

When international students come to study in New Zealand, there is a special Code of Practice to ensure you are well-informed and well-cared for during your visit. Whangārei Girls' High School takes pride in meeting and exceeding the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 requirements, including 24/7 care for all our international students while in New Zealand.

What is it like studying at Whangārei Girls' High School?

We ensure all students arrive safely at their homestay or the hostel, either flying from Auckland to Whangārei or travelling via a private shuttle.

Participate in a traditional Northland welcome ceremony.

Your journey starts here



Enjoy living with a carefully selected and vetted host family or among friends at the school's onsite Lupton House boarding facility.

Volunteer in the local community to build confidence and practice English.

Choose from over 90 courses in our extensive curriculum.



We offer a full orientation on arrival at school, including a tour of the school and the local city.

Learn Te Reo Māori or join a Kapa haka cultural performance group.

Make friends and learn new skills at one of over 50+ sports and cultural clubs.

Spend the school day in modern, newly-built classrooms and specialist facilities

- Well-equipped science laboratories
- Fully resourced commercial kitchens
- Highly resourced art centre, including photography studio, design lab and art studios
- Dedicated textile and fashion facilities and product and design workshops
- Music suite complete with recording studios and DJ radio booth
- Dedicated dance studios and 120-seat drama theatre
- Modern library with free access to computers, thousands of books and online learning
- Three gymnasiums, a pool, fields, courts and a training gym to support fitness



Join the uniquely Kiwi experiences offered throughout the school year. This could include:

- Bay of Island adventure
- Traditional marae stay
- Hobbiton and Rotorua trip
- Auckland shopping
- School camp
- Winter ski trip to Mt Ruapehu
- Attend the WGHS ball
- Surfing, ziplining, snorkelling, and more!

Say goodbye and plan your next visit to New Zealand





ACCOMMODATION

Our students are warmly welcomed into a safe, friendly and supportive living environment with a local homestay family or onsite boarding at Lupton House.

We provide safe and comfortable accommodation to all international students. Student safety is our number one priority, with all host families carefully chosen and interviewed, before being vetted by New Zealand Police. All host families offer a safe and friendly home that is carefully matched to our visiting students, and monitored by our Homestay Manager.

Lupton House is a safe and welcoming boarding house within the school grounds. Boarders enjoy increased independence with shopping, medical and sports facilities within walking distance, and are supported by caring staff.

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

“The biggest surprise was how different life can be and how much I would love it here.”

Antonia – Germany



“My English has really improved and I feel more confident to share my ideas in class.”

Sreyleak – Cambodia



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