

Waiheke High School

“Leading education excellence and endeavour in our community”

Prospectus 2017



History

Waiheke High School was established in 1986 with the purpose of providing leading education for students from Year 7 to Year 13 on the island. In a relatively short time the school has

accomplished an enviable academic record, being able to count New Zealand's top Maori student and New Zealand's top overall scholar as just some of our outstanding successes. The talent of the island community has been reflected in both sporting and cultural endeavours. This has resulted in our students in the past being crowned Auckland champions, celebrated nationally for their excellence and earning international recognition. The school continues to build and enhance on our fine tradition.

Board of Trustees

The school is governed by a Board of Trustees which includes Parent Representatives, Piritahi and Piringakau Representatives and Staff and Student Trustee as well as the Principal. Its role is the governance and strategic direction of the school. Management on a day to day basis is the responsibility of the Principal. The Board of Trustees is committed to open communication with the community and will seek your opinion on significant issues that affect the school as they arise. The Board has created a Charter and Strategic Plan for the next three years, copies of which are available from the School Office or on our website.

From the Principal

Waiheke High School warmly welcomes all students, new and returning, and their families. We hope that our relationship with you is positive, respectful and based on the needs of your son and/or daughter.

At Waiheke High School we offer strong academic programmes that are led by excellent and committed staff.

Our staff are dedicated and believe that all students will meet success every year and that the students will rise to the challenges of a flexible and progressive curriculum that will enable them to become contributing, innovated and successful citizens.

Our learning programmes are certainly more personalised and individualised. The use of IT, Moodle and Google Docs allows for ubiquity, connectivity, immediacy and the growth of relationships beyond Waiheke Island. Waiheke High School encourages the pursuit of all round excellence in academic, sporting, cultural, leadership training and community involvement.

Although we are a relatively small school, we have the opportunity of building close, working and mentoring relationships. Waiheke High School has a growing reputation for educational excellence and achievement.

Jude Young

Pastoral

The mechanisms by which we nurture the happiness and well-being of each student and the whole community.

Teaching and Learning

Ensuring our academic programs are coherent, integrated and moving forward: achieving outstanding results at every level.

Co-curricular Activities

Engaging the mind, body and soul of every student in sport, music, art, drama, outdoor activities and adventures appropriate to their age and developmental needs.

"Waiheke Island is one of the best places to live in New Zealand and Waiheke High School complements and completes my fantastic lifestyle" - Year 12 student.

Academic Programmes



The curriculum offered at Waiheke High School is dynamic and responsive to the changes in the prescribed National Curriculum. Our curriculum enables every young person to develop self-confidence, achieve excellence and enquire, participate and explore a range of learning opportunities that will enable him/her to make correct choices based on ability, interests and curiosity.

We prepare our students for qualifications at all levels. Year 7 –Year 10 students are encouraged to work towards the Waiheke High School Junior Certificate. This certificate is based on a system of points per subject and is similar to the NCEA model in the Senior School. Students are able to achieve their Junior Certificates endorsed with Merit and Excellence.

At Years 11, 12 and 13 students achieve NCEA credits and in Year 13 students are able to sit scholarship. Multi-level studying is also available. Students are encouraged to follow courses of study designed to promote and foster individual needs and ambitions, whilst also keeping their future options open.



Year 7— 10 Programme

Year 7—10 students study a course of work that covers the essential learning areas of English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Physical Education and Health, Technology, Languages and the Arts.

Students gain points in each subject to complete the Waiheke High School Junior Certificate. Banding in some subjects may occur and these different academic groups operate at different levels of the New Zealand Curriculum Framework.

Emphasis is placed on Numeracy and Literacy skills across the curriculum. Throughout the year, all students participate in a multi-disciplinary unit that focuses on our beautiful Waiheke Island and what makes Waiheke High School unique.

NCEA credits are available in a range of subjects at Year 10.

“Going through the Waiheke Schooling system is like being on a fun-filled roller coaster; it’s been thrilling and an adventure” - Year 12 student

Year 11 Programme

There are a range of programmes available at the Year 11 level. Students are able to take subjects that include Unit Standards, Achievement Standards or (some) selected subject specific certificates.

Academically, all students must achieve Literacy and Numeracy. Recognition of these two vital elements are made available across a range of subjects. The criteria for Numeracy and Literacy will be made available and close monitoring of individual students will ensure success.

Students take five subjects. Currently English and Mathematics are compulsory, but as more subjects include Literacy and Numeracy components, this requirement may be subject to change.

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When planning their subjects for Year 12, students must read their subject curriculum book very carefully. Outlined here are the subjects that require the passing of pre-requisite subjects or standards from Level One.



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"For me, Waiheke High School has shown me all I want to be and all I can be. I love Waiheke High School" - Year 12 student

Year 13 Programme

Year 13 is the final year of study at Waiheke High School. Students are able to take subjects that include Unit Standards, Achievement Standards or selected subject specific courses.

Entry into university is becoming quite specific. It is essential that students understand what is required to get into university and be aware of the dynamic nature of entry criteria.

It is advisable that students use appropriate College personnel to help them with their choices.



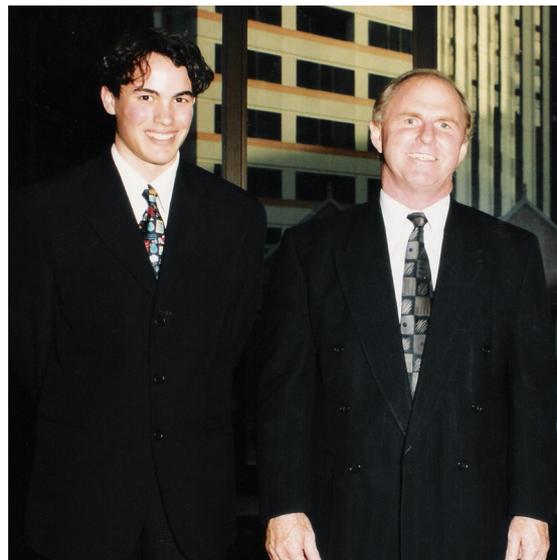
Pupils from Waiheke High School have over the years been the recipients of significant scholarships enabling further studies. Some of the recent scholarships have included Auckland University Academic Achievement Scholarships, Victoria Excellence Scholarships, Massey University High Achiever Scholarships and University of Canterbury Young Leadership Scholarship.

Former student Richard Vale was New Zealand's top scholar in 1998.

"I think because the school is so small, everyone receives more attention, which made a big difference from what I was used to," he said.

"There are some excellent teachers who make learning interesting."

Pictured left: Richard Vale with the Governor General



"At Waiheke High School we are encouraged to strive academically" - Year 9 student

Pastoral

This programme supports our young people in making good decisions and working closely together to make our school community safe, supportive and fun.

Our school pastoral programme encourages and assists students in understanding wider issues within our community. The school assemblies are based around important themes such as cultural diversity, conflict resolution and looking after people and our environment.



The Form Teachers

The welfare and progress of the form class is the special responsibility of the Form teacher. It is important that all students in the Form class are happy, working hard and making friends. The Form teachers is a key contact person for students and



The Guidance Counsellor

The counsellor is available to assist students in any way possible. Parents and students are welcome to approach the Guidance Staff directly on any matter.

The Careers Advisor

The Career Advisor has the responsibility to advise on careers and is available for consultation by parents and students.

Parents

Parental involvement and supervision is the greatest asset a child can have. Waiheke High School welcomes and depends upon the contribution of parents to their child's education.

Year Level Deans

A Dean is responsible for all the students of a particular year group. If there are any further problems with health, courses, homework or other matters, parents and students are invited to consult the Dean.

The Deputy Principals and Principal

The Senior Lead Team takes a close and personal interest in all students.

The International Dean

The International Dean is responsible for all matters pertaining to International students.



"Waiheke High School has good teachers because they look after you during the lesson and keep you on task" - Year 7 student

Co-Curricular

Waiheke High School provide a diverse range of co-curricular activities. The co-curricular programme at Waiheke High School aims to:

- Enrich and extend academic programmes
- Develop student's positive self-esteem, confidence, curiosity and passion
- Foster special talents in the areas of sport, culture, leadership and community
- Encourage students to explore new activities
- Encourage excellence
- Give service to others
- Build positive, respectful relationships

Co-Curricular activities include:

Community and Service Activities

SADD
40hour Famine
Amnesty International
Peer Mediation
Peer Tutors

Interest Committees

Academic
Community Service/
Promotions
Sports
Cultural

Leadership

Prefects
Ball Committee
Mediators
PSSP
Form Captains
Mentors



Volleyball
Beach Sports
Athletics
Soccer
Rugby
Personal Training



Specific outdoor education programmes including Sea Sports, Marine Studies, Physical Education and Viticulture enable a range of outdoor opportunities and personal development.

Music
Drama
Dance
Maori
Performing Arts

Outdoor Education
Field trips and/or camps are an integral part of our curriculum. Each year, Year 9 classes attend a mountain trip. This trip enhances working as a team and setting up personal challenges.

"Waiheke High School has fantastic soccer and rugby fields that we are proud to play on! Beach Sports on. Oneroa Beach is fun!" - Year 9 student

International Students

Waiheke High School offers a unique opportunity for International Students to be part of the island community where Auckland City is just a 35 minute ferry ride away.

We have a broad-based curriculum that caters for individual needs as well as encouraging academic excellence. Our teachers are highly qualified, trained and registered. Our ESOL classes are staffed by trained specialist teachers who offer quality language programmes.

Our well developed student support system ensures students are treated as individuals. Good results are reflected in our commitment to providing the best possible learning environment. Student welfare is a high priority. The Dean of International Students provides pastoral support to students and there is also a qualified counsellor and Nurse at the school.



Features

Why study in the city when you can have the best of both worlds, so close to Auckland City, yet tranquil and beautiful, a high quality life-style in a popular island environment which is safe, friendly, beautiful and clean.



School facilities include computer suites, technology rooms, a music room, an art studio and sports facilities. The Marine Academy makes the most of our unique local marine environment. There are two subject options within the Academy, Sea Sports and Marine Studies.

Sea Sports - Level 2 NCEA

Sea Sports is an outdoor education course that is focused on the marine environment. Students participate in weekly practical and theory lessons. Practical activities include snorkelling, sailing, stand up paddle boarding, sea kayaking and fishing. As well as practical skills, students study safety management, marine weather, and marine related careers. The Coastguard Day Skippers Certificate and International VHF Radio licence are also part of the curriculum. Overnight expeditions include a surfing and snorkelling camp and an optional 4 day sailing trip.

Marine Studies - Level 2 NCEA

Marine Studies provides an introduction to marine biology and ecology, and issues in marine sustainability. This is a cross-curricular course that includes science, geography and outdoor education. This will include both studies on the Hauraki Gulf and the Pacific Islands. Topics covered include environmental monitoring, fisheries management, and marine mammals. Investigations will look into human impacts on the marine environment. Fieldwork will include shellfish monitoring, stream monitoring, and fish monitoring on boats using underwater video. The Marine Academy provides experience and qualifications in a wide range of sea sports.

“Waiheke High School is unique; we are a school on an Island”, Year 7 student

Your Family

All international students are placed in a homestay arranged and monitored by the Accommodation Co-ordinator. Students are welcomed as part of a New Zealand family to experience the New Zealand way of life. We select families carefully for their friendliness, their lifestyle and for the quality of care they offer to students. Students are encouraged to be part of the family.

Your Community

Waiheke Island is well known for its beautiful and natural environment, its warm weather, vineyards and art. Students can participate in many activities outside of school taking advantage of the marine environment and the natural parks and protected forests. Weekend and holiday activities can include kayaking, barbecuing on one of the many beaches, cycling, bush walking, snorkelling, boating and fishing, there is so much to experience.

The Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students

Waiheke High School has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students published by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA). Copies of the code are available on request from Waiheke High School or from the NZQA website at:

www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/Providers-and-partners/Code-of-Practice-NZQA.pdf

For more information and application details, please contact

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“The experience at Waiheke High School is one you will never forget.”

Piringakau Kapa Haka

Whaia te pae tawhiti

Pursue your goals to the furthest horizons

Piringakau, meaning “close to the heart”, is the name of the Māori department at Waiheke High School. The school applies Piringakau to our Maori students and our whanau. Maori Tikanga, performance skills and celebrations culminates in the entire school celebrating Mataariki where house groups work together to prepare food for the school hangi and where the four school houses compete in haka, waiata, quiz and sporting competitions.



“Waiheke High School not only has Athletics and cross-country but we have Beach Sports and celebrate Mataariki” - Year 7 student





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