

CONNECTING FAMILIES

SHARING CULTURES

IMPROVING LEARNING

**WAIHĪ**  
COLLEGE

# INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS



KEI KONEI TĀTOU E TU ANA  
HERE WE STAND

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI,

# Welcome to Waihi College

## WHERE WE STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

Established in 1932, Waihi College is located on 11 hectares of exquisite rural land and includes a farm unit with kiwifruit orchard, a 33.3m length swimming pool, sports fields, netball, tennis and basketball courts, gymnasium, horticulture block plus multiple technology, art and academic classrooms.

Waihi College is a 10 minute drive from stunning Waihi Surf Beach (9km long), 45 minutes from the vibrant city of Tauranga, 1 hour 30 minutes from Auckland International Airport, 1 hour 20 minutes from Hamilton and 2 hours from the spectacular cultural city of Rotorua. With this unique environment, we can offer a broad curriculum, both in and out of the classroom.

We encourage academic excellence with teachers at the top of their field and pride ourselves on developing confident, lifelong learners, who are well prepared for their future.

With a roll of 600 students, we are big enough to offer great choices and small enough to be incredibly friendly.



**Rochelle Kean**  
International Director



**Magdeleen Green**  
Homestay Co-ordinator



**Co-educational**



**10-18**  
Age range



**600**  
Total Students



**10-12**  
International Students

*Beautiful rural/coastal location*

*Exceptional pastoral care*

*Outstanding outdoor education opportunities*





# Waihi

**Population: 4,500**

**Climate: Temperate**

**Region: Waikato**

**Lifestyle: Rural**

Waihi, "New Zealand's Heart of Gold", has a rich and fascinating history which includes over 100 years of goldmining, with mining still remaining as a key industry for Waihi. The region also boasts a diverse range of other key businesses including tourism, agriculture, horticulture, dairy and dry-stock farming and manufacturing.



Waihi voted in 2019 as New Zealand's 'Most Beautiful Small Town'



# Waihi Beach

**Population: 3,000**

**Climate: Sub-tropical**

**Region: Bay of Plenty**

**Lifestyle: Seaside**

Waihi Beach is situated 11km away from Waihi College in the sunny Bay of Plenty. It is nothing short of pure paradise and with its sub-tropical climate it is one of the most popular holiday destinations in New Zealand.



# Homestay and Pastoral Care

## LIVING IN A SMALLER COMMUNITY - WE REALLY KNOW OUR FAMILIES.

Waihi College values the safety, wellbeing and happiness of our international students very highly. With a Director and Homestay Manager on-site daily, we have the ability to provide excellent pastoral care and support to students and to their host families.

Waihi College is a signatory to the Education Code of Practice 2021 (Pastoral Care of International Students) and has been hosting international students for over 25 years.



## Cultural Opportunities

- › Kapahaka performance group
- › Māori language classes
- › Tikanga Māori class
- › Waka ama

## Language Education

- › Te Reo Māori
- › Multiple languages available through our Online Language Learning Class
- › English + ESOL + IELTS (as requested)



# Facilities

## Cultural / Arts

- › Whare – Māori meeting house used for teaching Te Reo and Tikanga Māori
- › Music/drama suite/art/photography/library

## Technology

- › Digital technology suite
- › Catering/textiles/woodwork/engineering
- › Science laboratories – highly qualified teachers

## Farm Unit

- › Farm and kiwifruit orchard
- › Beekeeping
- › Quad bikes and tractors

## Physical Education

- › Gymnasium
- › Swimming pool - 33.3m length
- › Rugby and soccer fields
- › Netball, tennis and basketball courts
- › Weights room
- › Mountain bikes
- › Kayaks

## Transportation

- › Free school vans to assist education outside the classroom
- › Free school bus service



# Your Learning

A New Zealand education helps students develop the skills for success, both today and tomorrow. Independent thinking is encouraged, innovation is celebrated, diverse perspectives are welcomed, and promising careers are created.

	Subjects	Year 10	Year 11 NCEA 1	Year 12 NCEA 2	Year 13 NCEA 3
<b>English</b>	ESOL	•	•	•	•
	English	•	•	•	•
<b>Math</b>	Mathematics	•	•	•	•
	Calculus				•
	Statistics				•
<b>Science</b>	General Science	•	•		
	Biology			•	•
	Chemistry			•	•
	Physics			•	•
	Horticulture		•	•	
<b>Phys. Ed.</b>	Physical Education	•	•	•	•
	Outdoor Education	•	•	•	•
	Health		•	•	•
<b>Social Science</b>	Geography		•	•	•
	History		•	•	•
	Social Studies	•			
<b>Art and Languages</b>	Art	•	•		
	Drama	•	•	•	•
	Music	•	•	•	•
	Painting			•	•
	Photography			•	•
	Media Design			•	•
	Te Ao Māori	•	•	•	•
<b>Technology</b>	Digital Technology	•	•	•	•
	Building & Construction	•	•	•	•
	Hospitality	•	•	•	•
	Engineering	•	•		

ESOL and IELTS can be offered on request.

International students are permitted to choose subjects from more than one year. Placement in classes is subject to availability.

# Sport and Outdoor Education



Sports	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Athletics	.			
Badminton		.	.	
Basketball		.	.	.
3 x 3 Basketball				.
Football		.	.	
Hockey		.	.	
Netball	.	.	.	.
Rugby		.	.	
Squash	.	.	.	.
Surfing	.			
Swimming	.			.
Tennis	.			.
Touch Rugby				.
Triathlon	.			.
Volleyball	.	.	.	

Above sports are all covered in Physical Education. Please enquire if you are interested in a club or competitive team.

Outdoor Education Activity	Year 11 Term	Year 12 Term	Year 13 Term
Adventure Learning/Camp		1	
Camping	3	2	2
High Ropes		3	
Mountain Biking	2	3	3
Navigation/Weather		2	2
Outdoor First Aid		2	2
Rockwall Climbing	4	4	
Tramping/Bushwalking	3	2	2
Sea Kayaking	1		1
Surfing/Paddle Boarding		1	

More surfing lessons can be taken after school in your own time at own cost. Scuba diving lessons available at own cost.

# Trips and Activities

In addition to our Outdoor Education and End of Year Programmes, we offer a wonderful range of overnight and day activities for students. Some we organise ourselves and some are offered through our trusted local tour operators who specialise in holiday tours and trips for international students.

- › Coromandel tour
- › Journey to Hobbiton
- › Bay of Islands and Cape Reinga tour
- › Black water rafting
- › Waitomo glow-worm caves
- › Cultural tour of Rotorua
- › Tongariro crossing
- › Whitewater rafting
- › Taupo sky diving and bungy
- › Auckland shopping trip
- › Skiing and snow boarding



## End of Year Programme

Waihi College offers an exciting End of Year Programme. During the weeks NCEA exams are on in November, Waihi College will offer a variety of trips and excursions for international students. International students can opt in to these activities. The activities will be heavily subsidised by Waihi College.

- › Technology projects
- › Tongariro crossing
- › Skydiving
- › Bungy jumping
- › Hobbiton
- › Farm camp
- › Cycle camp
- › Kayaking
- › Scuba diving
- › Hahei and Hot Water Beach
- › Overnight bush camps

# Student Voice

*"I am so happy that I chose to go on an exchange to New Zealand – I would not prefer any other country. It is the perfect choice if you want to go to a place with a hot (but not too hot) climate, opportunities for surfing and hiking, kind people, a relaxed lifestyle and beautiful nature."*

- ASTRID, NORWAY

*"All teachers and students of Waihi College are very kind and friendly so I could adapt myself into the new environment and made friends easily. I will never forget the beautiful nature from New Zealand and the New Zealand people. All the beaches, water and sky are very clean and blue."*

- LUKE, KOREA

*"I spent a year at Waihi College and it was the best time of my life! The school is so cool, I could choose from many different and interesting subjects which we don't have in Switzerland. The teachers were always helpful. The best thing was that we made many cool trips with the school where we could see all of the country and get heaps of experiences!"*

- JANINE, SWITZERLAND

*"My host family is really kind to me and always makes me happy. I can study many interesting things here. I can breathe fresh air and do sea sports. I LOVE NEW ZEALAND!"*

- MAHIRO, JAPAN

*"I had a lot of encounters with Māori culture and with the kiwi life, I saw how two completely different cultures learn how to live with each other and mixed together. I am so grateful to every single person who made my dream come true."*

- ANTONIA, CHILE

*"Waihi College has an unbelievably friendly and committed International Department and offers convenient host families for everyone. There are heaps of different things to do around here and through school trips I got to see pretty much all of them. Never before have I received so many positive impressions at one time. Kiwi life is inspiring and everyone who has the opportunity to check it out should definitely do so!"*

- MATTHIAS, GERMANY

*"I left my family, my boyfriend, my whole life behind me, for my lifetime's journey, my whole life dream. It can be scary at times but I will never regret it. I did things I would never do at home, I got out of my comfort zone, knew more cultures, appreciate them, get to know a fabulous place called New Zealand, and I wish it to everybody."*

- MARIANA, FRANCE

## I AM NEW

When students study in New Zealand, they grow as individuals, discover new perspectives, and achieve new outcomes. New Zealand is a place where new ideas come to life.

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