



PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL

“A positive place of learning”
He wahi whai mana ki te rapu matauranga



Pukekohe High School is a state secondary school for girls and boys from levels 9 to 13 (13-18 years). The school is located in the town of Pukekohe, which has a population of 27,000 and is 50 kilometers south of Auckland city and approximately 30 minutes by car from Auckland's International Airport. Pukekohe has regular train services to Auckland CBD. Pukekohe High School has a role of 1700 students – approximately 2% come from overseas countries. There are up to 45 places available for fee-paying overseas students. Further travel information www.AT.govt.nz.



Pukekohe High School offers overseas students a complete learning experience:

- A commitment to high academic standards and examination success
- In a country with an internationally recognised, high quality education system
- A safe learning environment
- Living and tuition costs that compare very favourably with other countries
- Easy access to Auckland's International Airport and direct links to most countries
- A teaching staff of experienced, qualified teachers
- Opportunities to participate in a wide range of sporting and cultural activities

International students are:

- Met on arrival at the airport
- Introduced to the school and the local community
- Able to commence at the beginning of any term
- Assisted with subject selection and courses
- Given guidance and support
- Given ESOL support for all subjects
- Teacher Aide Support
- Buddy programme available for integration into classes at all year levels
- An extensive orientation programme is offered to all students and families at the start of their enrollment.



Trained counselors are available to assist students with social, educational or personal problems. Students receive:

- Confidential personal counselling
- Assistance with course advice and subject selection
- Help with preparation for university or other tertiary training and we offer pathways to local universities
- Assistance from form teachers who meet with the students each day
- Assistance from deans who look after the welfare and progress of each student





Academic Programme

		Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
English	English ESOL	English ESOL	English ESOL	English ESOL	English Media Studies ESOL	English Media Studies ESOL -English for Academic Purposes
Languages	French Japanese Te Reo Māori	French Japanese Te Reo Māori	French Japanese Te Reo Māori	French Japanese Te Reo Māori Te Ara Kee	French Japanese Te Reo Māori	French Japanese Te Reo Māori
Mathematics and Statistics	Mathematics and Statistics	Mathematics and Statistics	Mathematics and Statistics	Mathematics and Statistics Numeracy	Mathematics and Statistics	Calculus Statistics
Science	Science	Science	Science	Science Applied Science	Science Earth Science Biology Chemistry Physics Electronics	Earth Science Biology Chemistry Physics
	Agriculture		Agricultural Science	Agricultural Science	Agriculture Science	Agricultural / Horticultural Science
	Horticulture		Agricultural Science	Horticultural Science	Horticultural Science	Agricultural / Horticultural Science
Social Sciences	Social Sciences	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Science Studies Geography History Te Kuaha	Social Studies Classical Studies Geography History Te Kuaha	Social Studies Classical Studies Geography History Te Kuaha
	Commerce		Business and Enterprise Studies	Accounting Economics	Accounting Economics Legal Studies Business Studies	Accounting Economics Legal Studies Business Studies
Arts	Art	Art	Art	Art Art Photo-Design	Art Practical Art Photography Art Design	Art Printmaking Art Design Art History Art Painting Art Photography
	Drama		Drama	Drama - Performing Drama - Technology Dance	Drama – Performing Drama - Technology	Drama
	Music	Music - guitar Music – wind band	Performance Music - wind band Performance Music - rock band	Performance Music	Performance Music	Music
Physical Education and Health	Physical Education and Health	Physical Education and Health	Physical Education and Health	Health Physical Education Sport	Health Physical Education Outdoor Education Sport Leadership	Health Physical Education Outdoor Education Sport Leadership
Technology	Technology	Hard Material	Hard Material	Technology Building Engineering	Technology Furniture Making Engineering	Furniture Making
	Design and Visual Communication	Design and Visual Communication	Design and Visual Communication	Design and Visual Communication	Design and Visual Communication	Design and Visual Communication
	Food / Fabric	Food / Fabric	Technology Food Technology Fabric	Technology Fabric Food and Nutrition Catering (Hospitality and ...)	Food and Nutrition Technology Fabric Catering (Hospitality and ...)	Technology Fabric Hospitality and Catering Food and Nutrition
	Digital Technologies	Digital Technology	Digital Technology	Computer Studies Digital Technology	Computer Studies Digital Technology	Computer Studies Digital Technology



Please visit our website to view our aerial DVD and Storyboard (A day in the life of an International Student at PHS)

Other useful links include NZQA's Studying in New Zealand – www.nzqa.govt.nz/studying-in-New-Zealand www.immigration.govt.nz www.aucklandnz.com/study-workandlive

Academic Performance

Pukekohe High School is proud of its academic record which shows that the number of students in Years 11, 12 and 13 who gain NCEA Levels 1,2 and 3 and University Entrance are above the national average – details available on request.

Academic Programme

- Pukekohe High School prepares students for studying at University and other tertiary institutions
- We offer an academic programme that adheres to the seven essential learning areas specified by the New Zealand Curriculum
- Students in years 11,12 and 13 study towards National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) & scholarship along with the literacy and numeracy credits needed to gain University Entrance

In Years 9 and 10 students follow a programme that includes English, science, mathematics, social studies, health and physical education and technology – other options available to experience in YR9 include ART, DVC, Languages, Music, DIT.

A comprehensive list of all subjects at all year levels are available on our website www.pukekohehigh.school.nz or by contacting the International Department.



English Language Courses

Pukekohe High School provides junior and senior English classes for speakers of other languages (ESOL). Students are placed in the most appropriate class depending on their age and current English skills. Occasionally students choose to join two classes.

The junior classes focus on accelerating English language acquisition, especially for foundation and stage 1 learners (on the English Language Learning Progressions). They are supported

in learning English to help them in familiar situations and also to manage in mainstream subjects.

The senior classes increasingly develop a more academic focus, aiming to prepare students for tertiary study or for work. All senior classes provide opportunities for students to achieve credits towards NCEA. The year 13 class supports students who are intending to go to university to obtain university entrance literacy credits.

Programmes include:

- Developing students' confidence and skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing
- Learning vocabulary – focusing firstly on survival language, words from the most common 1,000 and 2,000 word lists (New General Services List), subject vocabulary and then the Academic Word List.
- Reading using graded readers and a variety of other texts
- A wide variety of different learning strategies
- Homework - mainly vocabulary learning and reading books

Subject support is also offered in ESOL classes where possible and at additional times when requested.

The most recent course outlines for each class can be accessed on the school web site.

The aim of Pukekohe High is to help overseas students to improve in all areas of the English language. Upon arrival students are assessed and placed into the appropriate class for their ability. Classes are small and students receive individual assistance from teachers trained and experienced in teaching English to speakers of other languages.

ESOL teacher aides may be available to assist with integration of new learners as they transition into mainstream classes. (additional fees may apply)





Extracurricular Activities

Pukekohe High School offers a wide range of sport, performing arts and club activities – all students are encouraged to participate in any of these.

Sports: Athletics, badminton, basketball, cricket, cross-country, duathlon, equestrian, hockey, netball, orienteering, rock climbing, rowing, rugby, soccer, softball, squash, swimming, table tennis, touch rugby, gym sports and an outdoor education program.

Cultural activities: Drama, musicals, dance, theatre sports, Maori kapa haka, orchestra, stage, jazz, concert and rock bands.

Facilities

- Art suites with facilities for painting, printmaking, design and photography
- Computer suites with individual email and internet access
- Drama, dance and music suites
- Gymnasiums
- State of the art technology workshops and food technology rooms
- Modern classrooms and science laboratories
- Spacious grounds surrounded by trees and sports fields

Clubs and activities: Debating and speech competitions, magazine production, Young New Zealanders Challenge, AFS Support group, Interact, Environmentalists, Christian Youth Group and junior activities week.



Homestay Accommodation

Pukekohe High School can arrange quality, caring and supportive, homestay accommodation with approved families. Families live close to the school and in the countryside with animals. All homestays must comply with The Education Code 2016 (Pastoral Care of International Students) visit www.nzqa.govt.nz for a copy of the code. These homestays offer students a supportive family environment in which to study and achieve their goals and academic success.

Homestay caregivers provide:

- A supportive family environment
- Own room with all meals and laundry service
- Accommodation from the time of arrival in New Zealand to the end of the school year including holidays
- Links to local community activities

Students who live in homestay accommodation experience a greater level of English language understanding, than students who stay with family members who speak their native language in the home.

A homestay co-ordinator is available to support students, homestays and local families intergrate into school life and the community.



Student Voice



Aliah Janssen, Year 11 – Germany

I really liked my school year at Pukekohe High School. I made lots of friends and had lots of fun. My favourite subject was Outdoor education.



Birgit Halwachs, Year 11 – Austria

I really enjoyed my time here at Pukekohe High School. The school is huge and I always got lost. I found most of the subjects quite easy compared to my school in Austria. I also joined gymnastics when I was here where I met lots of other people. I like the people in New Zealand they are nice.



YingZhi Jiang, Year 13 - China

Hi, I am YingZhi Jiang from China. I have been in New Zealand for nearly 3 years. Since I arrived in May 2015, I have made a lot of new friends they are not only kiwis but also come from all over the world. The thing that I enjoyed most is that the teachers here are very helpful and supportive, they are actually caring about the students and are keen to help them achieve their goals and make it easier for them, especially for international students. My home stay experience has been brilliant as the family I live with gave me so much help in every aspect of my life here. The time I have spent with them I will never forget.



Togo Saji, Year 13 - Japan

Hello my name is Togo. I am graduating high school this year. I have many friends and had lots of new experiences.

First time when I arrived in New Zealand I was not able to write an English sentence. After four years my English improved a lot and now I will be able to live in an English Country without any help.

New Zealand is a great place to study and live. I will always look forward to coming back. I love New Zealand.



Chayada Sudson, Year 10 – Thailand

Hello my name is Chayada. I have been here for 1 ½ years. I like Pukekohe High School very much. All my teachers have been very kind and helpful. My favourite subjects are Science and math. In School in Thailand we just read and write with not many experiments. I found here there is much more detail and it is easy to follow and understand. Since being in NZ I have caught a train and bus to Auckland City and have been to the temple a few times which I enjoyed very much. I feel blessed to be in such a clean green country. I will try very hard to achieve my goal.



Risa Hokazono, Year 12 – Japan

These two and half years I have been in New Zealand have been such an amazing experience in my life. When I first came here, I couldn't even speak in English at all. However, now I have learnt a lot of things including speaking English at PHS. I have also met wonderful friends and homestay family whom I still want to keep in touch with. I will never forget these beautiful memories in New Zealand.



Senling Liu, Year 13 – China

I am Senling Liu and I have been in Pukekohe High School for 2 years now. I think Pukekohe High is a great place for studying. Not only the pleasant environment but also the subjects available for students to choose. My favourite subjects are calculus and economics. The teachers here are very reliable and kind. The students are also friendly and I have made lots of friends here. I want to go to University to study Quantity Surveying or Engineering. My English has improved a lot in these 2 years. My homestay family and friends taught me a lot. Talking is the best way to improve my English. My homestay family treat me as their daughter so I felt really comfortable and welcome to live there.



Miguel Vida Lamegal, Year 12 – Brazil

Ola! My name is Miguel and I have been studying at Pukekohe High for 8 months and it has been an amazing experience. I've been able to not only improve my English but also travel all around NZ and visit places of indescribable beauty. I have made a lot of new friends and I'm sure I'll keep in touch with them for years to come. The teachers are really good and you can see they care for each of their students. It has been the best year of my whole life and I highly recommend to do an exchange at Pukekohe High and have the same experiences I did.



Gonzalo Maldonado, Year 10 – Spain

The term I had at school was really nice with teachers and students. I achieved by goal of learning English. My advice to international students is to try and enter in all the activities in the school and if you listen to the teachers you won't have any problems with tests.



Margherita Laviani – Year 13 - Italy

I'm Margherita and I've spent 6 months in NZ for an exchange program. I can strongly affirm that it has been the best experience I've ever had. Firstly, I was glad to be able to choose my favourite subjects focusing on my future goals and passions, in this way every class was fun and interesting. I really appreciated the Pukekohe High's atmosphere, indeed there everyone, both teachers and guys, is relaxed, supportive and encourages you to always do your best. I've been introduced to an amazing group of friends that even if my English wasn't very good, always made me feel part of their group. Finally, I have to say a massive thank you to all the international coordinators that always planned fun activities and excursions in order to show us a little bit of New Zealand and help us making new friends from all over the world sharing different cultures and traditions.



Will Zhou, Year 13 – China

I came to New Zealand two years ago as a Chinese international Student. I was full of excitement and curiosity coming to a new country and meet lots of new friends. Over the past 2 years I have had a lot of people help me including Teachers, homestay family and friends. I am going to study in Auckland University next year. I want to say thank you to all the people who helped me and I will keep fighting till the day I reach my goal.



Thank you for your interest in Pukekohe High School as a place for your student's secondary education. Our aim is to ensure that each student is treated as an individual and is catered for in an interesting and supportive learning environment.



Director's Role

The Director of International Students - is responsible for ensuring that all overseas students receive the support and guidance that they require to achieve to their best ability.

The role of the Director includes:

- Welcoming and introducing new students into the school
- Assisting students to intergrate into school life
- Tailoring courses for each student to ensure that future goals are clearly defined
- Liaison with ESOL and other subject teachers to ensure student's needs are being met
- Being available for students should they need to discuss concerns or issues
- Referring students to appropriate school services if necessary ie career guidance or counselling
- Ensuring that parents and agents are kept informed of students progress and attendance
- Monitoring homestay accommodation to ensure suitability - including a home visit or telephone contact at least once every term
- Ensuring all homestay accommodation complies with The Code of Practice 2016, including Police checks for all family members over 18 years of age and an initial home visit and training prior to a student placement in the home
- Orientation process on arrival for all students and their families



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Code of Practice

Pukekohe High School has agreed to observe and be bound by The Code of Practice 2016 (for the Pastoral Care of International Students) published by the Ministry of Education. Copies of the Code are available on request from the school or from the NZQA website www.nzqa.govt.nz.

Immigration

Full details of visa and permit requirements and advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying are available through the New Zealand Immigration Service, and can be viewed on their website at www.immigration.govt.nz.

Eligibility for Health Services

Most international students are not eligible to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you may be liable for the full costs of any treatment. Full details on entitlements to publicly funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health, and can be viewed on their website at www.health.govt.nz

Accident Insurance

The Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website at www.acc.co.nz

Medical and Travel Insurance

International students must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance while studying in New Zealand, as required by NZQA and Immigration New Zealand.

Students will be invoiced for medical and travel insurance. Medical insurance will be refunded if the student can provide evidence, in English, of current and appropriate medical insurance. This must be provided to the school before an offer of place is issued and before any travel takes place.

Fees from 2018

International student tuition fees annually	NZ\$13,400
Homestay accommodation - 2018	\$270 per week
Homestay Placement Admin Fee	\$150 per placement
Uniform - approximately	\$400
Stationery - approximately	\$65
Medical and travel insurance	\$500 per year
Registration and Administration Fees	\$750 per year
NCEA Exam Fees	\$383.85 per year
Summer Holiday Luggage Storage Fee	\$150 flat fee
Designated Caregiver Monitoring Fee	\$75 per term

(covers the cost of monitoring designated caregiver arrangements for students, who are NOT in a Pukekohe High School approved homestay as required under The Code of Practice 2016 for International Students.

For an enrolment application please visit our website www.pukekohehigh.school.nz or email international@pukekohehigh.school.nz

The School Year

- The school year commences in late January and continues until mid-December
- Year 11, 12 and 13 students leave in early November to sit national examinations (NCEA) during November and December
- School holidays are two weeks in April, July and September
- Normal school hours are 8.40am until 3.25pm Monday to Friday, except Wednesday when school finishes at 1.50pm

The proposed term dates are:

2018

Term 1 – 31st January - 13th April
Term 2 – 30th April - 6th July
Term 3 – 23rd July - 28th September
Term 4 – 15th October - 12th December

2019

Term 1 – 30th January - 12th April
Term 2 – 29th April - 5th July
Term 3 – 22nd July - 27th September
Term 4 – 14th October - 11th December

