



PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL



“A positive place of learning”
He waahi whai-mana ki te rapu maatauranga



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 31,000 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 1750 students – approximately 2% come from overseas countries. 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	French Japanese	French Japanese	French Japanese	French Japanese	French Japanese
Maori Studies		Te Reo Maori	Te Reo Maori Toi Whakaari	Te Reo Maori Toi Whakaare Te Ara Kee	Te Reo Maori Toi Whakaare Te Ara Kee	Te Reo Maori Toi Whakaare Te Ara Kee
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 Dance	Drama - Performing Dance	Drama – Performing Dance	Drama
	Music	Music - band Music – core	Performance Music - band Performance Music - core	Performance Music	Performance Music	Music
Physical Education and Health	Physical Education and Health	Physical Education and Health	Physical Education and Health	Health Physical Education P.E. Outdoors	Health Physical Education Outdoor Education Sport Leadership	Health Physical Education Outdoor Education Sport Leadership

Student Support	Student Support	Career Education	Career Education	Future Pathways ASDAN Youth Award Scheme (YAS) Career Education Gateway	Future Pathways ASDAN Youth Award Scheme (YAS) Career Education Gateway	Future Pathways Career Education Gateway
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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 Technology	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.

Please refer previous page for a full subject list for each year level and contact the International Department for further details about subject choices.

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

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

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.

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

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.





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, String Ensembles, stage, jazz, concert and rock bands.

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.



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



Homestay Accommodation

Pukekohe High School will 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



Jiatong Li – China

Hi, my name is Jiatong Li. I am an international student from China. It has been two years since I came to New Zealand, the beautiful country. I have seen so many spectacular natural scenes in NZ. I am glad to study in Pukekohe High School with the patient teachers and the enthusiastic classmates. Furthermore I met a wonderful home stay, they are my second family, and helped me a lot. Thus wherever I am in school or home, I am surrounded by kindness and love. As I attempt different lifestyles, culture and education systems, these experiences make me more independent and outgoing. I am so appreciative of all the people and the experiences I have had here in New Zealand and I love it here so much!



Eric

Hello I am Eric and I have been in New Zealand for 4 years. It's been a great place to study and meet more friends. The teachers here at school are very helpful and the homestays are nice. I have been really enjoying the time in New Zealand.



Scarlet – China

I'm Scarlett, from China. I have been studying in New Zealand around two years. Teachers and classmates always help me deal with my academic problems, such as chemistry and math. There are also various activities, I like the biology trip the most which not only provide opportunities to learn the ecosystem as a group but also lead me to recognize different trees. Therefore, I really enjoy NZ life.



Zheng Shou (Tim)

Hi my name is Zheng Shou but everyone calls me Tim. I have been in New Zealand for 5 years and the last three years here at Pukekohe High School.

I was worried about my English but with lots of practice I have improved a lot and made it better. I will really remember all my friends from classes both International students and all the others!! My homestay has been great and with a homestay brother and sister it feels like a real family. Many things are different from home but I learned quickly and now this feels comfortable and like my second home. Next year I plan to continue into Tertiary Study in Auckland studying in Engineering.



Chanon – Thailand

Hello, my name is Chanon and I am from Thailand. I have been at Pukekohe High School for 4 years.

I have had a great time at Pukekohe High School and made many friends. I have gained not only the English language but many life experiences that will remain with me forever.

I love being here in New Zealand and have found my homestay families welcoming and enjoyable to live with.

I will be sad to leave this school but it has put me in a great position for University.



Tina – Hong Kong

I am Tina from Hong Kong. It is my 3rd time to stay in Pukekohe High School. For the first and second times I came here for 4-5 weeks as a summer course during my summer holiday 2 years in a row. I stayed with 2 different host families during the course. Although, they had different lifestyles, I got used to it within a short time and they were nice to me!

It is a good and positive environment for us to learn as the school provides us more freedom and less pressure compare to the schools in HK. The teachers are patient to answer my questions about schoolwork and I have many opportunities to explore around New Zealand. Therefore, I came back and study in Pukekohe High. I hope I will enjoy the remaining high school life in the school!



Yu Ao – China

I am Yu Ao from China. I have been in New Zealand for 3 years. I cannot believe that soon, I will graduate from Pukekohe High School, marking an end of my high school life. I still remember that when I first came to New Zealand, it is not easy to get used to a totally new and foreign environment. Luckily, in Pukekohe High School, there are always awesome people around who are willing to give me a hand when I need help. The thing I enjoyed the most of being in Pukekohe High School is that I can meet people from different countries and make friends with them. There is nothing more interesting than exchanging culture and listening to their story back in their hometown. Moreover, my home stay experience has been brilliant. My host mom has been taking care of me like her own child and I want to say a massive thank you to her.

Overall I appreciate all the people and the goals I have achieved in New Zealand. I will never forget these beautiful memories.



Jasper – Germany

Hi I am Jasper and I'm from Germany. I have really enjoyed Pukekohe High School this term. The big open space is so good, compared to at home where school is one building. I have enjoyed my studies and found most of the subjects quite easy. I especially enjoyed my food technology class. The Homestay family have been really nice and kind and I have been able to visit many places around Auckland with them whilst here like the Sky Tower, the beaches and the Mt Eden volcanic crater.

I look forward to coming back one day and bringing my brother and family with me.

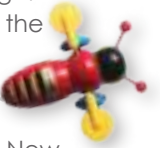


Naho – Japan

Hi my name is Naho and I am from Japan. I really enjoy being in New Zealand and have experienced so many things that I could only do here. I have made lots of friends here and have lots of memories.

The school is so kind, even though my English wasn't so good when I first arrived everyone at the school was so kind and helpful.

The whole Pukekohe Community is really sweet, I have loved my time here, I am really lucky as I've never been homesick because it's so much fun here!





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.



International 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 2019

International student tuition fees annually	NZ\$13,400
Homestay accommodation - 2019	\$285 per week
Homestay Placement Admin Fee	\$150 per placement
Uniform - approximately	\$450
Stationery - approximately	\$65
Medical and travel insurance approx.	\$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:

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

2020

Term 1 – 29th January – 9th April
Term 2 – 28th April - 3th July
Term 3 – 20th July - 25th September
Term 4 – 12th October - 16th December

