



TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR

INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS 2017





WELCOME

Welcome to our fantastic school. We are excited that you will be joining us to live, learn and experience an inspirational education at Takapuna Grammar School.

We are a high achieving academic school and offer an excellent co-educational learning environment with state-of-the-art purpose built education blocks nestled alongside the original and iconic Main Building which founded the school in 1927. Takapuna Grammar School remains now, as it was then, a leading example of co-educational student achievement.

The performing arts centre is dedicated to music, dance and drama tuition and houses a theatre and recording studio. Our technology building is second to none with a brand new commercial

kitchen and dining room sitting alongside photography, visual art, graphic design, textiles and woodwork pods.

Our dedicated team of International Staff are here to help you whilst you are with us, you can talk with us about anything from personal concerns to information about how to organise trips around our amazing country.

Whether you are joining us for 1 term or for 5 years we encourage you to become involved in the many sporting and cultural opportunities on offer at Takapuna Grammar School – it's the best way to make new friends!

We know you will be happy at our school. We look forward to meeting you.



LOCATION

Sitting atop the Takapuna cliffs and boasting commanding views of Rangitoto Island and the Waitemata Harbour, Takapuna Grammar School possesses presence and history.

Students enjoy a learning environment which encompasses 12 hectares of groomed grounds and playing fields with a combination of heritage protected buildings and modern built-for-purpose educational blocks.

Located in the safest area in New Zealand- Auckland's North Shore, the school lies a 40 minute walk or 5 minute bus ride from the seaside village of Devonport which offers an independent movie theatre, cafés and newly completed modern library. Auckland's CBD is just a 12 minute ferry ride from Devonport Wharf. The shopping and business hub of Takapuna is just a 10 minute bus ride away.

Aucklanders love to play on the stunning harbour and waters surrounding their city and because of this passion for sailing and water sports Auckland is known as the City of Sails. North Shore City claims the closest proximity to the city's sparkling waters and is thus often referred to as the jewel in Auckland's crown.

Easily accessible from the North Shore, the wider Auckland area offers beautiful scenery and activities including bush walks, forest mountain biking tracks and surfing at the black sand wild rugged beaches of the west coast.

INTERNATIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

At Takapuna Grammar School students embrace the fast paced and constantly changing world of learning and technology in a traditional New Zealand educational framework with an emphasis on academic, sporting and cultural activities.

International Students are fully integrated into mainstream classes and enjoy the culture of inclusion in our school which supports their successes and achievements and encourages them to join in and experience the exciting opportunities on offer.

Takapuna Grammar School welcomes and embraces the diversity of our International Students. We are proud to consider ourselves a global school community. Currently we have students from 30 countries spanning South America, Asia, Europe and the Pacific studying with us and we place great value on the cultural enrichment these students bring to our school environment.

A Takapuna Grammar School learner is a motivated, lifelong learner who practices the school philosophy of Aspiring to Personal Excellence, striving to realise his or her maximum potential in all pursuits.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

Takapuna Grammar is a high achieving academic school and we are proud of our student achievement levels. 90% of our school graduates move on to tertiary study. International Students are tested on entry and placed in mainstream classes according to their age, subjects and abilities. ESOL support is given to students who need it. All students study the New Zealand national curriculum. At Year 12 we offer NCEA and IB both of which qualify students to gain entrance to universities in New Zealand and overseas.

National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA)

NCEA is New Zealand's national qualification. It is a 3 Level points based course which students complete over Years 11, 12 and 13.

At Levels 1 & 2 students choose six subjects and at Level 3 five subjects are chosen. Students can earn up to 24 credits (points) per subject each year and need to gain a total of 80 credits to proceed to the next level. A minimum of 240 credits gained over three years is required to achieve NCEA.

International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB)

The IB programme is a rigorous two year points based course for students in Years 12 and 13. Students study six subjects worth up to seven points each.

Additionally students must complete three compulsory activities worth a possible three points in total.

These are: CAS – Participation in creativity, action and service projects

TOK – A study of the Theory of Knowledge

Essay – An extended essay of 4000 words

Students must gain 24 out of a possible 45 points and complete the compulsory activities to pass.

Academic Preparation Programme (APP)

A 2 term course designed to familiarise students with the teaching and learning style of New Zealand. Written and spoken English skills are improved and students learn terminology and procedures used in subjects across the curriculum. Cultural experiences and field trips are also enjoyed by the students.

THE ARTS, SPORTS AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

All Takapuna Grammar School students including Internationals are encouraged to participate in the many and varied arts, sporting and cultural opportunities on offer.

Participation in these activities allows young people to experience risk taking, teamwork, resilience, creativity, persistence, leadership and commitment – all of which are valuable life skills to pair with academic achievements, and which encourage the development of students into well rounded world citizens.

Perform

Takapuna Grammar places great value on The Arts. Dance, Drama, Music and Art are taught as core subjects in Year 9 and courses in Visual Art Extension and Music Extension are offered. In 2016 the school Jazz Band won the Command Performance Award at the prestigious KBB Music Festival beating out 135 other schools. The Performing Arts are hugely popular with our students and the school is proud to be able to claim rock star Lorde as a recent former pupil.



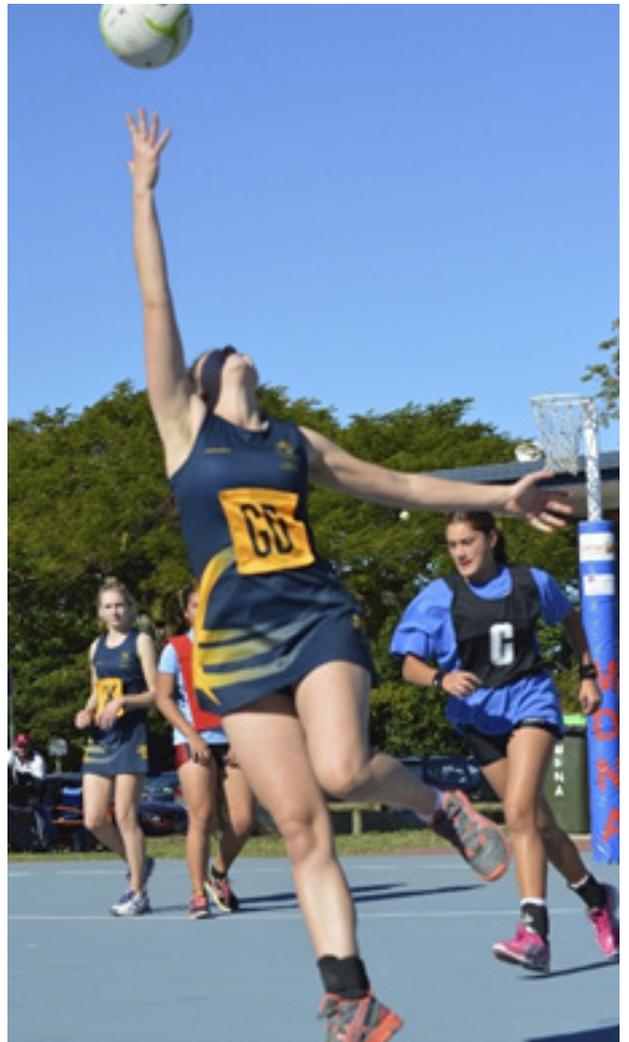


We are proud of our sporting history. Takapuna Grammar students have experienced success at high levels in both group and individual pursuits. There are many options for students to be involved, from social teams to top school representative level.



Ex Takapuna Grammar School students competing at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio.

Eliza McCartney	Pole Vault, Bronze Medal
Paul Snow-Hansen	Sailing
Jacko Gill	Shot-put



Experience

There is a thriving cultural emphasis at Takapuna Grammar School. Students are encouraged to get involved in the numerous extracurricular opportunities on offer from the student organised International Food Fair to the annual House Haka Challenge.



PASTORAL CARE

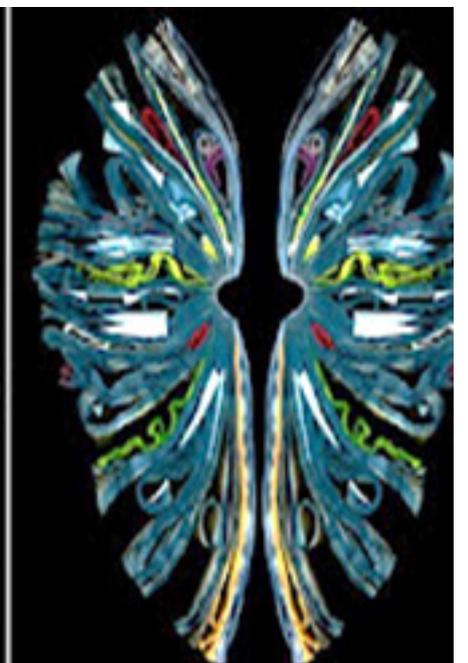
At Takapuna Grammar School we value each individual pupil and the pastoral care of our International Students is paramount. We have a dedicated team of International Staff to smooth the transition into the School and provide any assistance students may require during their stay in New Zealand. We have full-time first-language counsellors for Korean and Chinese students and an extensive ESOL (English as a Second language) programme.

Our homestay coordinators work hard to carefully match up students with host families. Host families are located within easy reach of the school and provide International Students with a Kiwi way of life experience.

Support programmes are in place to ensure the physical and emotional wellbeing of students with guidance counsellors, careers counsellors, student deans and a nurse all on site.

Parents can be reassured that their sons and daughters are well cared for and supervised. We pride ourselves on being a friendly and welcoming school, offering all International Students a happy and fulfilling experience.





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Principal Mary Nixon and students. August 2016.

2017 Term Dates

January 26 Compulsory International Orientation Day

January 27 Compulsory International Orientation Day

Term 1 January 31 – April 13

Term 2 May 1 – July 7

Term 3 July 24 – September 29

Term 4 October 16 – December 8

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