

# HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROSPECTUS

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# PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

**Welcome to Henderson High School. We share a community where both staff and students are pleased to belong. We provide an environment for students that nurtures confidence in cultural and personal identity so that they can reach their full potential.**

Henderson High School is a well-resourced, positive environment for students and staff. We are focused on enhancing our teaching practice in line with cognitive science research, and ensuring our curriculum is knowledge-rich and flexible. The latest technology is used to support learning and develop the skills needed for today and tomorrow's world.

Our NCEA achievement is excellent and each student has the opportunity to build a broad and deep foundation of knowledge that allows them to innovate, to communicate and to participate in society in meaningful ways.

We offer a progressive learning environment and an excellent range of academic pathways. Our curriculum provides a full range of mainstream core education, alongside a variety of non-traditional subjects. We have developed outstanding capability in the application of new technologies to support the development of 21st Century Learning competencies. Our digital classrooms are constantly evolving as we embrace the latest technologies.

Our community is diverse and inclusive, so every student can find their place and their people. Our teachers build positive and mana-enhancing relationships with our young people, along with having high expectations for them in every aspect of their learning and character.

The school culture emphasises:

- High expectations of academic achievement, personal appearance and student behaviour
- Values of respect, loyalty and hard work
- Students who understand the importance of being part of their community and take pride in helping others around them

Our International Department is committed to a very high level of pastoral care. Our Teachers, Deans, Guidance Counselors, Career Advisors, Homestay Coordinators and the International Director all play an important role in the wrap around care of our international students.

Students can explore their interests through sports, the performing arts, and a range of clubs and service opportunities that develop leadership and teamwork. Together with formal learning, these contribute to growing confidence and responsibility in our rangatahi. Staff, students and alumni are rightly proud of Henderson High School, its attractive environment, its supportive culture and its high expectations.

**Ros Robertson**  
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# WELCOME TO AOTEAROA

New Zealand or Aotearoa is becoming increasingly well known around the world as a desirable place to study.

Being strong academically is just the start. New Zealand is an extremely diverse country with many nationalities making up our population. We have a welcoming, and warm culture that anyone can fit in to.

Henderson High School is located in West Auckland; set alongside the Waitākere Ranges, where you can hike and enjoy the outdoors, and close to West Coast beaches, where you can swim and surf. A short walk away are cafes, a shopping mall, a train station, swimming pool, markets and more.

We are a co-educational public school for years 9 through 13. Our current roll is between 900 and 1000 students.

In New Zealand there is always an activity to do. Our previous international students have enjoyed surfing, swimming, horseriding, hiking, skiing, kayaking and fishing to name a few. A large number of these activities took place when the students travelled with their homestay families. New Zealanders are proud to show you our amazing country.





# QUALITY TEACHING & LEARNING



## Our Vision

**We will empower students with the knowledge to succeed and change their world for the better.**

Our blended technology-based approach supports teachers to deliver key requirements of the New Zealand Curriculum in building students' skills in collaboration, critical thinking and creativity. We enjoy excellent learning facilities. We use the latest technologies to help develop 21st Century skills – creativity, collaboration, communication, research and critical thinking.

We believe that learning happens best when:

- Both teacher and student share responsibility to create an optimum learning environment.
- Students understand how they contribute to the learning process, through a better understanding of their own learning needs.

At the heart of this is the knowledge that students who truly understand and are involved in their learning have accelerated rates of achievement.

Along with interactive explicit teaching, the networked classroom is buzzing with Chromebooks and handheld devices to create a learning environment that is hugely engaging for students and teachers. It supports fast-paced, advanced learning and is a distinct advantage of our educational approach. Our strong digital culture is contributes to Henderson High School's strong academic achievement.

## The Curriculum

Henderson High School offers the NCEA pathway at Levels 1, 2 and 3. Students can select from a full range of mainstream core education alongside a variety of additional subjects on the National Curriculum Framework. This mix gives every student the opportunity to achieve their best.

We also extend learning opportunities through external partnerships and specialist programmes that make a huge difference for our students. This includes:

- University of Auckland Physics and Biology Departments
- Writing extension with University of Auckland tutors
- Young Enterprise Scheme
- BP Business Challenge for our junior students
- Partnerships with local enterprise for Gateway opportunities

## Academic Extension Programme

The Te Hiringa Academic Enrichment Programme supports accelerated, advanced learning to develop students' thinking skills and extends their knowledge of their chosen courses of study. Students in this programme are high achievers across the curriculum.



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



## Our School Environment

Henderson High School welcomes international students to experience the benefits of studying in a New Zealand co-educational school. We enjoy hosting international students from many countries and greatly appreciate the special contribution they make to the character of the school.

The school has a well-established support network. There are full time guidance counsellors, a school nurse and a doctor. The Director of International Students, Homestay Coordinator, Deans of each year level and Careers Advisors provide student support in all pastoral care matters. This includes enrolment, Insurance, orientation, academic programmes, designated caregiver and homestay arrangements.

At Henderson High School we help each International Student with their chosen academic pathway. Our Careers Advisors are able to work alongside to guide our students.

### International Student Ambassador Programme

On the first day at Henderson High School, all international students are met by their International Student Ambassador. Our International Student Ambassadors are domestic students who have applied to be a part of the programme, have been interviewed and once accepted have attended training so they are well versed on how to best help our international students feel at home in our school.

Our International Student Ambassadors take pride in their roles and create strong bonds with our international students.





# SPORTS & PERFORMING ARTS



## Sporting Opportunities

Our students are inspired to participate in co-curricular activities. They grow in courage and confidence, and reap the benefits of stretching out of their comfort zones.

Our Sports Programme makes use of the excellent facilities which include an artificial hockey turf, all-weather netball and tennis courts, an indoor gymnasium, on site swimming pool and extensive grounds for a variety of winter and summer sporting codes.

There are opportunities available at varying levels in a wide range of sports. Students also have the opportunity to develop coaching pathways.



## Performing Arts and Music Academy

Our co-curricular programmes give all our students an opportunity to participate in activities that build their self-confidence.

There are many performance opportunities for dancers, costumiers, choreographers, theming, production, lighting and set designers. Showquest and our senior dramatic play provide additional opportunities for students.

In music, there are options for classical and modern instrumentalists with our school orchestra. Our choir grows from strength to strength and musical performances, Rock Quest, and Stand Up, Stand Out further enrich our curriculum. There are opportunities for specialist voice and music lessons in a variety of instruments.





# LIVING IN NEW ZEALAND

## Code of Practice

Henderson High School is a signatory of The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 published by the Minister of Education. Copies of this code are available on request or from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at: [www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/tertiaryand-international-learners-code/](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/tertiaryand-international-learners-code/)

## Immigration and Visa Application

New Zealand Immigration has all the information you need to find out whether you are eligible to study, what you need to apply for a visa, and your rights whilst you study in New Zealand. Please refer to their website for more information. [www.immigration.govt.nz/](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/)

## Insurance in New Zealand

All international students must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance the entire time they are in New Zealand. Henderson High School can help you arrange this.

If you receive medical treatment in New Zealand you will be liable to pay for this. We can then help claim this amount back through your insurance company.

## Homestay

Henderson High School is committed to providing every student a safe home environment. We work with an excellent homestay services company to find a suitable homestay family for each international student. Because we have been hosting International Students for many years, our homestays are very much a part of the school and local community.

Each homestay family is interviewed, police vetted and is committed to providing the best possible care for our international students. International students, agents and homestay families have access to our Henderson High School 24 hour emergency contact number.





# WHY CHOOSE HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL?



## Cultural Experience

Henderson High School has a very diverse student population. Our international students experience what authentic life is like in Aotearoa.

## Community

Our students understand the importance of being part of their community and take pride in helping others around them

## Wrap Around Support

We are committed to providing an outstanding quality of pastoral care.

## Location

Located in West Auckland, Henderson High School is close to West Coast beaches and the Waitākere Ranges. We are within walking distance of a public transport hub, cafes, markets, a shopping mall and more.

## Academic Performance

Our NCEA achievement is excellent. Each student has the opportunity to build a broad and deep foundation of knowledge that allows them to innovate, to communicate and to participate in society in meaningful ways.

While it is students who achieve these results, their success provides evidence that we have great teachers engaging and supporting students to realise their potential.

## Our Values - Te Tūāpapa o Panuku

### WHANAUNGATANGA

We are connected to each other.  
We each contribute to this community.

### MANAAKITANGA

We support our learning and mana.  
We treat each other with respect.

### KAITIAKITANGA

We care for our place here.  
We are thoughtful in our words and actions.

### KOTAHITANGA

We are unique and united.  
We celebrate our diverse community.









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