



A vibrant,
inclusive
high school
with exceptional
opportunities



Hutt Valley High School

Te Kura Tuarua o te Awakairangi

Wellington,
New Zealand

Principal's Welcome

Nau mai haere mai ki tēnei Te Kura Tuarau o Te Awakairangi.

I welcome you to Hutt Valley High School through our 2023 International Student Prospectus.

We are a vibrant and exciting coeducational and multicultural high school with an outstanding reputation for preparing students well for their futures. Founded in 1926 we offer high-quality education in an inclusive, positive and nurturing environment. Our students are firmly at the centre of all we do - with their wellbeing seen as important as academic, cultural and sporting success.

Hutt Valley High School is a calm, friendly and purposeful campus where students achieve incredible things. Our values are that we are kind, we are welcoming, we persevere, and we achieve.

Hutt Valley High School is the perfect place to get to know people different from you. Students from many cultures, languages, countries, learning differences and backgrounds attend the school, bringing a broad range of experiences - it is what makes this place so unique. Hutt Valley High School represents the changing face of what it means to be a New Zealander - and our willingness to celebrate difference and encourage individuality sets us apart.

Last year we welcomed international students back to our school, and it has been a delight to add to our student communities' cultural diversity. The students have settled easily and quickly into life at Hutt Valley High School and are coping with learning the English language alongside all those unique Kiwi-isms. Some of our students have already "gone on a tiki tour to the Kapiti Coast", which means taking the scenic route to a destination.

We are a large school with 1,800 students, but there is a space and a place for everyone, including our international students. Jodie Murden, the International Director and her team will get to know each student, especially what interests them, makes them happy, their goals, the sports or music groups they want to join and the academic focus they have for their time in New Zealand.

We can provide multiple opportunities in sports, performing arts and cultural pursuits for students to connect, grow and experience fun and success. Some of our international students stay for one term, focusing on travel and experiencing a new culture. Others stay for three or four years and achieve New Zealand academic qualifications for tertiary opportunities.

We look forward to you joining us.



Denise Johnson
Principal, Hutt Valley High School



Our School Values

Our school values reflect our mission to be a vibrant, inclusive high school that offers students exceptional opportunities.



We are

Welcoming *Eke Taumata*

We celebrate culture, differences and each individual.



We are

Kind *Manawaroa*

We are respectful, restorative and we look after each other.



We

Persevere *Ngākaunui*

We learn from our experiences and we don't give up.



We

Achieve *Rāhiri*

We work hard for academic, cultural, social and sporting success.



Our Location

Hutt Valley High School is based in Lower Hutt in the Wellington region.
Our school is just a 15-minute drive from Wellington City.

Lower Hutt – 15 Minutes to Wellington City

Lower Hutt, while a little smaller in population than Wellington City, is big on beautiful outdoor experiences, big on fresh produce from the land and sea, and huge on hospitality.

Great Place to Study & Live

Wellington is a compact city that is one of the most livable locations in the world. Good public transport, short commutes and low levels of pollution help students to both easily travel to school and explore the Wellington region's many attractions and activities.

Research from the Global Liveability Index often ranks Wellington as one of the world's most liveable cities. In the 2022 Nielson Quality of Life survey 88% of participants said Lower Hutt was a great place to live.



Welcoming & Safe Community

You'll find Wellingtonians and especially the Hutt Valley High School community among the most welcoming and accepting people you'll meet. We celebrate different cultures, identities, religions, beliefs, and abilities in our communities.

World Class Education System

New Zealand leads the way in educating students for the future world. The Economist Intelligence Unit ranked New Zealand first out of 35 economies for instilling future skills and the World Economic Forum ranked New Zealand seventh out of 130 countries for preparing people for the future of work.

Lower Hutt is an Outdoor Paradise

Lower Hutt is surrounded by nature with a beautiful coastline, picturesque walking and cycling trails, tree-covered hills and acres of regional parks, forests and hills.

Engineering and Technology Hub

Lower Hutt is the industrial and technology hub of the Wellington region. It's where things get made, and science meets business. Businesses in the Hutt are exporting to the world and solving some of our greatest challenges. Our teachers and support staff work hard to form partnerships with local businesses to give our students opportunities to learn outside of the classroom.

Our business community is diverse, ranging from highly specialised manufacturing to traditional, heavy manufacturing, world-leading film production, post-production and digital arts to animal health and virtual reality all shining strongly on the global stage.



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Our School

Benefits of Hutt Valley High School

We pride ourselves on:

- ★ Our strong school culture, based on our values of being welcoming, kind and respectful, and persevering and working hard to achieve success.
- ★ Understanding our students' goals and supporting them to succeed.
- ★ Our international students from all over the world.
- ★ Our caring and professional International Team that is dedicated to looking after our International students.
- ★ Our House System that places students in one of six houses providing opportunities for friendship, support, competitions and fun.
- ★ A broad range of subject choices with highly qualified and experienced teaching and support staff.
- ★ An extensive range of extracurricular opportunities - sport, clubs, performing arts, culture, enrichment, leadership and more!

Coming to a new school can be daunting - believe me I know! But I assure you, within the first few weeks, you will find a new home here at Hutt High. No matter if you came from a large, or a small school, there will be plenty of opportunities for you to meet new people and make lifelong friends.

- Diana Galloway, Head Student 2022



Academics and Learning

Hutt Valley High School

At Hutt Valley High School we believe that learning is more than just academic achievements. It's about giving our students opportunities to work hard and experience the kind of success that builds self-esteem and confidence to embrace new challenges.

Our International Team and fantastic teachers support students to thrive by understanding their goals, and supporting their progress to help them achieve their best.

Monitoring our student's progress ensures that targeted individual help can also be provided. Families can also use the mobile app to view their student's timetable, assessment results, teacher reports, attendance and more.

If you put in the mahi (work) here, you'll absolutely reap the rewards that our school has to offer.

- Max Webb, Head Student, 2022

Our Courses

We work with students and families to determine courses that best fit their individual strengths and needs.

Hutt Valley High School teaches NCEA (National Certificate of Educational Achievement), the New Zealand national high school qualification. This qualification is recognised world-wide.

Our School Day

A normal school day starts at 9:00am and finishes at 3:15pm. Students have five classes each day and scheduled time with their form class. Students study eight subjects in Year 10, six subjects in Year 11 and 12 and five subjects in Year 13.

Extra-curricular activities including sport, clubs and music are scheduled before and after school, on weekends or during lunchtimes.

Our School Year in New Zealand

Our school year has four terms of approximately 10 weeks each. As NCEA assessments occur throughout the year students are able to begin school at any time but starting in February allows students to access all of the subjects, sports and clubs we have available.

2023			
1 February–6 April	24 April–30 June	17 July–22 September	9 October–12 December
Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Summer	Winter		Summer



Subject Options

Hutt Valley High School

Year 9

Compulsory subjects are English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education & Health and Tikanga.

Art
Dance
Design and Visual Communication
Digital Technology
Drama
English
English Language (ESOL)
French
Japanese
Literacy Support
Mathematics
Music
Numeracy Support
Physical Education (PE) & Health
Product Design
Technology
Science
Social Studies
Spanish
Te Reo Māori
Tikanga

Year 10

Compulsory subjects are English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Physical Education & Health.

Art
Dance
Design and Visual Communication
Digital Technology
Drama
English
English Language (ESOL)
Food & Nutrition
French
Japanese
Literacy Support
Mathematics
Music
Numeracy Support
Physical Education (PE) & Health
Product Design
Technology
Science
Social Studies
Spanish
Sport
Te Reo Māori

Year 11

NCEA
Level 1

Compulsory subjects are English and Mathematics.

Accounting
Art
Art with Design and Photography
Business Studies
Classical Studies
Dance
Design and Visual Communication
Digital Technology
Drama
Economics
English
English Language (ESOL)
Food and Nutrition
French
Geography
History
Hospitality
Japanese
Māori Creative Arts
Mathematics or Numeracy
Mechanical Engineering
Media Studies
Music
Music Performance
Physical Education (PE)
Product Design
Technology
Science
Spanish
Te Ārahi
Te Reo Māori

Year 12

NCEA
Level 2

No compulsory subjects.

Accounting
Art Design
Art Painting
Art Photography
Biology
Business Studies
Calculus
Chemistry
Classical Studies
Computer Science
Dance
Design and Visual Communication
Digital Technology
Drama
Economics
Electronics
English
English Language (ESOL)
Food and Nutrition
French
Geography
History
Horticulture
Hospitality
Japanese
Mandarin
Māori Creative Arts
Mathematics with Statistics
Mechanical Engineering
Media Studies
Music
Music Performance
Physical Education (PE)
Physics
Product Design
Technology
Spanish
Statistics and Probability
Te Ārahi
Te Awakairangi*
Te Reo Māori
Tourism

Year 13

NCEA
Level 3

No compulsory subjects.

Accounting
Art Design
Art History
Art Painting
Art Photography
Biology
Business Studies
Calculus
Chemistry
Classical Studies
Computer Science
Dance
Design and Visual Communication
Digital Technology
Drama
Economics
Electronics
English
English Language (ESOL)
French
Geography
History
Horticulture
Japanese
Mandarin
Māori Creative Arts
Mathematics with Statistics
Media Studies
Music
Physical Education (PE)
Physics
Product Design
Technology
Spanish
Statistics and Probability
Te Awakairangi*
Te Reo Māori
Tourism

Please note, subjects lists are correct at the time of publishing however available courses are subject to change.

*Te Awakairangi is a course for students focused on social responsibility, understanding biodiversity and our ecological footprint.



Our Sports

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Our school offers students an extensive range of extra-curricular sporting opportunities to make friends, develop new skills and compete. Hutt Valley High School's teachers, staff, and host families strongly encourage and support our international students to get involved and be active.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Athletics	✓			
Badminton		✓	✓	
Basketball		✓	✓	
Bowls	✓			✓
Cricket	✓			✓
Dragon Boating	✓			
eSports	✓	✓	✓	
Football		✓	✓	
Futsal	✓			✓
Golf	✓			✓
Hockey		✓	✓	
Netball		✓	✓	
Orienteering	✓	✓	✓	
Rugby		✓	✓	
Skateboarding			✓	
Snowsports			✓	
Softball	✓			✓
Squash			✓	
Swimming		✓	✓	
Table Tennis		✓		
Tennis	✓			✓
Touch Rugby	✓			✓
Ultimate (Frisbee)	✓	✓	✓	
Underwater Hockey		✓	✓	
Volleyball	✓			✓
Waterpolo	✓			✓

Regional events/competitions also take place during the school year for cross country, mountain biking, rock climbing, rowing and sailing.

Our Extra-Curricular Activities

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A wide range of cultural, artistic and academic activities are available for international students to participate in from Rockquest, philosophy, theatre sports, kapa haka and hip hop to maths competitions, Dungeons & Dragons club, flute choir and orchestra. We are proud of our student's successes outside of the classroom and the high levels of student participation in sports, clubs, cultural activities and academic enrichment opportunities.

Music

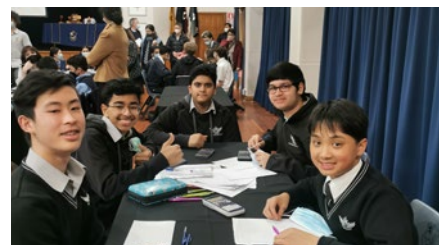
Chamber Music Ensembles
Flute Choir
Guitar Orchestra
Jazz Ensembles
Orchestra
Rock Bands
Stage Band
String Orchestra
Ukulele Club
Tangata Beats Bands
Wind Ensemble

Clubs & Groups

Anime/Manga Club
Board Games
Circus Skills
Debating
Dungeons & Dragons (D&D)
Green Fingers Club (Gardening)
Hip Hop Crew
K Pop Club
Kapa Haka (Māori Culture Group)
Kiwi Club
Maths Help
Mahjong Club
On Point (Knitting, Crochet & Needlework)
Origami Club
Philosophy Club
Queer Straight Alliance
Rock n Roll Dance
Theatre Sports
Yu-Go-Oh! Club

Academic Enrichment & Competitions

Australian Maths Competition (AMC)
Diplôme d'études en langue française (Diploma in French)
EPro8 (Science & Engineering Challenge)
48 Hour Film Project
Hutt Science STEMM Challenge
Japanese Speech Competitions (Wellington Regional Event)
Junior Book Club
Katherine Mansfield Writing Competition
Maatangi Whenua (Geography Competition)
Mathswell Competition
Monetary Policy Challenge (Economics)
New Zealand Chamber Music (NZCM) Contest
New Zealand Mathematics and Statistics Teachers Association's (NZAMT) Senior Maths Competition
Showquest (Dance/Drama)
Rockquest
Youth Enterprise Scheme (Business)



My vocabulary increased with the English Language NZ classes and I was able to learn more about the culture of New Zealand.

- Julia from Brazil



I'm happy that the family is so kind.

- Yuta from Japan



My homestay was very kind and took me to many places. They cooked delicious meals for me every day. I love them.

- Sayano from Japan

I am super happy with my host mum and sisters who are really good people and we get along well together.

- Maria from Brazil



I love my school buddies. They are very kind and funny.

- Yuka from Japan



My homestay is all great. They are super nice and I'm always having a good time and good laughs.

- Mari from Brazil

Supporting our International Students

Hutt Valley High School

At Hutt Valley High School we ensure that students are happy, successful and safe. We listen carefully to the reasons for each student being here in New Zealand and do our best to help them achieve their goals. International students have full time staff dedicated to caring for their needs, including pastoral care, homestay management and support. We have a 24/7 phone contact in case of emergencies, and offer a free airport pick up service.

Meet Our International Team

Our International Team is dedicated to the care and support of every international student at Hutt Valley High School.

To contact us email international@hvhs.school.nz or phone +64 4 566 4584. We look forward to connecting with you soon



Denise Johnson
Principal



Jodie Murden
International Student Director



Anna Kingsford
*International Homestay
Coordinator*



Joanna Holm
International Administrator

Homestay

Our international students are hosted by local families. Most of our homestay families have had long term connections with the school. The families will either have students currently attending, or recently finished at Hutt Valley High School.

New Zealand homes are generally large and spacious with outdoor areas and pets. Homestay accommodation includes 3 meals per day and unlimited internet access.

English Language Support

Hutt Valley High School is a leader in providing high quality English Language programmes, taught by highly qualified, experienced staff. Students can enrol in as many as three English Language classes as a part of their academic pathway. All students have an English Language placement test during their enrolment and orientation.

There are English Language classes at all levels of proficiency from beginner to advanced. We also offer an English Language NCEA programme for students who want to gain entry to a New Zealand university. Help is available to support students with their English in other curriculum classes such as Science or Geography.

Applications and Enrolments

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Application Requirements

You can follow these easy steps to apply for your student's enrolment at Hutt Valley High School.

For fast processing, all international student applications are submitted online via our website.

www.hvhs.school.nz/international-students/international-life-at-hvhs

When you are ready to complete an online enrolment for your student, please make sure you have scanned copies of the following documents ready to upload before you begin:

- Current passport (if available)
- Photo of the student (portrait photo, passport photo or similar)
- Students latest school report (translated into English)
- Vaccination certificate (if available and must be in English)

Once you've compiled these documents, completing the online application takes less than 15 minutes.

If you have any questions or need help with your application form, please contact Jodie Murden (International Director, Hutt Valley High School).

Medical & Travel Insurance

The Code of Practice and New Zealand Immigration Service requires all International students studying in New Zealand to have full travel and medical insurance while in New Zealand. The insurance policy must be compliant with the New Zealand Qualifications Authority and the Code of Practice requirements. We can purchase insurance for you and we use Insurance Safe NZ - www.insurancesafenz.com

Immigration Requirements

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

Code of Practice

Hutt Valley High School is a signatory to The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 developed by the Ministry of Education. Copies of the Code are available in different languages from the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) website: www.nzqa.govt.nz

NZQA is the Code Administrator and monitors the quality of international student care and support under the international Code across all levels of the education sector, from schools to universities.

HOW TO APPLY

COMPLETE OUR
ONLINE APPLICATION



RECEIVE OFFER LETTER



PAY FEES AND GET RECEIPT



APPLY FOR STUDENT VISA
AND PLAN TRAVEL



RECEIVE PRE-DEPARTURE PACK



TRAVEL TO WELLINGTON



ORIENTATION DAY
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