



**Subjects**

You will select 5 – 6 subjects from a wide range of subjects, such as English, Marine Studies, Hospitality, Outdoor Education, Chemistry, Physics, Photography, Painting, Design, Drama, Mechatronics, Maori Performing Arts and Performing Arts Singing and Dancing etc. The full up to date list is available in our Curriculum Guide on our website: [www.whakatanehigh.school.nz](http://www.whakatanehigh.school.nz)

**Languages**

French and Japanese are taught in the classroom. Spanish, German and Mandarin are taught via the Virtual Learning Network, which is supported Online Learning.

**NCEA**

International Students can collect credits towards the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA). German students can gain University Entrance, valid for German universities if they take the approved combination of subjects.

**Maori Culture**

About half of our students identify themselves as Maori. Maori culture is an important aspect of our school. Maori language and culture are taught. New international students are welcomed in a Maori ceremony, a Powhiri. You have the opportunity to see Maori Performing Arts, Kapa Haka and to participate in Maori cultural activities.

**Homestay**

You will stay with one of our homestay families. Our Homestay Coordinator takes great care in matching students with suitable families. Often life-long friendships are made. Most homestays are in town, a few are in the countryside.



**WHAKATANE HIGH SCHOOL**

*Welcomes*  
**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

*We are a co-educational state high school with around 1,100 students in the beautiful coastal Bay of Plenty in the North Island of New Zealand. We often have the highest sunshine hours in New Zealand. A number of ex-students have competed at the Olympics with gold medalists Lisa Carrington and Stacey Fluhrer as two of our most prominent sports people.*

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### Marine Studies Course

This course includes, learning scuba diving and gaining the Padi Open Water Dive certificate, snorkelling, several boat trips, the study of Pacific Ocean marine life and a trip to the Heron Island Research Station of the University of Queensland on Australia's Great Barrier Reef. Marine Studies is offered at year 9 and 10. At Year 12 we offer Marine and Land Biology, at Year 13 Marine and Land Sustainability, and at Year 12 and 13 Marine Technology.

### Outdoor Education

Includes mountain biking, snowboarding, tramping, camping and leadership opportunities. Students suitable for this course will be motivated and willing to challenge themselves. We are a member of the Outdoor Education New Zealand group of schools and you can find us on their website [www.outdoorednz.co.nz](http://www.outdoorednz.co.nz).

### Surf School Lessons

Once a week after school during the warmer months in Term 1 and 4 you can attend the WHS surf school. Surf boards and wetsuits are supplied. Teachers instruct novices to experienced surfers. Our popular surf beach, Westend Ohope, is a 10 minute drive from school. Students can also take lessons through a commercial surf school, Salt Spray Surf School.



### Support Services

The Director of International Students, the Homestay Coordinator, the Manager of International Students and the International Prefects will look after you while you are here. The mentor teachers, deans, heads of house, guidance councillors and other staff are available to help with any concerns that may arise. We have a nurse at school. A doctor visits once a week.

### Code of Practice

We are a signatory to the New Zealand Qualification Authority (NZQA) for International Students. and the Tertiary and International Learners Code of Practice 2021 This means we adhere to a high standard of service at school and at your homestay.

### Cultural Activities

International students can join the production team or cast for our bi-annual Musical or our Arts Festival, presentations of music, dance and drama. Our music department offers the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, take singing lessons or join the school band. Hip Hop and other dance styles can be practised by joining one of Whakatane's dance schools.



### Sporting Opportunities

Our school offers hockey, soccer, rugby, rowing, volleyball, badminton, netball, badminton, golf, tennis, cricket, surfing, mountain bike riding, equestrian and more. Ohope Beach has a Surf Life Saving Club you can join in Term 1. Community sports clubs, e.g for swimming, running and cycling and fitness centres offer further sporting opportunities.



### Trips and Excursions

International students can join subject specific school trips such as a trip to the tourist attractions of Rotorua, visiting the Waihi goldmine or the rocky shore at Otawairere. The International department also organises trips such as to see the All Blacks play another national team or to hike one of the big walks of NZ. In the school holidays students often travel around the South Island or go on a surf trip with a recognised provider such as ISENZ, NZET or Learning Journeys.

### End of year programme

During the New Zealand students' examination time in November, International students are offered fun activities and trips. Students select from a range of activities, which may include learn to fly a small plane, white water rafting, fishing, Maori culture, visiting Whale Island, Zipline Tours, Hobbiton, mountain biking in Rotorua or The Motu, Lugging in Rotorua, visiting a primary school and introducing your culture to students there.

### School Ball

Year 11, 12 and 13 students attend the annual school ball, held in the elaborately decorated school hall, held on the first Friday of Term 3. Students dress up in ball gowns, suits or in themed attire and dance the night away, have their photos taken and enjoy a lavish supper. Our prefects (student leaders) organise this popular event. We recommend to bring suitable clothing from home if you would like to attend this event.

