

 **Subjects**

You will select 5 - 6 subjects from this list: English, Media Studies, Art History, ESOL (English as a second language), Physical Education, Outdoor Education, Languages, Mathematics with Statistics or Calculus, Biology, Marine Studies, Chemistry, Physics, Horticulture, Economics, Business Studies, Geography, History, Drama, Music, Photography, Design, Painting, Digital Technology, Food Technology, Home Economics, Hospitality, Graphics & Design, Mechanical Engineering, Product Development, Tourism, Early Childhood Studies, Textiles and Maori Performing Arts.

 **Languages**

Students wanting to study French, Spanish, Japanese or German can join the Video Learning Network.

 **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 a specific approved combination of subjects.

 **Maori Culture**

About half of our students identify themselves as Maori. Maori Culture is an important aspect of our school. The Maori language and culture are taught. New International students are welcomed in a Maori ceremony (powhiri), have the opportunity to see Kapa Haka (Maori Performing Arts) and participate in other Maori cultural activities.

 **Uniform**

We have an attractive black and white uniform, worn by all students from year 9 - 13. We supply each of our International Students with a double set of new uniform items.

 **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.

 **Support Services**

Our Director of International Students Sue Whale and our Homestay Coordinator Wendy Dunlop will look after you while you are here. The form teachers, Heads of House, Guidance Counsellor and other staff are also available to help you with any concern that may arise. We have a nurse at school. A physiotherapist and a doctor visit once a week.

 **Code of Practice**

We are a signatory to the Ministry of Education's Code of Practice for International Students. This means that we adhere to a high standard of service at school and at home.



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We are a co-educational State High School with about 800 students in the beautiful coastal Bay of Plenty in the North Island of New Zealand.

🌿 We have the highest sunshine hours in New Zealand. 🌿 Four of our ex students competed at the Olympics in London!

🌿 The most prominent is gold medal canoeist Lisa Carrington.



Our special features are



Marine Studies Course which includes learning scuba diving and gaining the Padi Open Water Dive Certificate, snorkelling, several boat trips, the study of the marine life of the Pacific Ocean and a trip to the Heron Island Research Station of the University of Queensland on Australia's Great Barrier Reef.



Outdoor Education course with many trips including white water rafting, canoeing, high ropes, snow skiing & snowboarding, mountain biking, hiking. 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



Surf School lessons every Wednesday after School during the warmer months. Teachers help with transport, surfboards and lessons for our keen surfers from novices to experienced surfies. Our popular surf beach, Westend Ohope, is a 10 minute car ride from school.



Cultural Activities International Students can join the production team or cast for the bi-annual Musical (Footloose in 2014) or Stage Challenge Dance Drama and Arts Showcase. Our Music Department offers the opportunity to learn an instrument and join a school band. Hip Hop and other dance forms are offered by teachers in town.



Sporting Opportunities Our school offers Hockey, Soccer, Rugby, Volleyball, Rowing, Badminton, Gymnastics, Netball, Outrigger Canoes, Golf, Tennis, Equestrian, Lawn Bowls and more. Ohope Beach has a very active Surf Life Saving Club. Some of our students and staff are members of the surf club and international students can join as well.



Trips and Excursions International Students can join any school trip that is going, e.g. visiting White Island, a smoking volcano, the Waihi gold mine, the rocky shore at Otarawairere, Hobbiton, geothermal and agricultural tourist attractions in Rotorua. In the school holidays, students often book South Island or other tours around New Zealand with Learning Journeys or similar specialised companies.



End of Year Program During the New Zealand students' examination time in November, International Students are offered fun activities and many trips. We will select from this list: Black Water Rafting, Fishing, Maori Culture, Canopy Zipline Treetops Tours, Hobbiton, Hiking the world famous Tongariro Crossing, Mountain Biking in the Redwood Forest near Rotorua, sight seeing and swimming in the hot pools in Tauranga.



School Ball Year 11, 12 and 13 students attend the annual school ball, held in the elaborately decorated school hall on the first Friday of Term 3. Students dress up in ball gowns and dance the night away to the school band and disco music. Our prefects (student leaders) are the organisers of this very popular event.



Other groups are Chess Club, Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD), the 40 hour Famine (fundraising to help starving children in the world), Rotaract (a group of young Rotary club members), Astronomy Club, Environmental Group, CanTeen (a group fundraising to help teenagers with cancer).

