

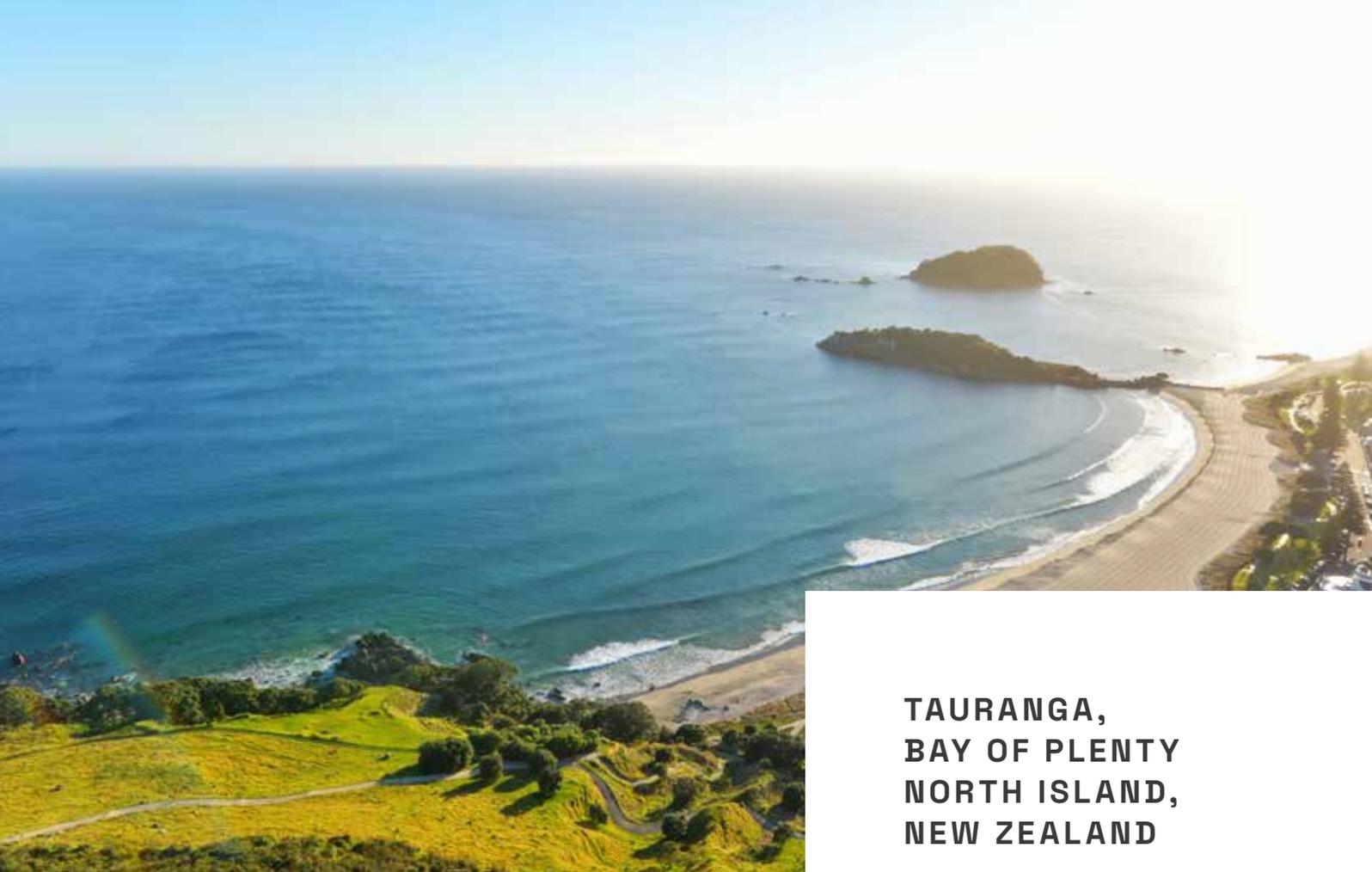


BETHLEHEM  
COLLEGE

EXCELLENCE  
through CHRIST

INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS

# Bethlehem College



## TAURANGA, BAY OF PLENTY NORTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND

- A beautiful and safe coastal city with a mild, pleasant climate
- 2.5 hours drive south of Auckland, or 30 minutes by air
- A top holiday and tourist destination—sun, surf, sand and shopping
- A growing population of 140,000+ people
- A great place to live, learn, work and play



## BETHLEHEM COLLEGE YEARS 1-13

- A co-educational, state-integrated, inter-denominational, Christian school
- Three Schools in one College: Primary, Junior and Senior Secondary
- Beautiful, established, park like grounds
- Expansive sports fields
- Extensive, well-resourced facilities
- 10 minutes to the city
- 20 minutes drive to Mount Maunganui Beach

# Nau mai, Haere mai

# Welcome to Bethlehem College



At Bethlehem College we believe that every child is unique and remarkable, with gifts that deserve to be cultivated through courage and effort.

As a Christ-centred learning community our purpose is to provide a complete learning experience that encourages students to strive for excellence. We have clear, high expectations for the academic progress of each of our students, alongside a commitment to

service, leadership, cultural and sporting endeavours.

In establishing a secure foundation for learning, discipleship and pastoral care, our staffing team is committed to establishing a caring, supportive and loving environment for each student.

If you believe that our commitment to the faith, excellence, service and leadership are in line with the aspirations you

MARK 12:31

**YOU SHALL LOVE  
YOUR NEIGHBOUR  
AS YOURSELF.  
THERE IS NO OTHER  
COMMANDMENT  
GREATER THAN  
THIS.**

#### **PURPOSE**

To provide a Christ-centred, complete learning experience that encourages students to strive for excellence in all educational and personal endeavours.

#### **VISION**

To be a Christian learning community of excellence where lives are transformed.

#### **MISSION**

Bethlehem College aims to provide a Biblically-based, Christ-centred education, equipping students for effective service and leadership.

have for your children, then we would welcome your application to enrol at BC.

**LARNE EDMEADES**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larne Edmeades'.

**PRINCIPAL**

# Enrolment information

## CURRENT FEES, TERM DATES AND ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Is available to download from our website:

[WWW.BETH.SCHOOL.NZ/INTERNATIONAL](http://WWW.BETH.SCHOOL.NZ/INTERNATIONAL)

Application forms can be completed online or returned to the school by email, post or in person.

Bethlehem College has limited places for international students from Years 1 to 13.

<b>MAINSTREAM COURSES</b>	Primary School Studies
	Junior Secondary School Studies
	Senior Secondary School Studies
<b>INTAKE DATE</b>	Start of Term 1 (January) or start of Term 3 (July)
<b>LENGTH OF COURSE</b>	1+ Years (Primary) Preferred minimum 1 Semester (2 terms/6 months) for secondary students

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

International students should have the following level of English or above:

<b>YEARS 7-8</b>	Elementary
<b>YEARS 9-10</b>	Lower intermediate
<b>YEARS 11-12</b>	Upper intermediate
<b>YEAR 13</b>	Advanced

We are happy to provide testing to confirm suitability.

### ENROLMENT

New applications should be submitted as early as possible prior to the intended period of study to best ensure available space.





## ACADEMIC

- Decile 9 rating
- Committed to effective teaching and learning
- Primary, junior and senior secondary, international students
- Blended learning iPad classes (Y6–Y9)
- Bring your own device (BYOD) Laptops (Y10–13)
- Extensive range of NCEA subject choices
- High academic expectations
- Proven excellent NCEA results
- Specialist English classes
- IELTS preparation classes
- Literacy programme for University Entrance
- Options of Pathways to University and/or tertiary studies

### LEARNING THE CURRICULUM

The core of our academic curriculum is a broad general education, focused on literacy and numeracy, and the development of scholastic ability in all students. This starts with the 8 Learning Areas of the NZ curriculum; English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education & Health, the Arts, Technology and Māori Language.

We have a blended approach to learning, combining both digital devices and pen/paper. These learning tools sit alongside paper and writing skills; they do not replace them.

### OTHER

Academic Deans give guidance and assistance with subject choices, to help them gain the necessary qualifications to continue with a tertiary education.

## THE EDUCATION ON OFFER AT BETHLEHEM COLLEGE

Primary	
<b>YEARS 0-6</b>	Where the foundations are established.
<b>AGES 5-11</b>	Our aim is to foster in all students, a curiosity to learn, creativity and a desire to work hard to achieve their personal best.  Age appropriate technological and digital tools are integrated into the teaching programme.
Junior Secondary	
<b>YEARS 7-9</b>	Where students are encouraged to experience growth and change.
<b>AGES 11-14</b>	The College is embracing the world of technology by promoting and nurturing the concept of blended learning. This can assist and enhance learning, and also transform the learning process for some students.  It is compulsory for all Junior Secondary (and Year 6) students to own an iPad, and to bring these to school.
Senior Secondary	
<b>YEARS 10-13</b>	Where specialisation is introduced and students explore their potential.  NCEA Level 2 & 3 and Scholarship
<b>AGES 14-18</b>	Alongside the standard academic subjects, a range of options are also available such as; computer studies, early childhood education, horticulture, music, photography, physical education, sport, social sciences and textile technology.

Throughout the year, there are ongoing assessments. Reporting is completed in Terms 2 & 4 across the school, with interim progress reports during the year. Copies of these reports are forwarded to parents and/or agents.

# SUBJECTS



YEARS 7-9

PROGRAMME PLANNER JUNIOR SECONDARY

	YEARS 7-8	YEAR 9
<b>ENGLISH</b>	Form Studies Literature Studies English (second language)	English English (second language)
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	Maths	Maths
<b>SCIENCE</b>	Science	Science
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES</b>	Form Studies	Social Studies
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	Material Technology (Wood) Textile Technology (Sewing) Food Technology	Computing Design & Visual Communication (Graphics) Material Technology (Wood) Textile Technology (Sewing) Nutrition & Health (food)
<b>BUSINESS STUDIES/ COMPUTING</b>	Not offered	Computer Studies
<b>THE ARTS</b>	Art Drama Music	Art Drama Music
<b>LANGUAGES</b>	French Spanish Te Reo Māori	French Spanish Te Reo Māori
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION &amp; HEALTH</b>	Physical Education & Health Nutrition & Health	Physical Education & Health Nutrition & Health
<b>OTHER COURSES</b>	Christian Living	Christian Living

	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12 NCEA LEVEL 2	YEAR 13 NCEA LEVEL 3
<b>ENGLISH</b>	English English Literacy Preparation English (second language)	English English (communication)	English English (communication)	English
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	Maths Maths Level 1 Maths Alternative	Maths Maths Alternative	Maths Maths Alternative Maths with Calculus	Maths with Calculus Maths with Statistics Statistics & Modeling
<b>SCIENCE</b>	Science Science Level 1 Agriculture & Horticulture	Science Agriculture & Horticulture Practical Science	Agriculture & Horticulture Biology Chemistry Earth & Space Science Physics Practical Agriculture & Horticulture	Agriculture & Horticulture Biology Chemistry Earth & Space Science Physics Practical Agriculture & Horticulture
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES</b>	Social Studies	Geography History Hospitality	Classical Studies Geography History Hospitality	Classical Studies Geography History Hospitality
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	Design & Visual Communication (Graphics) Materials Technology (Wood) Textile Technology (Sewing)	Design & Visual Communication (Graphics) Materials Technology (Wood) Textile Technology (Sewing)	Design & Visual Communication (Graphics) Materials Technology (Wood) Sound Production Textile Technology (Sewing)	Design & Visual Communication (Graphics) Materials Technology (Wood) Sound Production Textile Technology (Sewing)
<b>BUSINESS STUDIES</b>	Computer Studies Enterprise Studies	Accounting Computer Studies Economics	Accounting Computer Studies Economics	Accounting Computer Studies Economics
<b>THE ARTS</b>	Drama Music Visual Art	Drama Music Visual Art –Design –Mixed Media	Drama Music Visual Art –Design –Painting	Drama Music Visual Art –Design –Painting
<b>LANGUAGES</b>	French Spanish Te Reo Māori	French Te Reo Māori Chinese (correspondence) German (correspondence) Japanese (correspondence) Spanish (correspondence)	French Te Reo Māori Japanese (correspondence) Spanish (correspondence)	French Te Reo Māori Japanese (correspondence) Spanish (correspondence)
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION &amp; HEALTH</b>	Physical Education & Health Nutrition & Health	Physical Education & Health Nutrition & Health Sport Science	Nutrition & Health Sport Science Outdoor Education	Nutrition & Health Outdoor Education Sport Science
<b>OTHER COURSES</b>	Biblical Foundations	Christian Studies Early Childhood Education	Christian Studies Early Childhood Education	Christian Studies Early Childhood Education



## CULTURE AND MUSIC

- Modern Performing Arts Centre
- Dedicated rehearsal and practice rooms
- A wide variety of opportunities in dance and drama, vocals and music
- Private lessons available
- Marae Visits
- Competitions
- Music Festivals
- International Trips (currently on hold)

### DEVELOPING TALENT IN THE PERFORMING ARTS

The arts are an essential part of a well-rounded education, and our quality Performing Arts Centre provides students with learning, practice and performance opportunities.

Cultural activities are incorporated into the curriculum and all students are expected to participate.

#### DRAMA

- Dance Groups
- Dramatic Society
- Kapahaka Group
- Musical Theatre
- School Productions
- Shakespeare Club/Competitions
- Stage Art (secondary school)
- Talent Quests
- Theatre Performances
- Pasifika Group

#### MUSIC

##### Choirs

- Year 4-6 Choir
- Junior Secondary girls choir (Year 7-8)
- Junior Secondary boys choir (Year 7-8)
- BC Sound and Music Collective (mixed Year 7-13)
- Animoso – audition choir (Year 9-13)

##### Bands & Ensembles

- Orchestra
- Concert Band
- Jazz Bands by audition
- Junior Strings
- Percussion Ensemble
- String & Woodwind Chamber Groups

All students can access private lessons/tuition, in a range of band and contemporary instruments, as well as vocal coaching.





I still have regular contacts with my homestay and BC staff members. For me personally, they are my family and part of my life. No matter where life takes me in the future, they will always be my family and this will never change.

—LINA, CHINA



When I came to Bethlehem College, I was so nervous and didn't know anyone, but the international teachers and students gave me such a warm welcome. In the first week I felt like I was part of a big family with people from all over the world. Also if you are musical, sporty, intellectual or cultural you will have lots of opportunities in each area. I can't imagine myself in any other school.

—VITORIA, BRAZIL





I love Bethlehem College International. The students are funny, helpful and kind. The teachers are as well.

I like how teachers and students all talk to me even though I can't speak English very well.

—MIKU, JAPAN

We have to study hard during the lessons, but there is time for fun too. I have made many new friends - from Brazil, Japan and Germany - and Kiwi friends too. I enjoy going on International trips, like summer camp, where we do many activities like abseiling and kayaking. We are like a big family. We look after each other and encourage each other.

—WINSON, HONG KONG



The International staff helped me out with everything I needed. They gave me a warm welcome that made me feel comfortable. In fact, not only the International Department but the whole school! You need to study hard, but at the end it's all worth it. You enjoy all the classes and the teachers are the best! We have become a family that I will never forget!

—ISABELLA, BRAZIL





# SPORT

- Spacious facilities; sports centre, weights and exercise room, court and turf facilities, sport fields and club rooms
- Many team and individual sporting codes available
- Aims Games (Year 7 and 8)
- High Performance programme
- Outdoor Education programme
- Tournaments—summer and winter
- Regional competitions

## DEVELOPING COURAGE AND RESILIENCE THROUGH SPORT

Our range of facilities provide students with the perfect environment to excel in their chosen sporting arena. The Events Centre is an excellent venue for indoor physical education and sports (as well as an auditorium for assemblies and major events).

Students are encouraged to take part in a wide range of sporting activities. Those involved in an outside club are able to enter school competitions through the Sports Office. Physical activities are incorporated into the curriculum and all students are expected to participate.

Term	1	2	3	4
Athletics	✓			✓
Badminton	✓	✓	✓	✓
Basketball		✓	✓	
Beach volleyball	✓			✓
Cricket	✓			✓
Cross country		✓	✓	
Football		✓	✓	
Futsal	✓			✓
Gymnastics (club based)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hockey (astroturf)		✓	✓	
Netball		✓	✓	
Orienteering	✓			✓
Rippa Rugby	✓			✓
Rugby		✓	✓	
Touch rugby	✓			✓
Rock climbing (club based)		✓	✓	
Rowing	✓			✓
Squash (club based)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Surf life saving (club based)	✓			✓
Synchronised swimming (club based)	✓			✓
Swimming (club based)	✓			
Table tennis (club based)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tennis (club based)	✓			✓
Volleyball	✓			✓
Water Polo	✓			✓

**Note:** All sports are subject to team number availability. Not all codes are available in every term. Summer sport is Terms 1 & 4 and winter sport is Terms 2 & 3.





## SERVICE *AND* SUPPORT

- Uphold traditional values and teaching
- Mandatory Biblical Foundations class once per week
- Digital Responsibility
- Leadership Training
- Life Education
- Opportunities in service with mission trips, both in New Zealand and overseas
- Offers New Zealand living arrangements with friendly, experienced, host families
- Whanaungatanga—essence of family, sense of belonging
- Manaakitanga—community of care, everyone included, everyone engaged, everyone valued
- 24hr pastoral care available for international students

### SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Bethlehem College aims to combine academic classroom curriculum with meaningful experiences outside the classroom. Experiential learning through community involvement is one of the most impacting forms of education.

While studying at Bethlehem College, international students have the unique opportunity to serve both within New Zealand and overseas where there is a need.

### LOCAL

- School council
- Community service
- Peer support
- Leadership opportunities
- Fundraising for various charities
- Volunteer service

### OVERSEAS OPPORTUNITIES (CURRENTLY ON HOLD)

These are organised by teachers and staff of Bethlehem College and generally take place during school holidays. Recent opportunities have included trips to the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu and Cambodia. The groups have served through maintenance and teaching programmes, as well as experiencing the benefits of sharing their faith and culture with others.



During the Easter holidays I was part of a group of Bethlehem College students and teachers that went to the Solomon Islands in order to serve and to make a difference in lives of people that are less fortunate than us. I believe that this trip was a once-in-a-lifetime-experience for me and something I will remember for the rest of my life. It was also a great opportunity to make new friends.

—JAKOB, GERMANY



# Important information

## CODE OF PRACTICE

Bethlehem College is a signatory to the Code of Practice 2021, developed by the New Zealand government. The Code sets the standards of advice and care that must be given to an international student while living and studying in New Zealand. Copies of the Code are available on request, or you can download a copy in a variety of languages at: [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)

## IMMIGRATION

If you want to study in New Zealand at school or tertiary level, you may need a student visa.

Full details of visa requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, reporting requirements, and how to apply for a student visa, are available through Immigration New Zealand, and can be viewed on their website at:

[www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)

## INSURANCE

International students must have current and comprehensive medical and travel insurance while studying in New Zealand. Bethlehem College recommends the Uni-care New Zealand Student Plan which can be viewed at:

[www.uni-care.org](http://www.uni-care.org)

This can be arranged by the school on request.

## REFUND POLICY

If a student withdraws from their course of study, they may be eligible for a refund of tuition fees. More detailed information is found in our Conditions of Enrolment and the policy is available on request or on our website:

[www.beth.school.nz/international/fees-policies](http://www.beth.school.nz/international/fees-policies)

## ACCIDENTS & EMERGENCIES

Bethlehem College is responsible for all emergency procedures during school hours, and outside school hours while the student is in homestay accommodation. In the event of an accident or emergency, the Director of International will be contacted immediately and emergency procedures followed.

Our 24/7 emergency contact number is: **+64 27 420 7331**



# Accommodation and support services

The pastoral care of all our students is a priority. In our department, we have support staff who look after the day to day needs of our students including: banking, flight details, uniforms, medical visits and insurance claims.

All students not living with their parent/ guardian, are placed in Homestay Accommodation. Our host families are carefully chosen, interviewed, monitored and vetted by the New Zealand Police. The safety and welfare of all students is of the utmost importance.

Pastoral Care and Counselling is offered throughout the College, for all students and their families.

We encourage all members of our community to work together to form strong relationships amongst the staff, students, host families, parents and agents, to deliver first-class quality care.

## ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

To ensure a smooth transition into studying and living in New Zealand, all new students to the College are involved in an orientation programme which includes the following;

- PRE-ARRIVAL ONLINE STUDENT HANDBOOK
- STAFF INTRODUCTIONS
- TOUR OF SCHOOL
- CULTURAL DIFFERENCES
- HOMESTAY INFORMATION
- SUBJECT SELECTION
- SPORT & CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES
- GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION
- NCEA (NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT)
- OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS
- HEALTH & SAFETY



# Activities

All Bethlehem College students are expected to participate in education outside the classroom activities from Years 1–13. These activities vary depending on the age of the student and their abilities. Activities could include a trip to the local art gallery, library, historic village, beach, marae, etc.

<b>YEARS 5-6</b>	Bi-annual camp in Matamata
<b>YEARS 7-9</b>	Overnight camps which are arranged at each year level (Ngamuwahine, Matakana Island, National Park)
<b>YEAR 9</b>	Overnight stay at the local Marae BMAC Adventure Camp
<b>YEAR 10</b>	End of year summer camp at various locations with varied activities

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR SENIOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (MAY VARY)

<b>TERM 1</b>	Year 13 Camp International Summer Camp Chinese Lantern Festival International Welcome Party Captains Dinner
<b>TERM 2</b>	Mitai Maori Cultural Experience International Speech Night
<b>TERM 3</b>	Ski/snowboarding trip Rotorua day trip (i.e. lugging)
<b>TERM 4</b>	Graduation Dinner Leavers Day Celebrations Special programme for Year 11–13 students <b>not</b> sitting NCEA (during senior study leave and includes outdoor activities and tourist attractions)

## OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Homestay Functions
- Day trips
- Cultural Camps
- Competitions: athletics, swimming, cross country, food court, speeches, house sing

# International team

Kia ora and thank you for your interest in Bethlehem College.

It is an honour to be entrusted to care for the international students who enrol at our school. Our sense of connection is very important to us. Students who choose Bethlehem College as their place to study, become part of our 'international' family group. They become whanau.

We have an experienced team that care for and assist our international students. We offer excellent pastoral care to support the well-being of each student. Staff members are committed to helping each student reach their full potential, through excellence in learning, leadership and service.

If you would like to know more, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Hei konāmai, goodbye for now.



**ILATI VUKONA**  
DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL



**ILATI VUKONA**

Director, International

Oversight of the International Department, programmes, school requirements, marketing and international relations.



**ESTHER BLEARS**

Academic Dean & Teacher

Advice on subject selection and academic pathways, specialist ESOL/English teacher, IELTS teacher.



**KARLEE RIPPEY**

Homestay Manager

Accommodation, healthcare, banking, account services and payments, and travel arrangements



**JANE HOUGHTON**

Office Manager

Administration support, applications, visas, insurance, agent liaison and data management.



**SARAH VUKONA**

Teacher – Primary

Specialising in ESOL and second language support for Primary students.



**MIRIAM ALLSOPP**

Pastoral Dean & Teacher

Pastoral care of Senior Secondary international students, specialist ESOL/English teacher, IELTS teacher.

We also have **Friends of the School**—1st Language speakers who can help where needed. Qualified counsellors are also available if required.

# The Complete Overseas Education Package

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