



Waiuku College

International High School Prospectus

Welcome | *Nau mai haere mai*



AUCKLAND CITY - 65KM

New Zealand's largest city

AUCKLAND AIRPORT - 52KM

Convenient access to international and domestic travel

MANUKAU HARBOUR

Amongst New Zealand's best surfing beaches

RESIDENTIAL AREA

Location of some host families



Kia ora, *Hello and welcome*

Waiuku College is a public, co-educational high school, set in Waiuku a semi-rural New Zealand town. With approximately 1,000 students from 13-18 years of age (Year 9 - Year 13), we offer students a true New Zealand experience. We are known for our first class education, where science, culture, sports and English are a speciality. Our youth groups include peer support to ensure a safe place for students to be open and have someone to share experiences with.

Set in safe and beautiful natural surroundings, Waiuku is a country town 60 minutes from Auckland CBD, New Zealand's largest city. With a population of 10,000 people within the township, Waiuku is known for its stunning forestry, generational family farms and New Zealand Steel Mill. Being positioned on the West Coast it boasts a wild black sand beach which is renowned for surfing, paragliding and horse riding. For students who seek horse riding or other equestrian adventures, farm homestay families are available to them (transport to school is free by our school bus). Waiuku also has many amenities such as a large supermarket, cafés, restaurants, tennis club, swimming pool, golf course, fitness centres.





Benefits *of Waiuku College*

- ✓ Located in the Auckland region of New Zealand
- ✓ A true Kiwi experience
- ✓ Safe learning environment
- ✓ Excellent NCEA results – average 85% passes for all 3 Levels
- ✓ Pathways for international students to universities
- ✓ Strong ESOL support – Immersion English & Academic English programmes
- ✓ Individualised academic programme – flexible arrangement across levels
- ✓ Multicultural International Student Department to provide strong student support
- ✓ Small number of international students to allow interaction with local students
- ✓ Warm & caring homestay families including farm & horse homestay families
- ✓ We offer many sporting opportunities including clay bird shooting & equestrian
- ✓ Short term, semester and long term programmes available

Waiuku College provides students with a safe and academically driven environment to achieve their potential. Apart from the English, Mathematics and Science subjects, our school offers many other options such as:

ESOL, Languages, Art, Drama, Graphic Design, Business Studies, Photography, Sculpture, Painting/Drawing, Maori, Woodwork, Hospitality, and Digital Technology.

A variety of sporting activities are also available after school: tennis, clay bird shooting, hockey, rock climbing, soccer, rugby, basketball, motocross, golf, equestrian, and cricket.

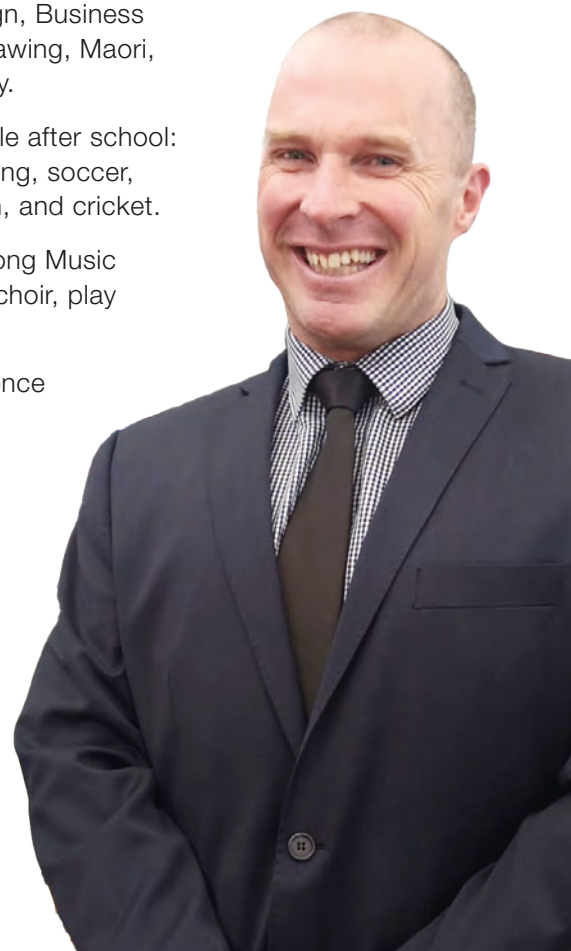
For students who enjoy music, we have a strong Music Department which offers options to sing in a choir, play instruments and/or join the school band.

Come and enjoy academic success & experience the true Kiwi lifestyle here at Waiuku College!

Ngā mihi nui,
Kind regards

S. B. Kelly

Stuart Kelly
Principal | *Tumuaki*



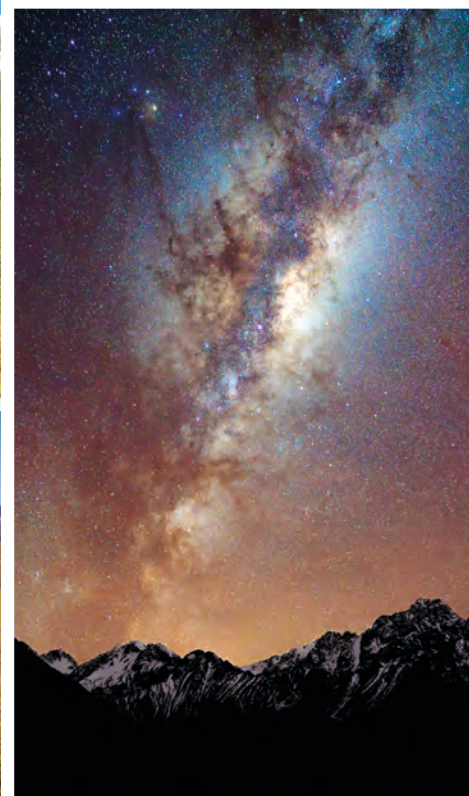
Beautiful *New Zealand*

New Zealand offers not only a stunning array of scenery and tourist activities, but also has an excellent international reputation for its education, from primary through to tertiary studies.

New Zealand ranks among the highest in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Programme for International Assessment (PISA) test in literacy, mathematics and science

We offers students a fantastic environment for their studies both in the classroom and outdoors.

Auckland city is located in the North Island of New Zealand and is the largest and most cosmopolitan city in the country. It has been voted one of the top most liveable cities in the world.





Waiuku *your new home*

Waiuku is a well-developed semi-rural town, known for its community spirit, rural hospitality, cultural heritage, and its forward thinking to create a distinctive, safe, neighbourly environment with its own recreation facilities. Directly opposite the school is the local Medical Centre, and all within a 5-minute walking area we have on offer a range of community facilities including: our local library, community pool, netball centre, shopping hub, rugby fields, football fields, parks, cricket club, plus many more.

Waiuku is the gateway to the Awhitu Peninsula, with its rugged landscape, wild west coast beaches and calm harbour beaches of the Manukau Harbour. To the west, and within minutes of our beautiful town, is our local black sand beach, Kariotahi Beach. That black sand was created by New Zealand's volcanic past, this has helped shape the industry of Waiuku. Along with Pukekohe, Waiuku is located in one of the largest fresh vegetable growing areas of New Zealand, with many market gardens to the east of the town. Waiuku is also the home to the New Zealand Steel Mill, the first Steel Mill to produce iron and steel from local iron sand (black sand). It also boasts a fully operational vintage steam train.

Waiuku features good transport options with pedestrian and cycle access, as well as a bus hub allowing students easy access to Auckland city. We are just 45 minutes from Auckland International Airport, the largest and busiest airport in New Zealand. This is a real benefit for our international students as they do not need to take internal flights to return to their country.



Homestay *Accommodation*

The International Team at Waiuku College take special care and consideration to student's individual needs (*allergies, medical requirements, dietary preferences and personal aspirations*) when placing a student with a homestay family. This ensures that your child's needs are catered for, creating a supportive and inclusive home environment.

We offer a selection of town or rural homestays on either farms or lifestyle blocks, all within walking distance to school or access to free school bus routes.

Homestays homes and families are inspected and interview prior to student placement in accordance with the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students. In addition, we inspect homestays and interview host families at least twice a year, to ensure standards are being met and your child's home is warm, comfortable, clean and safe with appropriate amenities.

Homestay Families Provide

- Accommodation from arrival to the end of the academic year, including school holidays
- Full board, including 3 meals a day which includes school lunch
- A furnished bedroom with a desk
- Student's laundry is done
- A supportive environment in which students can become part of a New Zealand family



Support *network*

We have built a strong support network for all our students, where they can access all of the school services, including career guidance, nurse, counsellor and IT to name a few.

Our International Team

Our International Director and Homestay Co-ordinator are on hand at all times to help the students adjust into Waiuku College. We have an open door policy to help meet student's needs. Students can seek help from the International Dean and other subject teachers, during break time, after school or by appointment.

Orientation

On the first day of school, you will be welcomed to Waiuku College with a powhiri (a Maori welcoming ceremony). Your school buddy will be ready and waiting to welcome you. All Students will participate in a comprehensive orientation program during the first week of term. We have an experienced ESOL teacher for students who would like further English support.

Students will meet with the Dean of International students to issue their subject options and to assess how their prior learning matches chosen subjects. We provide advice throughout the year to students on their studies, subjects, future studies and careers.



Antoinette Walters
International Director



Jane Palmer
Homestay Co-ordinator



Kathryn Woods
Dean of International



Nancy Carrapiett
ESOL Teacher



Stuart Kelly
Principal



Todd Malcolm
Deputy Principal in
charge of International

Learning *in New Zealand*

The Academic Year

New Zealand's academic year begins in February and ends in December. Our year consists of four terms, each term being 10 weeks, with a two week holiday in between each term. Students can start school any time during the year as NCEA assessments occur through the whole year, along with final exams during term 4, in November. The number of exams the students sit varies on subjects chosen.

To access all the subjects, sports and clubs on offer, we suggest starting your students school year in February.

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|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Semester 1 | Term 1 | February | Summer |
| | | March | Autumn |
| | April | May | |
| | Term 2 | June | Winter |
| Semester 2 | Term 3 | July | Spring |
| | | August | |
| | Term 4 | October | November |
| | December | Summer | |

What is NCEA

NCEA was introduced between 2002 & 2004, it stands for National Certificate of Educational Achievement and is New Zealand's National Qualification.

How does NCEA work?

There are three levels, level 1, 2 & 3 which generally are assessed in years 11, 12 & 13. There is three levels of achievement in NCEA, achieved, merit and excellence, these are awarded on the competency of the students work. To achieve a NCEA level qualification students must accumulate 80 credits through the academic year. These are gained by assessments performed through the year and end of year exams.

Year 9 & 10 Curriculum

Year 9 students take English, Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, and Te Reo Māori all year. Over the course of the year, students also take a number of taster subjects.

Year 10 students take the core subjects English, Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Science, and Social Sciences. They also choose up to four option subjects, either 2 full-year options or 1 full-year option and 2 half-year options or 4 half year options.

Year 11 - 13 Curriculum

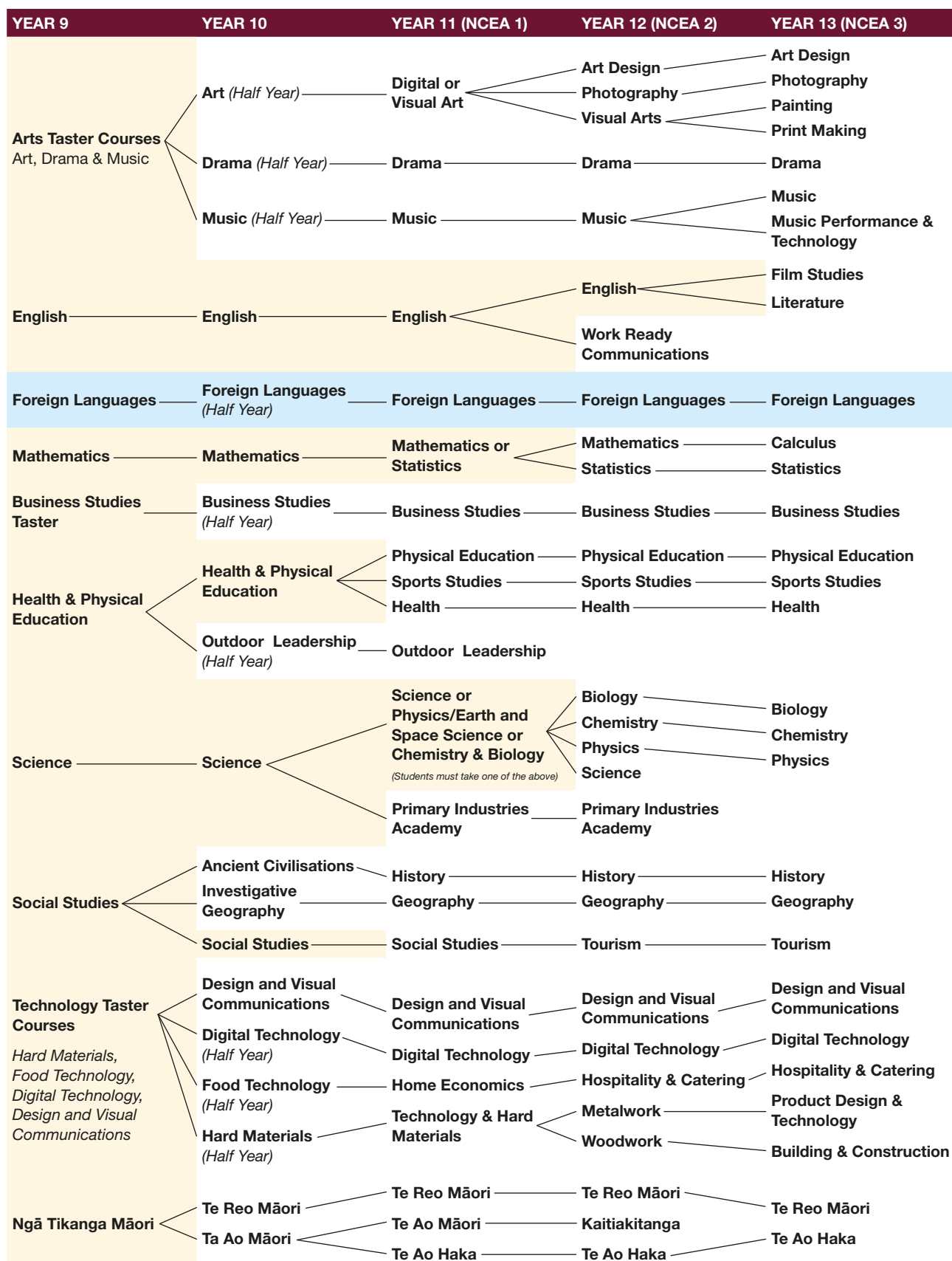
Waiuku College students are assessed under the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA)

New Zealand's National Certificates of Educational Achievement (NCEA) are national qualifications for senior secondary school students.

Learning from both the New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa (the Māori-medium curriculum) contributes to NCEA and the University Entrance award



Subjects *we offer*



Yellow denotes compulsory subjects, blue denotes distance learning classes



Studying *at Waiuku College*

Waiuku College is designed with multiple 'block' buildings, each block being dedicated to a specific faculty. We have a large hall where we gather together for assemblies and to celebrate the success and achievements of our students. We are fortunate to have two gymnasiums, one of which houses a rock climbing wall. Along with our two large grass sports fields and astroturf we are able to cater to most sporting disciplines including Rugby, Football and Hockey.

Devices and Stationery

Waiuku College is a BYOD (bring your own device) school. All students are required to have a windows laptop or tablet, smart phones are not suitable and we are a phone free school. Our Waiuku College IT Department will ensure the correct programs are installed on your student's device.

Some subjects will have additional specific stationery requirements that students may have to purchase upon arrival and subject selection.

Uniforms

Waiuku College requires students to wear a school uniform. Uniform should be worn at all times between school, home and on trips outside the classroom. Details of uniform regulations are available on our website. www.waiuku-college.school.nz/school-information/uniform/



Year 9 - 12 Uniform



Year 13 Uniform



Co-Curricular Activities, Arts and Culture

Practice like you have never won, Perform like you have never lost. Waiuku college has so much to offer whether it is sports, the arts or academics, we have something for everyone outside the classroom.

Whilst many sports are offered through the school during the year, we can help you join community clubs for an even wider range of sporting options.

During the year the school offers a wide range of arts activities to encourage students to develop themselves creatively. They include regular drama and musical performances, wearable arts competition, and school talent quests.

We are proud of our strong cultural awareness and identity, supporting Maori arts & culture, offering Maori performing arts and Maori language (Te Reo Maori) among its subjects. We also recognise and encourage cultural awareness among other cultures with a cultural week.

Sports

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Clay Bird Shooting
- Cricket
- E-Sports
- Equestrian
- Football
- Hockey
- Netball
- Orienteering
- Rock Climbing
- Rugby

- Softball
- Swimming
- Surfing
- Surf Lifesaving
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Touch Rugby
- Volleyball

Clubs

- Gyms
- Music Club
- YES Program
- Peer Support
- Environmental

- Duke of Edinburgh
- Student Council
- Chess Club

The Arts

- Show Quest
- Kapa Haka
- Polyfest
- Drama Club

Events

- 40 Hour Famine
- Swimming spots
- Athletics day





Waiuku College Programme and International Study Fees

2024 Programme

| TERM 1 | |
|------------|---|
| Tue 30 Jan | FIRST DAY TERM 1 Year 9 Induction / Powhiri / Senior Course Confirmation <i>(To be confirmed)</i> |
| Wed 31 Jan | Year 9 Induction / Senior Course Confirmation / Year 9 ID Photos |
| Thu 1 Feb | All Year Levels in on Timetable |
| Tue 6 Feb | Waitangi Day (Public Holiday) |
| Wed 8 Feb | Sports Muster |
| Thu 9 Feb | ID / Portrait / Class Photos |
| Fri 29 Mar | Good Friday (Public Holiday) |
| Mon 1 Apr | Easter Monday (Public Holiday) |
| Tue 2 Apr | Easter Tuesday |
| Fri 12 Apr | LAST DAY TERM 1 |

| TERM 2 | |
|------------|---|
| Mon 29 Apr | FIRST DAY TERM 2 |
| Mon 3 Jun | King's Birthday (Public Holiday) |
| Fri 28 Jun | Matariki (Public Holiday) |
| Fri 5 Jul | LAST DAY TERM 2 |
| TERM 3 | |
| Mon 22 Jul | FIRST DAY TERM 3 |
| Fri 27 Sep | FIRST DAY TERM 3 |
| TERM 4 | |
| Mon 14 Oct | FIRST DAY TERM 4 |
| Mon 28 Oct | Labour Day (Public Holiday) |
| Fri 6 Dec | LAST DAY TERM 4 Junior Prize Giving |

2024 Fees

The tuition fee covers normal school tuition, textbooks (on loan), and orientation programme. The Board of Trustees reviews all fees annually.

| TUITION | FEE (NZD) |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Full Year (4 Terms) | \$14,500 |
| 3 Terms | \$10,875 |
| 2 Terms | \$7,250 |
| 1 Terms | \$3,625 |
| ADMINISTRATION | FEE (NZD) |
| Full Year (4 Terms) | \$800 |
| 3 Terms | \$800 |
| 2 Terms | \$500 |
| Less Than 2 Terms | \$500 |

| HOMESTAY | FEE (NZD) |
|--|-----------|
| Homestay Placement Fee | \$350 |
| Homestay Per Week | \$290 |
| AIRPORT | FEE (NZD) |
| Airport Pickup & Return | \$200 |
| CONTINGENCY FUND | FEE (NZD) |
| Students can use this fund to pay for school trips, camps, uniforms and in school or extra-curricular sports such as horse riding and surfing. Any money remaining in the student's account will be refunded back to the parents at the end of the course. | \$1000 |

Extra costs not covered are not the next page



2025 Programme

| TERM 1 | |
|------------|---|
| Tue 28 Jan | FIRST DAY TERM 1 Year 9 Induction / Powhiri / Senior Course Confirmation <i>(To be confirmed)</i> |
| Wed 29 Jan | Year 9 Induction / Senior Course Confirmation / Year 9 ID Photos |
| Thu 30 Jan | All Year Levels in on Timetable |
| Thu 6 Feb | Waitangi Day (Public Holiday) |
| Fri 7 Feb | Sports Muster |
| Mon 10 Feb | ID / Portrait / Class Photos |
| Fri 11 Apr | LAST DAY TERM 1 |

| TERM 2 | |
|------------|---|
| Mon 28 Apr | FIRST DAY TERM 2 |
| Mon 2 Jun | King's Birthday (Public Holiday) |
| Fri 20 Jun | Matariki (Public Holiday) |
| Fri 27 Jun | LAST DAY TERM 2 |
| TERM 3 | |
| Mon 14 Jul | FIRST DAY TERM 3 |
| Fri 19 Sep | FIRST DAY TERM 3 |
| TERM 4 | |
| Mon 6 Oct | FIRST DAY TERM 4 |
| Mon 27 Oct | Labour Day (Public Holiday) |
| Fri 5 Dec | LAST DAY TERM 4 Junior Prize Giving |

2025 Fees

The tuition fee covers normal school tuition, textbooks (on loan), and orientation programme. The Board of Trustees reviews all fees annually.

| TUITION | FEE (NZD) |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Full Year (4 Terms) | \$16,000 |
| 3 Terms | \$12,000 |
| 2 Terms | \$8,000 |
| 1 Terms | \$4,000 |
| ADMINISTRATION | FEE (NZD) |
| Full Year (4 Terms) | \$800 |
| 3 Terms | \$800 |
| 2 Terms | \$500 |
| Less Than 2 Terms | \$500 |

| HOMESTAY | FEE (NZD) |
|--|-----------|
| Homestay Placement Fee | \$350 |
| Homestay Per Week | \$310 |
| AIRPORT | FEE (NZD) |
| Airport Pickup & Return | \$200 |
| CONTINGENCY FUND | FEE (NZD) |
| Students can use this fund to pay for school trips, camps, uniforms and in school or extra-curricular sports such as horse riding and surfing. Any money remaining in the student's account will be refunded back to the parents at the end of the course. | \$1000 |

Extra costs not covered are:

- Uniform costs - see uniform information sheet
- Stationery, includes subject workbooks
- School field trips, and camps (for some subjects)
- Entry fees to external examinations and awards
- NCEA entry fee (for year 11, 12 & 13 students only)
- Involvement in extra-curricular activities; sports, cultural, and clubs.
- Competitions: Students will have the opportunity to enter national competitions. Typically these are in Mathematics, Science, English & Chemistry and have entry fees of approximately \$5.
- Personal spending money.

\$350 approx.

\$200 please allow

\$383.30 per candidate

For a better understanding of the cost of living, please refer to the Study in New Zealand website.

www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/live-work/cost-of-living





How to Apply

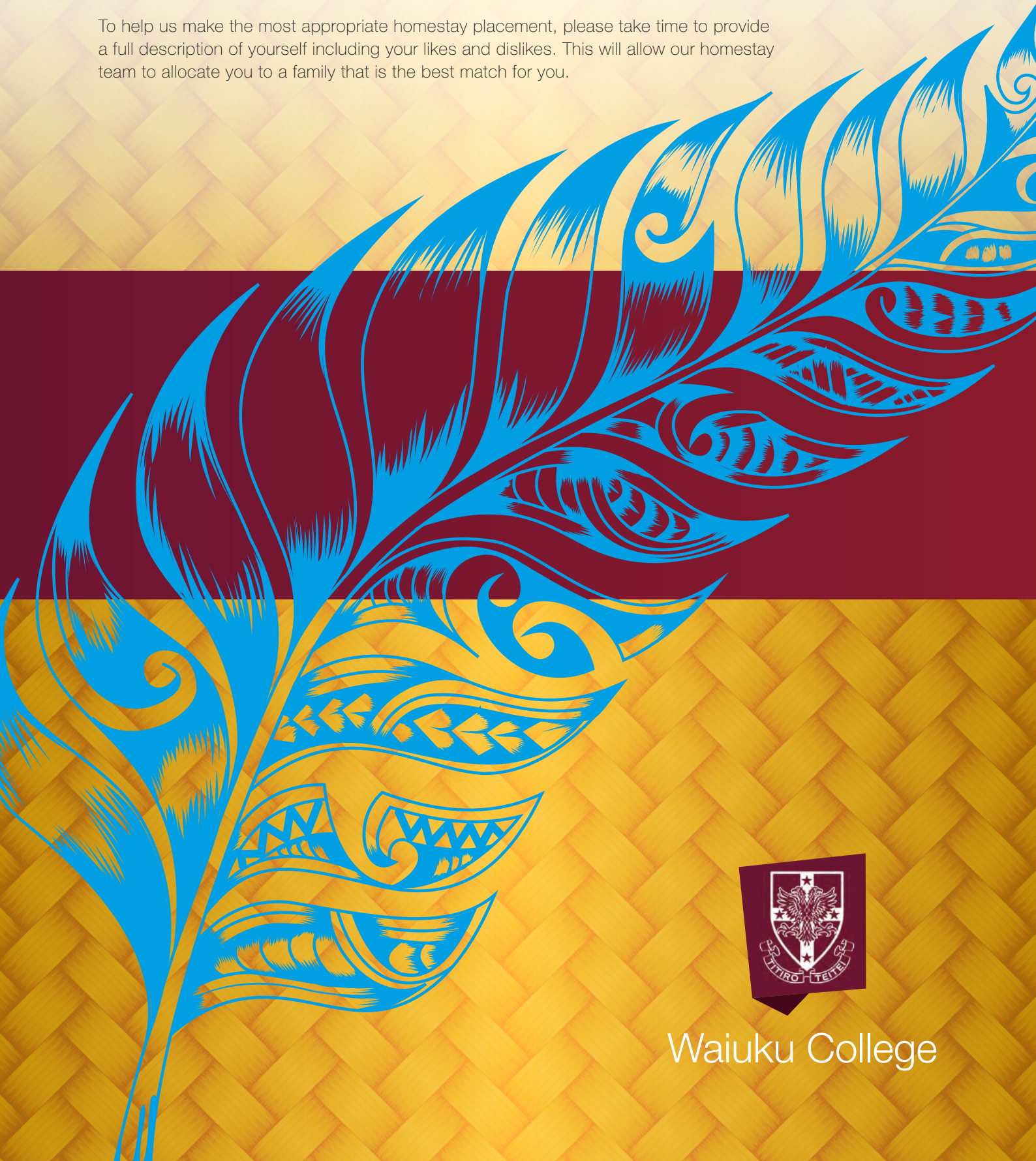
To allow speedy processing, all our applications are submitted via our website:

www.waiuku-college.school.nz

You will need to provide a copy of your:

- Passport
- Most recent school reports

To help us make the most appropriate homestay placement, please take time to provide a full description of yourself including your likes and dislikes. This will allow our homestay team to allocate you to a family that is the best match for you.



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