

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PROSPECTUS



ONEHUNGA HIGH SCHOOL
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Nau mai, haere mai
Welcome to
Onehunga High School

To Prospective Students

As you investigate an educational experience in New Zealand, we encourage you to consider Onehunga High School. We offer a world-class educational experience and outstanding personal care.

International students are a vital part of Onehunga High School. You provide an extra dimension in terms of language, culture and personality, just as Kiwi students offer that for you. We offer a wide range of opportunities to extend and enrich all of our students and invite you to take advantage of these. Facilities include effective digital networks and subjects ranging from every level of English to Mathematics; Business to Outdoor Education; Catering and Barista to Photography; Construction School to the Performing Arts. Whatever you enjoy, whatever talents and skills you have, we will match you with an enjoyable and successful experience.

It is important to us that all students achieve success and enjoy doing so: we know that the support we provide helps with this. We are very pleased to look after you in all aspects of your life in New Zealand, including organising and co-ordinating your homestay, school subjects, sports, performing arts, cultural experiences and travel.

Please contact us if we can be of further assistance. We wish you a wonderful educational experience!

Ka kite ano

Shameen Hayat | Principal



Learning and Realising Academic Success at OHS

Academic success for learners ensures they leave Onehunga High School with a choice to pursue their dreams: to undertake tertiary studies or enter employment. At Onehunga High School, each learner works towards their personal best. To ensure this, we have a curriculum that is broad and interesting with quality pathways through the school. The learning is deep, challenging and personalised, ensuring students make strong academic progress through their five year journey. Academic tracking ensures all students are supported to realise their potential and academic counselling provides students with the strategies and mentoring to persevere and be resourceful to achieve set goals.



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JUNIOR CURRICULUM

In the junior school students have the opportunity to study all eight learning areas of the New Zealand Curriculum. In year 9, they study a core programme of English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, PE and Health. From the Arts, Technology, and Languages students select electives which align with their interests.

At Year 10, students continue studying the core compulsory subject, which are complemented with a broad range of electives. Our students tell us that they enjoy the opportunity to select from a range of subjects so they can 'hook into their passion for learning'.



SENIOR CURRICULUM

In Years 11-13 students select from a wide variety of courses to pursue their aspirations and interests. We offer the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Levels 1, 2, and 3 and Scholarships Examinations. At Year 11 students study English, Maths and Science and select three subjects. Year 12 students continue their study of English and select five further subjects. Year 13 students can select five subjects, having successfully completed level 2.

Academic subjects sit alongside our Pathways programme which includes a Business School, Health Science Academy, Building and Construction School, Catering and Hospitality and the Services Academy.



Quality Education

Welcome to Our School

Onehunga High School is an urban co-educational school of 1100 students, situated in Central Auckland on the shores of the Manukau Harbour. It is less than 10 minutes from Auckland International Airport and 15 minutes from the Central Business District.

Our school has accepted international students for many years and offers a full range of services to students from overseas. These include an International Student Department providing extra support for students, carefully selected homestay accommodation and an excellent English Language Department, which caters for the needs of international students. Onehunga High School is a multi-cultural school and international students feel happy and at home in this environment.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR:

- Students, most of whom continue their education at a tertiary level
- International students, most of whom continue their education at university
- Teachers; dedicated, highly skilled and with a passion for and commitment to our students
- Outstanding facilities
- Business School, which was the first of its kind in New Zealand
- Health Science Academy
- Leading-edge technology
- Leading the way in New Zealand educational achievements

Vision Statement

Te Haerenga - The Journey: We are committed to holistic education which sets and maintains high standards and achievement, in partnership with whanau and the wider community. Our students will be respectful and responsible lifelong learners.

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Learning culture

Onehunga High School prides itself on a holistic education, with academic achievement at the forefront, supported by pastoral attentiveness.

A strong learning culture is underpinned by agreed learner expectations. We are a safe school and we expect all students to be respectful at all times, exemplifying our behaviour for learning values at all times. The importance of physical and emotional safety at the school is highlighted carefully at the enrolment interview and reinforced on a daily basis.

Every student has the right to a rich and enjoyable education at OHS. We challenge students to

achieve their best as well as providing the care and support necessary for their personal growth and development. Students are prepared for life, growing intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically.

We know for a quality education, you need quality teachers, which we certainly have. All teachers are committed to on-going professional development to ensure they have an effective pedagogical practice - essential for learner success. We attract quality staff because of the school's positive reputation and teachers know they are valued and cared for, as are our learners.



Support for Learning

Onehunga High School provides quality support for learning, to ensure all learners access the curriculum and achieve their personal best.



ACADEMIC MENTORING

Student learning and wellbeing is supported by our mentoring programme. The Kaitiaki teacher and year level Dean assist each individual student to develop academic goals and closely monitor their progress. Intervention and support is provided to ensure all learners are successful.

KAITIAKI TEACHER

Every student in the school is connected to a significant adult - their Kaitiaki teacher. They get to know students well, guiding them through their five years at the school.

The Kaitiaki teacher and Dean are responsible for the pastoral care and academic monitoring of each student. This continuity of care ensures that early intervention and communication with whānau is timely.

WHĀNAU KAITIAKI

Three Whānau classes sit within the Kaitiaki programme. These are vertically organised along tuakana/teina principles and staffed by te reo teachers. Aspects of tikanga Māori sit alongside mentoring.

TE PUĀWAITANGA - STUDENT SUPPORT LEARNING HUB

Personalised learning supports the diverse needs of students. Staff in the Te Puāwaitanga student hub, provide wrap-around support for students to meet their learning needs and provide a well resourced space for students with specialised needs.

Learning Support Co-ordinators, Specialist Classroom teachers, Teacher Aides and Gateway opportunities work collaboratively from this centralised hub.

PEER SUPPORT

Trained Year 13 Peer Support Leaders, provide support for our new Year 9 students, particularly in their first week at school. Attached to a Kaitiaki, peer support leaders, build relationships with the Year 9 students helping them make a smooth transition to life at Onehunga High.

GUIDANCE

The members of our Guidance team are trained and experienced counsellors who are available to all students.

HEALTH CENTRE

Onehunga high school has three registered nurses on staff. At year 9, all students are offered a full health assessment, carried out by the nurses. A doctor, physiotherapist and psychologist are also available for students. Dental care is accessed at school.

CAREERS

The Careers team supports students to research options and make informed choices to plan for their future careers and tertiary study. The Careers Advisor, Mrs Kristin Shaw, is available to meet with any student to discuss their interests, school subject selection and potential career pathways.

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Special Features



English Language School

Our English School is designed for adults learners (16 years plus). We offer the "Pathway to English Proficiency" course where learners choose to study part-time or full-time.



Health Science Academy

The Health Science Academy is aimed at increasing the participation of our graduates in health related careers.



Catering & Hospitality

Opportunity for student to develop a wide range of cookery skills, learn about nutrition and healthy meals and develop a wide skill set in Culinary Arts that will prepare them for a career in the hospitality indu

Business School

The Business School is New Zealand's first secondary school whose goal is to train and develop High School students in the skills of business and entrepreneurship. The aim is to be at the forefront of entrepreneurial and business education nationally, and to enhance learning so that students leave school with an entrepreneurial mindset, as well as a sound and practical understanding of business.

Benefits to the students:

- Enhanced and accelerated learning
- An exciting environment in which to learn about business from real-life practitioners
- Entrepreneurial and experiential teaching and learning
- Confident use of innovative educational tools to encourage lateral thinking and therefore creativity, the cornerstone of innovation.



Building & Construction

This pre-apprenticeship course aimed at Y12 students gave them solid foundations for bright futures in the Construction and Allied Trades.





SPORTS

Sport is a vital part of life at Onehunga High School. Our vision is 'Sporting Participation and Excellence'. We develop culture, tradition and success through encouragement, commitment, discipline and personal responsibility.

Being a member of an Onehunga High School sports team encourages health and physical fitness and also develops character, leadership and interpersonal skills. Students need to, and are expected to, honour their commitment to their team for the season by attending all trainings and games on time, wearing correct uniform and enjoying the challenges of the season and the company of fellow students.

We have a proud tradition of sporting success at Onehunga High School, with teams regularly competing in the top grades in Auckland and many of our students gaining representative status.

Learning beyond the classroom



Sports Available:

- Archery
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Cross-Country
- Dragon Boating
- Football
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Kilikiti
- Lawn Bowls
- Netball
- Rock Climbing
- Rugby
- Skiing/Snowboarding
- Speedball (Paintball)
- Squash
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tag
- Tennis
- Touch Rugby
- Volleyball

“They have a fantastic spirit of unity and devotion to the team and sports that I never seen before”

Stefan, Italy



PERFORMING ARTS

All students are encouraged to participate in Performing Arts activities. The school offers many opportunities in Music, Dance and Drama for students to perform both within the school and the wider community.

We have a dedicated performance arts suite and staff who provide outstanding opportunities. Tutorision can be provided for a number of instruments upon request.

We offer:

- Choir
- Debating
- Speech Competitions
- Drama Productions
- Instrumental Tutors
- Lighting and Sound
- Funk Band
- Jazz Bands
- Rock Band
- Concert Band
- YouDance Dance Festival
- Moovit Dance Project
- Shakespeare Competition
- Cultural Groups
- Barber Shop
- Symphonic Band
- Composition Group
- Theatre Sports



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Student Services

We value our international students highly and have 30 years of success in educating students from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Our educational approach is holistic, aiming to ensure that international students not only excel academically but also explore their passions in sports, music, and cultural activities. At OHS, we believe in nurturing leadership ability and encouraging community service as integral aspects of student life

PASTORAL CARE

We run our own homestay programme with the help of our wonderful local families who welcome students into their homes. This provides a secure, caring environment where students can improve their English language skills and also experience this country's unique culture and hospitality first-hand.

The New Zealand Ministry of Education has developed the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students. Onehunga High School has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code. Copies of the Code are available from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at www.education.govt.nz



ESOL

When you first arrive at Onehunga High School you are referred to the ESOL Department for an English assessment. You may have up to 10 periods a week in the ESOL classroom for extra English.

The ESOL department is staffed by qualified English Language teachers. The department has a range of resources to help you with English language and with other curriculum subjects.

Entry to many subjects at senior level depends on your English language experience and ability.

Homestay Accommodation

As the school is responsible for your welfare during your time in New Zealand, you must live in school-approved homestay accommodation. You have access to help at all times and your care is closely supervised by our homestay co-ordinator.

We know you will enjoy being part of a New Zealand family.



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SUPPORT STAFF

If you are having trouble settling into your new life, you will be provided with all the support you require, including multi-lingual counsellors.

DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Is available to help you at any time during the school day.

DEAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Dean is responsible for arranging your timetable and will follow your academic progress

throughout your time at school.

GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS

Assist with any personal problems with which you may want help.

HOMESTAY CO-ORDINATOR

The school employs a full-time Homestay Co-ordinator to work with you and your host family. You can contact the co-ordinator any time, seven days a week.



Conditions of Enrolment

SCHOOL RULES

You must follow all school rules and the laws of the New Zealand Government. You will be asked to sign a contract.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

On arrival you will be given an English Language Proficiency Test. Your first class placement will be based on the results of this test. An English Support programme will be arranged depending on your level of English proficiency.

MOTOR VEHICLES

You must not own or drive a car while you are enrolled as an international student at Onehunga High School.

HEALTH SERVICES

Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit you may be liable for the full cost of that treatment. Full details on entitlements to publicly funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health and can be viewed on their website at www.moh.govt.nz

HEALTH AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is compulsory to have insurance. Insurance can be arranged by the school.

Your policy will cover:

- Travel to and from New Zealand
- Medical treatment while you are in New Zealand

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand. You may still be liable for other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website at www.acc.co.nz

IMMIGRATION

Full details of visa and permit requirements, including advice on rights to employment, are available through the New Zealand Immigration Service. These can be viewed at their website at www.immigration.govt.nz

WORKING IN NEW ZEALAND

Full-time Year 12 and 13 students may apply to work up to 20 hours per week during the school term or full-time over the summer holidays.

Onehunga a High School Your Future

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