



WHAT TO PACK AND BRING WITH YOU TO NEW ZEALAND

Below is a guide on what you should pack for your trip to New Zealand. What you bring will likely change depending on when you plan to arrive, and how long you plan on staying here.

Remember you will wear your School Uniform and School Shoes every weekday, so you only will wear your own clothes after school and/ or on weekends (you must purchase the school uniform online before you depart your home country).

Summer Months – December / January / February

Auckland weather starts getting warmer at the start of December and by the end of December/start of January it will reach the higher summer temperatures. The normal daily summer temperature would be around 24°C. Our highest summer temperatures are about 26°C to 28°C. It can also get quite humid in the Auckland summer months.

In summer most Aucklanders will wear a t-shirt, shorts and jandals (what we call flip-flops). They may also bring a light jumper (what we call a sweater) with them if they will be out at night-time. Most Aucklanders will spend a lot of their summer at the beach, so you should definitely bring your togs (what we call swimwear) with you.

Depending on which country you come from this may either be similar, significantly warmer or significantly cooler than the summer temperatures that you are used to. Pack the clothes that you think you will need for these temperatures.

Things you should consider packing if you will be in Auckland during the Summer months

- T-Shirts
- Light Jumper/Sweater
- Shorts
- Jandals/Sandals
- Togs/Swimwear
- Pajamas

Autumn Months – March / April / May

Auckland weather starts to get cooler in late March/early April. You will notice the mornings are colder in March, but the temperatures still reach the mid-20s°C during the day. By May the average daily high temperatures will be around 18°C and during night the average temperatures are around 10°C.

In Autumn most Aucklanders will wear a t-shirt with a jumper, long pants/jeans and sneakers during the day. Only around one third of houses in Auckland have a heat pump/central heating. It is very common for Aucklanders to wear warm pajamas/track pants with a warm jumper and thick socks and slippers in late Autumn inside their homes.

Things you should consider packing if you will be in Auckland during the Autumn months

- Shirts
- Jumper/Sweater
- Shorts
- Long Pants/Jeans
- Warm Pajamas
- Sneakers

Winter Months – June / July / August

Auckland weather is not too cold compared to cities that are located further south in New Zealand. It does not snow in Auckland in winter. The coldest it will get is around 0°C to 2°C overnight in the middle of July. During the day, average winter temperatures will be around 10°C to 12°C.

In winter most Aucklanders will wear a shirt with a warm sweater and/or coat, long pants/jeans and sneakers during the day and night. At home during the winter months most Aucklanders will have on warm pajamas/track pants with a warm jumper and thick socks and slippers.

Again, pack the clothes you think you will need for these temperatures, as our winter may either not be anywhere near as cold as yours, or it may be significantly colder than what you are used to.



Things you should consider packing if you will be in Auckland during the Winter months

- Warm Shirts
- Rain Jacket
- Warm Pajamas
- Warm Jumper/Sweater
- Scarf
- Warm Socks and Slippers
- Coat
- Long Pants/Jeans
- Sneakers

Spring Months – September / October / November

Auckland weather starts getting warmer again in late August/early September. During the day, the average temperature will be around 15°C, and overnight it will be around 10°C again. Once we get to November, it will get a bit warmer again, and will be around 20°C during the day, but it will still be cooler at night-time.

Spring can bring quite changeable weather – we have a saying that you may see four seasons in one day in Auckland – it might start out cold, then it might rain, it might get sunny, then it could get windy and finally it might become quite warm! So even if you wake up and it is sunny outside, check your weather app to see what the day may bring, as you may need to pack a jacket and umbrella for later. Many students (including the domestic students) have been caught out by a sudden downpour. In spring most Aucklanders will wear a mix of clothes depending on the weather.

Things you should consider packing if you will be in Auckland during the Spring months

- Shirts
- Shorts
- Togs/Swimwear
- Warm Jumper/Sweater
- Long Pants/Jeans
- Jandals/Sandals
- Rain Jacket
- Pajamas
- Sneakers

Other Things to Bring

Onehunga High School is a device school – meaning you must bring a laptop or tablet to school each day.

If you already have a laptop or tablet, please bring this to New Zealand with you. If you do not yet have one, we can suggest devices to purchase either before you get here, or once you are already here. Remember our wall plugs will be different to yours, so bring a plug adapter in case you need to charge your device whilst at school. Depending on how many electrical devices you plan on bringing with you, bring a suitable amount of plug adapters.

If you already have a school bag, you can also bring that with you if you would like. The only rule about school bags the school has, is that it cannot have any offensive/disparaging words or imagery on it. Apart from that it can be any colour, shape or size that you want.

You can also bring your own stationary with you, as there is not really any set stationary at Onehunga High School. As most students will need to take Math as a subject, we recommend bringing a scientific calculator with you, if you already own one. If not, you can purchase one from the school stationary shop.

You will likely need to purchase speciality drawing stationary, if you plan on taking one of the art subjects. If you want to take photography, you will need to bring your own DSLR camera with you. If you do not already own a DSLR camera, please check with the International Department at international@ohs.school.nz if a space in Photography can be guaranteed for you, before you purchase an expensive camera.

The activities you plan on doing here will dictate the other items you should bring with you. If you are a sporty person, who would like to sign up for some sport teams, a local gym or one of the schools physical education classes, you will definitely need to bring some suitable sport/workout clothing and shoes. Of course, you can purchase these items in New Zealand, but it may be an added expense to you.



If you want to get involved in some itinerant music lessons or bands, and already play a particular instrument, that you can travel with, you should definitely bring it with you. It will save you having to spend money to hire an instrument here. If you haven't played an instrument before, we would recommend hiring one first, to ensure that you actually enjoy and want to continue playing the instrument before you commit to purchasing one.

If you are currently taking any medication, you must bring that with you.

If you use an inhaler for asthma (even just on the rare occasion you may feel asthmatic), please bring that with you.

If you have an epi-pen, or any allergy medication for when you have an allergic reaction, please bring it with you.

If you need a specialty/uncommon medication, we advise speaking to your doctor, before you depart for New Zealand, about getting a sufficient supply of that medication for the duration of your stay in New Zealand.

If you take a generic/common medication, you may be able to purchase it without a prescription from a pharmacy. If you need a prescription for it, please let us know well in advance of you running out, so we can arrange a doctors appointment for you.

If you are unsure if you should bring an item with you or not, have a think about how often you will realistically use it. If the answer is not often, maybe leave it at home.

Try to also remember that you can always buy the same or similar item when you are here in NZ, if you forgot to pack it.

If for some reason, you cannot purchase the same or similar item, your family can always ship it to you here as well.

Happy Packing!