



# PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND  
INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS  
2025



## Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura Tuarua o Pukekohekohe

Kia ora koutou,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Pukekohe High School. Our school is on the outskirts of Auckland (Taamaki Makaurau), New Zealand's largest city. At close to 1900 students and nearly 200 staff, we are a large school that has been providing a quality educational experience for our local community for over 100 years. We are located on the city fringe and, as a result, enjoy the best of both urban and rural life. Our students benefit from a wide curriculum and range of extra-curricular opportunities in sports, the arts, culture and music. In addition to this we have close links to our local community and businesses. Our young people consistently contribute to, and gain from, these relationships in meaningful ways.

In addition to the educational and wider experiences on offer at Pukekohe High School our students are exposed to a range of people and cultures as reflected in the community where we live. This makes for a welcoming and vibrant experience for all of us who are lucky enough to be a part of the school.

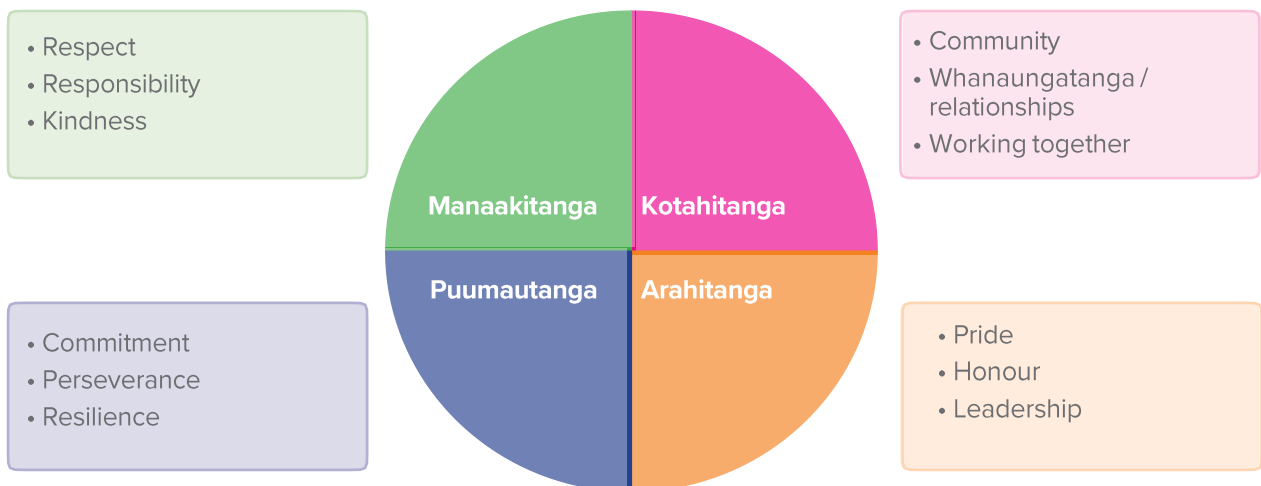
We welcome your interest in Pukekohe High School and would happily answer any questions that you may have.

Nga mihi nui

Murray Saunders  
Tumuaki / Principal



### Pukekohe High School Values



Pukekohe High School is a signatory to the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2021. Copies of the Code can be found here [https://www.pukekohehigh.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/NZQA\\_Pastoral-Care-Code-of-Practice\\_English.pdf](https://www.pukekohehigh.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/NZQA_Pastoral-Care-Code-of-Practice_English.pdf)

## About Our School

Pukekohe High School [www.pukekohehigh.school.nz](http://www.pukekohehigh.school.nz) is a state secondary school for students from Levels 9-13 (13-18 years old). The school is in the town of Pukekohe which has a population of 28,000. Pukekohe offers a safe, friendly environment for you to learn and experience New Zealand culture. In 2024, we had students from Japan, India, China, Taiwan, Thailand, Viet Nam, Germany and Tahiti to name a few. We'd love you to join us here in 2025!

## Pukekohe High School offers You

- » a world-class education system that is recognised globally
- » ESOL support for all subjects
- » opportunities to excel yourself and study subjects that you're interested in
- » career counselling that will help you in your decision making for your next education step
- » a welcoming atmosphere with supportive staff
- » an approved government secondary school institution
- » affordable, quality education
- » a diverse and multi-cultural student and staff population
- » a safe and welcoming campus
- » trained counsellors, qualified and experienced teaching staff
- » a chance to connect with and make friends with NZ students and other international students as part of the Pukekohe High School community



## International Student Application and Offer Letter Process

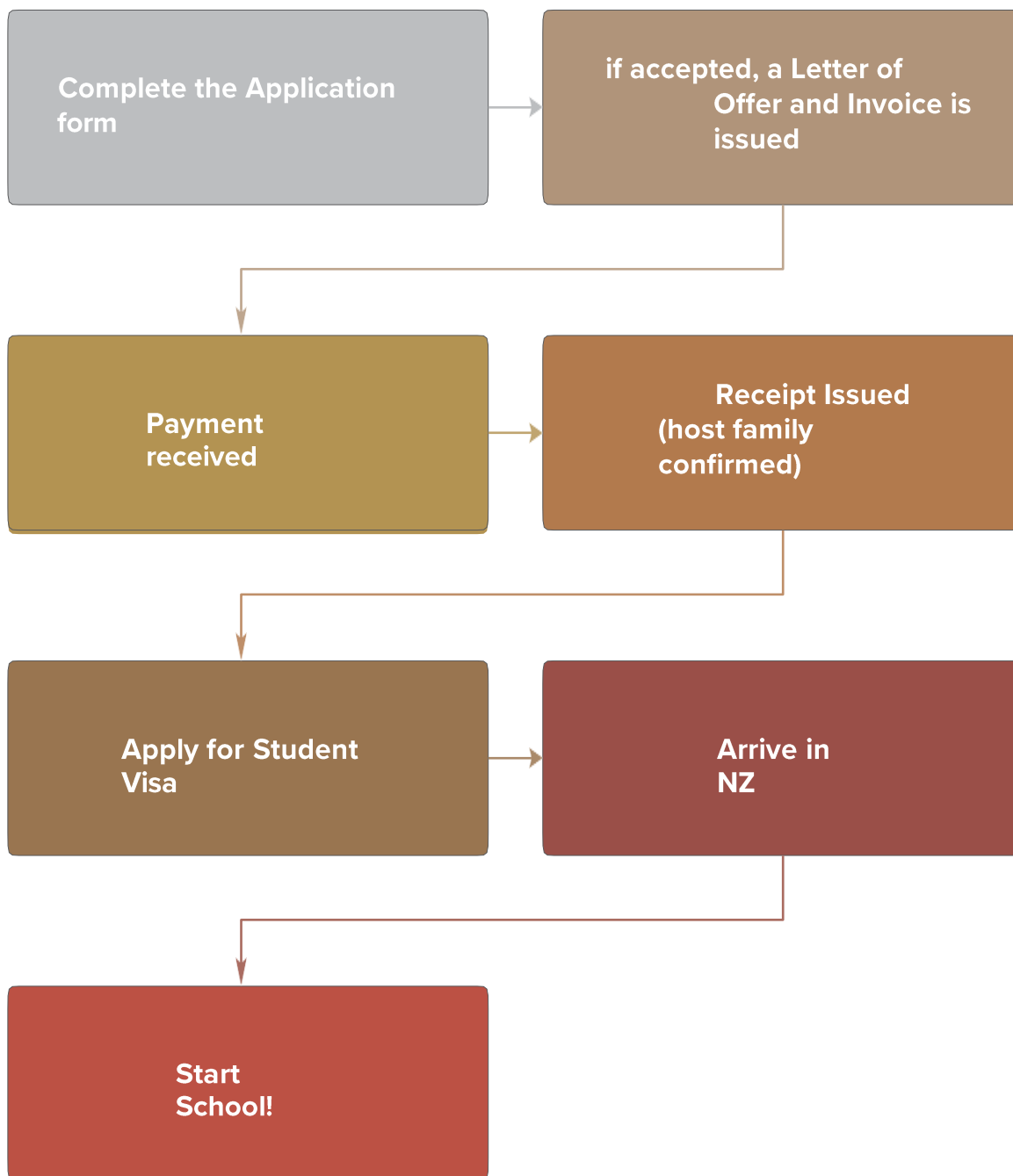
Complete the online **International Student Application Form**

→ <https://www.pukekohehigh.school.nz/international/how-to-apply/>

AND send a copy of your **passport and most recent school reports**



email: [international@pukekohehigh.school.nz](mailto:international@pukekohehigh.school.nz)



## Your Academic Programme

The international office and teachers and Deans are here to help you and will finalise subject choices with you when you enrol.



Year	Subjects
<b>Year 10 Compulsory</b> English; Maths; Science; Social Studies; PE & Health	<b>Optional – you have TWO subject choices</b>
<b>Year 11 Compulsory</b> Science; Maths <b>AND</b> choose one from: Te Reo Maaori; English; ESOL	<b>Optional – you have FOUR subject choices</b>
<b>Year 12 Compulsory</b> <b>Select ONE from</b> Te Reo Maaori; English; ESOL	<b>Optional – you have FIVE subject choices</b> You can only take <b>ONE</b> of the following Technology subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fabric Technology</li> <li>• Hard Materials Technology</li> </ul> Students may only take <b>TWO</b> of the following subjects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor Education</li> <li>• Physical Education</li> <li>• Sports Leadership</li> </ul>
<b>Year 13</b>	You have <b>FIVE</b> subject choices to make

Learning Area	Subjects	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Arts	Art	Art	Art	Art	Art Photography	Art Printmaking
				Art Photo-Design		Art Design
						Art History
						Art Painting
	Drama	Dance/Drama	Drama	Drama – Performing	Drama – Performing	Drama
				Dance	Dance	
Music	Music – band	Performance Music - band	Performance Music	Performance Music	Performance Music	Music
	Music - core	Performance Music – core				
English	English	English	English	English	English	English
	ESOL	ESOL	ESOL	ESOL	ESOL	ESOL – English for Academic Purposes
					Media Studies	Media Studies
Languages	French	French	French	French	French	French
	Japanese	Japanese	Japanese	Japanese	Japanese	Japanese
Te Wahanga Whakaako		Te Reo Maaori	Te Reo Maaori	Te Reo Maaori	Te Reo Maaori	Te Reo Maaori
		Te Ao Maaori	Te Ao Haka	Te Ao Haka	Te Ao Haka	Te Ao Haka
Mathematics	Mathematics and Statistics	Mathematics and Statistics	Mathematics and Statistics	Mathematics and Statistics	Mathematics and Statistics	Calculus
	Calculus					Statistics
Physical Education and Health	Physical Education and Health	Physical Education and Health	Physical Education and Health	Health	Health	Health
				Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education
					Outdoor Education	Outdoor Education
	Sport Leadership	Sport Leadership				
Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Biology
	Agriculture			Agriculture and Horticulture	Biology	Chemistry
	Horticulture				Chemistry	Physics
					Physics	Agriculture
					Agriculture	Horticulture
	Horticulture					
Social Sciences	Social Sciences	Social Studies	Social Studies	People and Society	People and Society	People and Society
	Business Hub			Geography	Classical Studies	Classical Studies
				History	Geography	Geography
				Commerce	History	History
					Psychology	Accounting
					Tourism	Economics
					Accounts	Legal Studies
					Economics	Business Studies
					Legal Studies	
Business Studies						
Technology	Technology	Hard Material	Hard Material	Building	Engineering	Engineering
	Design and Visual Communication	Design and Visual Communication	Design and Visual Communication	Engineering	Design and Visual Communication	Design and Visual Communication
	Food Technology	Food Technology	Food Technology	Design and Visual Communication	Food and Nutrition	Hospitality and Catering
	Digital Technologies	Digital Technologies	Digital Technologies	Food and Nutrition	Catering	Food and Nutrition
	Future Pathways			Catering	Food Technology	Digital Technologies
				Food Technology	Computer Studies	Computer Studies
				Digital Technologies	Digital Technologies	MIT Trades Academy
	MIT Trades Academy					
Student Support				Gateway	Gateway	Gateway
				Career Services	Career Services	Career Services

## Your accommodation while at Pukekohe High School

You will be living in a Homestay or with a Designated Caregiver. Every family who looks after students while they're at Pukekohe High School are checked and vetted so you will be with a family that is approved by Pukekohe High School.

Living with a family is fun and our host families will make you part of their family. In New Zealand, we generally have three meals a day and while you're at school, you'll have a packed lunch from home to take with you.

When you apply to become a student at Pukekohe High School, please make sure you tick the box for homestay too. Once the family is confirmed, we'll send you information about who you'll be living with so you know who they are when you arrive in Auckland!

## Facilities at School

- Art suites for painting, printmaking, design and photography
- Computer suites
- Drama, dance and music suites
- Gymnasiums
- State of the art technology workshops and food technology rooms
- Modern classrooms and science laboratories
- Spacious grounds incorporating sports fields









## 2025 Tuition and other Fees at Pukekohe High School



Fee Schedule NZ\$	4 Terms	2 Terms
Tuition	\$17,000	\$8,500
Admin Fee	\$1,350	\$800
Student Safe Policy	\$650	
Homestay Placement & Supervision Fee	\$300	\$300
Homestay Accommodation	\$360 per week	\$360 per week
Airport Return Transfer	\$200	\$200
NZQA Exam Fees Year 11-13	\$383.30	
NZQA Scholarship Subject Fees Y13	\$102.20 per subject	
Personal Stationery	\$100-300 <i>(Depending on art-based subjects)</i>	As required
Uniform	\$500	\$500
Sports Equipment/teams/clubs	Depends on the club	Depends on the club
Musical Instruments		\$100 approx
Study Support (ESOL)	\$1,000	\$750
Year 10 Camp	Included	Included

*\*Please note that these figures are subject to change*

## Your extra-curricular activities

There is a range of sport, performing arts and club activities which you're encouraged to join in! Here are some examples of what is on offer.

Sport	Cultural Activities	Clubs and Activities
athletics	drama	debating and speech competitions
badminton	musicals	magazine production
equestrian	dance	environmentalists'
hockey	theatre sports	Christian youth group
soccer	kapa haka	junior activities week
softball	orchestra	
squash	jazz concert	
swimming	rock bands	
table tennis		
touch rugby		
cricket		
netball		
rowing		
la crosse		

## English Language courses

Upon arrival, you are assessed and placed into the appropriate class for your ability. Classes are small and you receive individual assistance from teachers trained and experienced in teaching English to speakers of other languages.

Pukekohe High School provides junior and senior English classes for speakers of other languages (ESOL). You are placed in the most appropriate class depending on your age and current English skills. Occasionally you can choose to join two classes.

The junior classes focus on accelerating English language learning. You are supported in learning English to help you in familiar situations and also to manage mainstream subjects.

The senior classes increasingly develop a more academic focus aiming to prepare you for tertiary study or work. All senior classes provide opportunities for students to achieve credits towards NCEA. The year 13 class supports you if you are intending to go to tertiary study, by obtaining the UE literary credits.



## The Programme includes:

- Developing your confidence and skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing
- Learning vocabulary – subject and the Academic Word list
- Reading using graded readers and a variety of other texts
- A wide variety of different learning strategies
- Homework – mainly vocabulary learning and reading books



## The School Year

- The school year commences in late January and continues until mid-December
- Year 11, 12 + 13 students leave in early October to sit the national examinations (NCEA) during November and December.
- School holidays are two weeks in April, July and September
- Normal school hours are 8.45am – 3.10pm Monday to Friday

## 2025 Term Dates

Term 1	29 January (Year 9, new Year 10-13 and Peer Support) 30 January (All Students) - 11 April
Term 2	28 April – 27 June
Term 3	14 July - 19 September
Term 4	06 October – TBC 12 December



## Living in Pukekohe, Auckland

The Maori name for Auckland is Taamaki Makaurau and is the largest city in New Zealand. Pukekohe is located at the southern edge of the Auckland Region and is a 45-minute drive from Auckland CBD.

Pukekohe has something for everyone – it started as a farming and horticultural community.

On the other side, the town's busy center is a shopper's delight and has many cafés, restaurants, clothes shopping and electronic stores. Local attractions include the Saturday morning market, golf, horse treks and west coast beaches.

To get to and from school everyday is easy. Pukekohe train station is 5 minutes walk from the school and our homestay families live close to school or if a bit further away, will arrange transport each day.





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