



ONEHUNGA HIGH SCHOOL

International Student Prospectus





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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deidre Shea".

Deidre Shea
Principal



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.

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

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Academic Programme

At Onehunga High School we are committed to the delivery of quality education. We are an achievement-orientated school which sets and maintains high academic standards. The usual curriculum subjects are offered and complemented with a wide range of other special-interest subjects. Our emphasis is on providing a challenging curriculum that is well taught by professional staff.

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“Students aspirations and input are valued”

“Curriculum structures change and adapt well to the students they serve”

Curriculum

Year 9

Subjects studied all year: English, Science, Social Studies, Mathematics, Physical Education and one Language. Students study eight other module subjects (nine weeks).

Year 10

Subjects studied all year: English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Health and Physical Education. Students also study one full year option and two half year options.

Year 11

Students study English, Mathematics and Science and three additional subjects.

Year 12

Students study English and five additional subjects.

Year 13

Students study five subjects and are provided an additional study support programme.

Multi-level study is an important component of the school curriculum. Senior students may, with approval from Heads of Department, combine NCEA Level One, Two and Three subjects.



Special Features

Onehunga High 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.

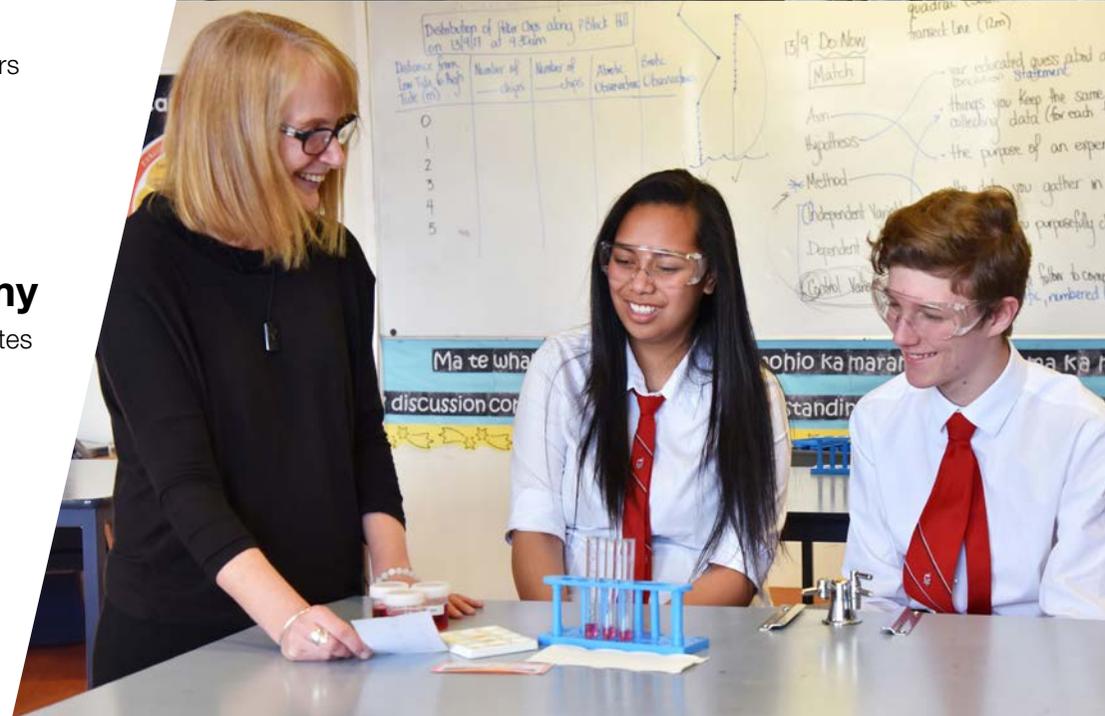
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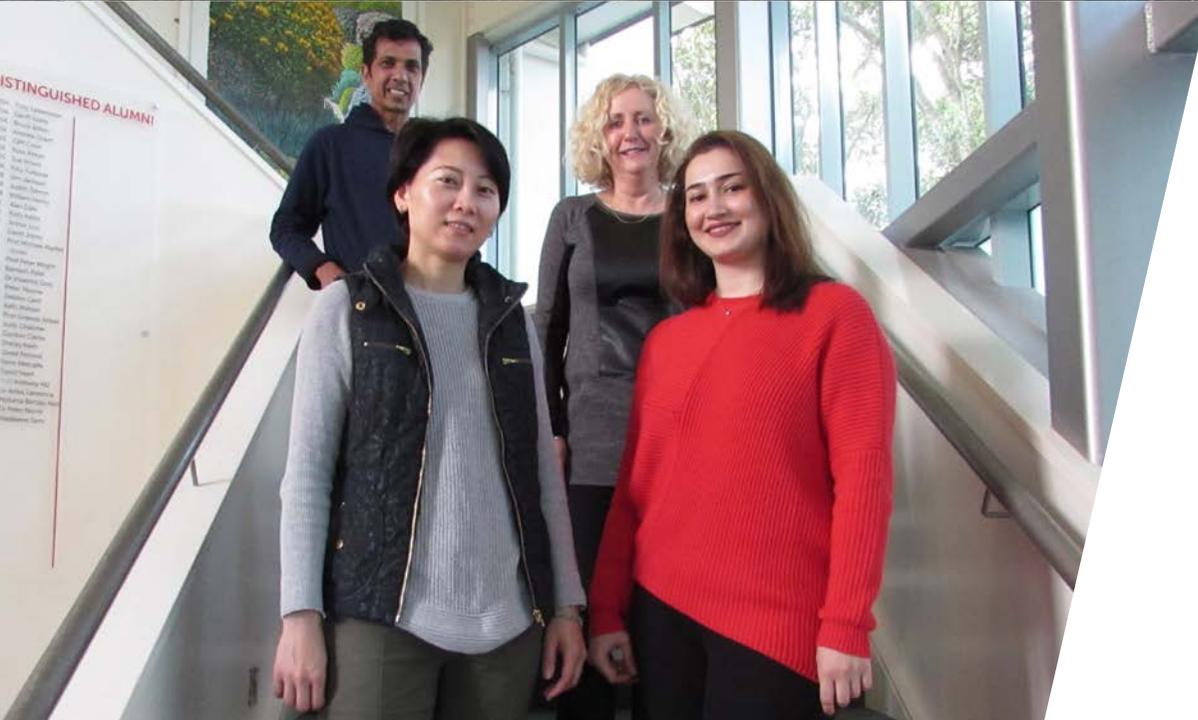
- Enhanced and accelerated learning
- An exciting environment in which to learn about business from real-life practitioners
- Entrepreneurial and experiential teaching and learning
- Confident use of innovative educational tools to encourage lateral thinking and therefore creativity, the cornerstone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

Onehunga High School Health Science Academy

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

- Students must select Level 1 Health Science in Year 11
- Students must take at least two Science subjects in Year 12 and 13
- Relevant practical and theoretical work supports success in these subjects.





English Language School

Located on the Onehunga High School site, the Language School offers full and part-time courses of study. Onehunga High School is accredited to teach the “Pathway to English Proficiency” course which is approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority.

The programme:

- Is for international students 16 years and older
 - Offers up to 20 hours of English weekly
 - Includes grammar and communication skills
 - Has qualified and knowledgeable tutors
- Free WiFi, comfortable lunch room, modern learning facilities
 - Accessible and affordable

“This is the best Language School for you. Trust me, you will not regret it” Yi Zhou - China

The Performing Arts



Music, Dance and Drama are offered from Year 9 through to Year 13. At Onehunga High School these are popular activities and are NCEA academic subjects. We have a dedicated Performing Arts suite and staff who provide outstanding opportunities.

Tuition 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





Sport and Recreation

We have a proud tradition of sporting success at Onehunga High School, and offer a wide range of sports.

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, a spirit of unity and devotion to the team and sport that I never saw before” *Stefano - Italy*

Student Services

Pastoral Care

Onehunga High School is very experienced in providing for international students; we know how important it is to provide excellent care for you. Our New Zealand students enjoy the friendships made with international students and we have had a number of Kiwi students return with international students to their home country.

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.minedu.govt.nz

Homestay Accommodation

As the school is responsible for your welfare during your time in New Zealand, you must live in school-approved homestay accommodation.

Homestay accommodation is arranged by the school, with New Zealand families who live close to the school. 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.

English for Speakers of Other Languages 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.

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.

The Director of International Students

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

Dean of 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.

Uniform

You must wear the regulation school uniform.

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.

“My best experience at Onehunga High School is every single day” *Marlena - Germany*



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