

# Westlake Boys High School

## Auckland, New Zealand



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### Type of School

Westlake Boys High School is a state secondary boys' school, which caters for Years 9 to 13. All male students who live within our geographical zone have the right to attend our school and a significant number of male students who live outside our geographical zone are accepted into our school, after an application and ballot process.

### Statement of Purpose

*"Westlake Boys High School offers an outstanding supportive and enjoyable learning environment for Auckland's young men".*

### Selective Admissions Policy

Non-selective. However, our priority out of zone enrolment scheme caters for students who are the sibling of a current student, former student, the son of a former student, employee or member of the school Board of Trustees.

### School Accreditation

Ministry of Education number 37.

## School Description

Westlake Boys High School was established in 1962 on the North Shore of Auckland and is a popular boys' school in New Zealand. There are 2350 boys in the school and we offer programmes to students from the ages of 13 to 18. Our students work towards the New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement [NCEA].

Our students are drawn from our local community and from a number of other countries. We welcome students from all of our communities, and currently have students with around 70 different cultural heritages. We are proud of all of our students and believe that every single young person has a huge amount to contribute to our school and all of our communities. We try to place the individual student at the heart of his own education, and to make sure that his learning is supported and guided with care and imagination.

## Academic Programme and Grading System

A Westlake curriculum in the NCEA pathway consists of three levels:

Year 11	Level One	Six subjects
Year 12	Level Two	Six subjects
Year 13	Level Three	Six subjects

Students can be awarded an Achieved, a Merit, or an Excellence for the overall level and for individual subjects. Levels are obtained through a series of internal and external assessments, authorised by the Ministry of Education. In addition, students gain a University Entrance (UE) qualification which entitles them to attend a New Zealand University based on attaining an NCEA Level 3 qualification, with university approved subjects, gained at a certain level, together with the necessary Literacy and Numeracy qualifications.

## Ranking

In Years 9 and 10, students are placed in bands that reflect their overall academic strength. Teachers differentiate teaching strategies and materials to cater for all learners. Students in both junior and senior school do not receive ranking.

## Size of Graduating Class

In 2019, there were approximately 415 students in the Year 13 cohort

## 2018 Academic Results

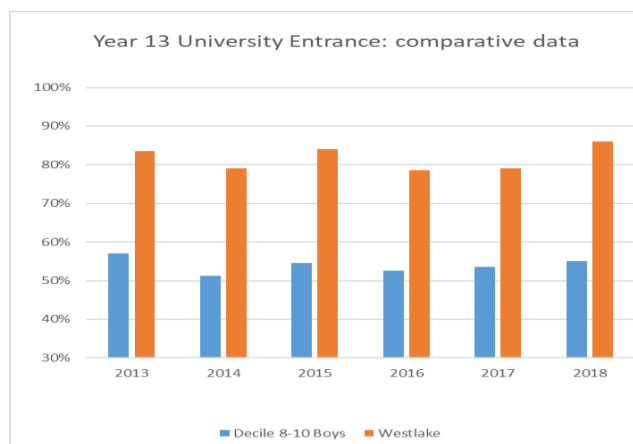
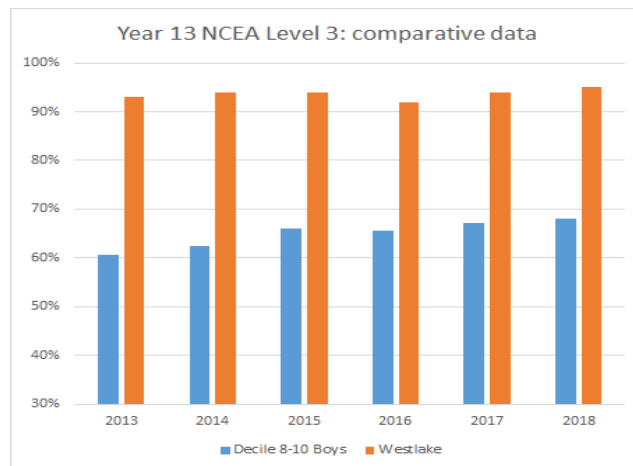
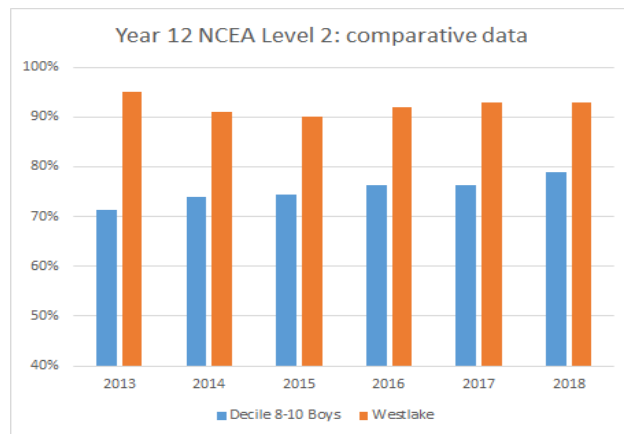
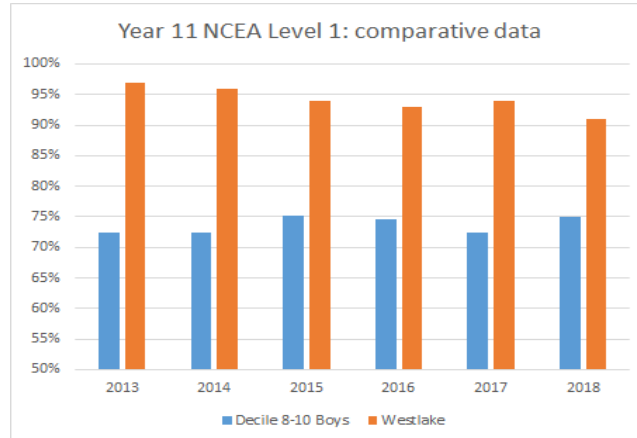
	Level 1 / IGCSE equivalent	Level 2 / AS Level equivalent	Level 3 / AS and A Level equivalent
<b>2018</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>95%</b>
2017	94%	93%	94%
2016	93%	92%	91%
2015	94%	90%	94%
2014	96%	91%	94%
2013	97%	95%	93%
2012	96%	93%	88%
2011	96%	89%	79%
2010	88%	80%	75%
2009	78%	78%	75%

In addition, our students were awarded with 164 New Zealand Scholarships last year, which is one of the highest scores in New Zealand. In 2014, two of our students were named in the Top Ten scholars in the country, and one of them was named "Top Scholar". In 2015, one of our students qualified for the Top Ten Scholars category. This result was repeated in 2018. The NZ scholarship examination is the highest level of qualification that graduating students can attain.

### Scholarships 2007 - 2018



# Comparative Data



## Subject Options in Year 13

Accounting	Earth and Space	Maori Performing	Painting
Academy of Sport	Science	Arts	Photography
Elite	Economics	Mathematics	Physical
Biology	English	Calculus	Education
Business Studies	English Visual	Mathematics	Physics
Chemistry	13 English with	Alternate	Programming
Chinese	Maori/Pasifika	Mathematics	Science
Chinese for	Literature	(Statistics &	Sculpture
Native Speakers	French	Modelling)	Social Studies
Classical Studies	Gateway	Mechanical	Sports &
Control	Geography	Engineering	Recreation
Technology	German	Media Studies	Technology -
Design Art	History (New	Music	Food
Design & Visual	Zealand)	Music -	Technology –
Communication	History of Art	Contemporary	Mechanical
(DVC – Graphics)	Japanese	Outdoor	Engineering
Digital	Korean	Education	Te Reo Māori
Technologies	Korean for Native	Outdoor	Tourism
Drama	Speakers	Education Marine	

## Co-Curricular

In addition to offering a broad range of educational programmes in academic disciplines, Westlake offers a very wide range of extra-curricular activities. We have around 1500 boys involved in over 30 sporting activities. We take part in an exceptionally wide range of competitions in sport and are accustomed to being recognised for our achievements regionally and nationally. We run eight academies of sport for talented athletes in Basketball, Cricket, Distance Running, Football, Hockey, Rowing, Rugby and Volleyball. We also run an Individual Elite Programme for any student at national level for any other sport. All these athletes receive strength and conditioning as well as specialised coaching in their field. Our senior students receive an NCEA accredited course with the theory component including nutrition, psychology, and injury prevention.

Performing Arts is a popular activity with a variety of Music and Drama productions catered for each year. Over 300 students participate in 15 musical groups, which include a Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, a Concert Band, Rock Band, Big Band, Camerata Strings, Voicemale choir, Choralation mixed choir and Barbershop. In addition, our Drama productions have won numerous awards for their prowess.

Service is an integral part of the Westlake way set of values, where a significant number of our students serve the school's local community in a variety of ways. Besides fundraising for a number of local charities, our students also have the opportunity to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Programme, Model UN and Amnesty International, as well as a number of outreach programmes with our local primary school. In addition, a number of special interest clubs are available, such as Chess, Debating, Environment and Young Enterprise. Most of these groups provide leadership opportunities for our students.

## Graduation

Over 85% of our students progress to university; the majority to Auckland University. However, numerous students also attend overseas universities in Australia, the United States, the United Kingdom, and the Republic of Korea.

Universities that our students have attended recently:

University of Auckland, NZ	Lincoln University, NZ	Harvard University, USA
University of Otago, NZ	University of Technology, NZ	Dartmouth University, USA
University of Victoria, NZ	University of Queensland, AUS	Wesleyan University, USA
University of Waikato, NZ	Melbourne University, AUS	Brown University, USA
Auckland University of Technology, NZ	University of New South Wales, AUS	University of Pennsylvania, USA
Massey University, NZ	Monash University, AUS	Columbia University, USA
University of California, USA	Virginia University, USA	Oklahoma University, USA
St. Louis University, USA	University of Nebraska, USA	Vanderbilt University, USA

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