



WESTLAKE BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROSPECTUS



WELCOME TO WESTLAKE BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Kia ora!

Westlake Boys High School is a truly 'international' school, with a community made up of families from all over the world. They all bring different experiences, perspectives and values to our school, helping us to grow stronger as a community. We want you to share your culture and heritage with us.

We are very proud of our educational reputation. You will be offered a wide range of subjects and we will guide you to choose the subjects most suited to your interests, strengths, future studies and careers. After finishing school, many of our students gain entry into prestigious universities locally and globally.

Learning doesn't only happen in the classroom. Outside the classroom we encourage you to take part in our extensive co-curricular programme which includes sports, music, cultural groups and many other

clubs and activities. This gives you the opportunity to develop new skills and leadership qualities. Westlake's music programme is known as one of the best in New Zealand and is internationally renowned. Our sports programme is extensive and caters for all levels of skills.

We encourage our senior students to develop their leadership skills, to help and coach our junior students and give back to the community through service opportunities. Please see the separate insert for the full list of activities available.

Westlake Boys High School is situated on Auckland's North Shore, a beautiful, safe area, famous for its beaches and parks, and only 15 minutes from the Auckland CBD.

We look forward to the contribution you will make to our school and the wider school community.



David Ferguson
Headmaster



ACADEMIC SUCCESS



NEW ZEALAND STATISTICS

- Ranks as one of the top countries in the OECD Pisa Index for Mathematics, Science and English.
- One of the highest ranked countries in the world for living conditions and quality of life in the OECD Better Life Index.
- One of the safest countries in the world, ranked by the Global Peace Index.
- Population 4.8 million.
- Auckland is the largest city, with a population of 1.4 million.



ACADEMIC SUCCESS AT WESTLAKE BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Westlake Boys High School has a very strong focus on academic success. We are proud that, as a result of hard work and excellent teaching, every year our boys achieve academic results that are among the highest in the country. Please see the enclosed insert for the school's latest academic results.



GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

The majority of students who leave Westlake Boys each year continue their studies at university, either in New Zealand or other parts of the world. In recent years we have had students who have gone on to attend some of the most prestigious universities in the world, including:

- Harvard University, USA
- Columbia University, USA
- Cambridge University, UK
- Oxford University, UK
- University College London (UCL), UK
- Imperial College London (ICL), UK
- King's College London, UK
- University of Toronto, Canada
- University of Sydney, Australia
- University of Melbourne, Australia



STUDENT SUPPORT



ACCOMMODATION

You will stay with a lovely homestay family specially chosen to ensure that you are safe and well cared for. Our Homestay Manager personally checks and approves all our homestay families.



INSURANCE

Students are required by New Zealand law to have full Medical and Travel Insurance. We can arrange this for you.



WELFARE

You will be looked after by our International Department staff, who are dedicated to providing the best care possible for you and your family. Westlake Boys High School is a signatory to the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016. Our students' physical and emotional welfare is of paramount importance to us. We have two dedicated Guidance Counsellors and a school nurse on site.



CAREER ADVICE

Our Careers Department provide up-to-date information and advice about further studies and careers opportunities after leaving school.



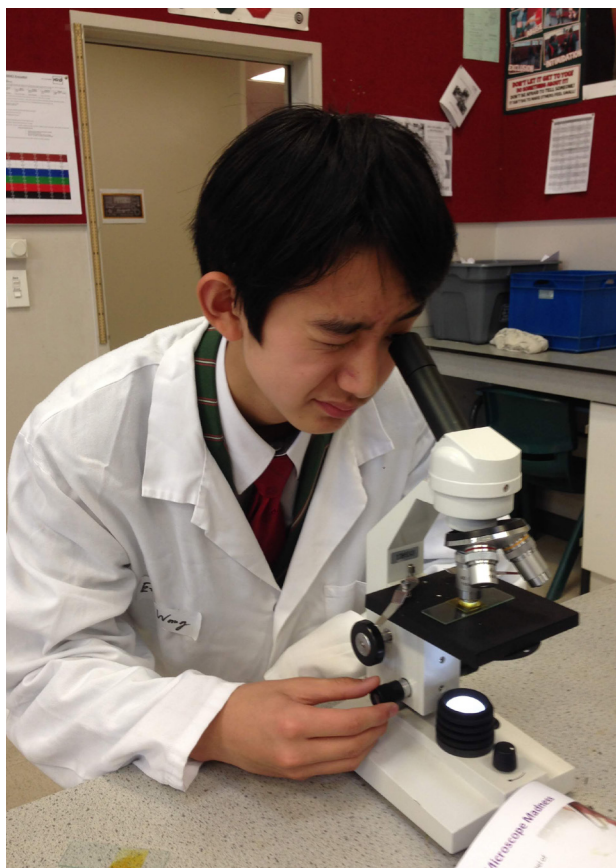
ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

THE NEW ZEALAND CURRICULUM

In Years 9 and 10 our students follow a broad and balanced curriculum, based on the New Zealand Curriculum's Learning Areas. This includes English, Mathematics, Social Sciences, Science, Languages, Arts, Technology and Physical Education.

In Year 11 students begin their NCEA courses with level 1, selecting six subjects from a large range on offer. English and Mathematics are compulsory and students must select at least one from the science and technology subjects, at least one from the social sciences, languages and arts subjects and two others from these groups.

Year 12 students study six subjects at Level 2 and Year 13 students study five or six subjects at Level 3. English is compulsory at every level. Our curriculum pathways are designed to make sure that our students are successfully prepared for life after school, so we offer as wide a range of subject areas and skills as possible.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPTIONS

We offer a very broad range of extra-curricular options to extend the education and experiences of our students. This includes one of the very best music school programmes in the country, with bands, orchestras and choirs that consistently achieve awards both in New Zealand and overseas. You can choose from 30 different sports, including basketball, football, rugby, badminton, table tennis, rowing, hockey and swimming. You can also get involved in debating, chess, community service projects and environmental groups, to name just a few. We encourage you to try something new – you might discover a new passion!



WHAT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES SAY

It was not easy to head overseas without Mum and Dad at the age of 15 and to study in a foreign country with all the culture differences, language issues, and a whole new environment to adapt to. The staff in the international department made my life here so much easier and more enjoyable. They gave me a sense of belonging, making me feel like a part of the family and making Westlake home for me.

We are told you walk into Westlake as a boy, and you walk out as a man. The knowledge, friendships and life experience that I got from Westlake as a boy are all valuable treasures that I can definitely carry on as a man. Everything that's happened here, those successes and failures, excitements and depressions, joys and hard work, are the things that make me a proud Westlaker.

Bingzheng
China

I'm very happy that I had the opportunity to study at Westlake. The school is very big and they have all kinds of facilities for the students to use. The way the teachers teach is very different from my country where students stay in their class and the teacher comes to the class but in NZ the student must move to different classes for different subjects.

I chose Westlake because I heard that it is a good school. Westlake is as good as people say. This is the first school I have attended that is really fun and interesting. It is fun because everyone here is friendly and the way the teachers teach is inspiring.

I live in a homestay and the house isn't far from school. The homestay parents are nice and very friendly to me and they make me feel comfortable to live with them.

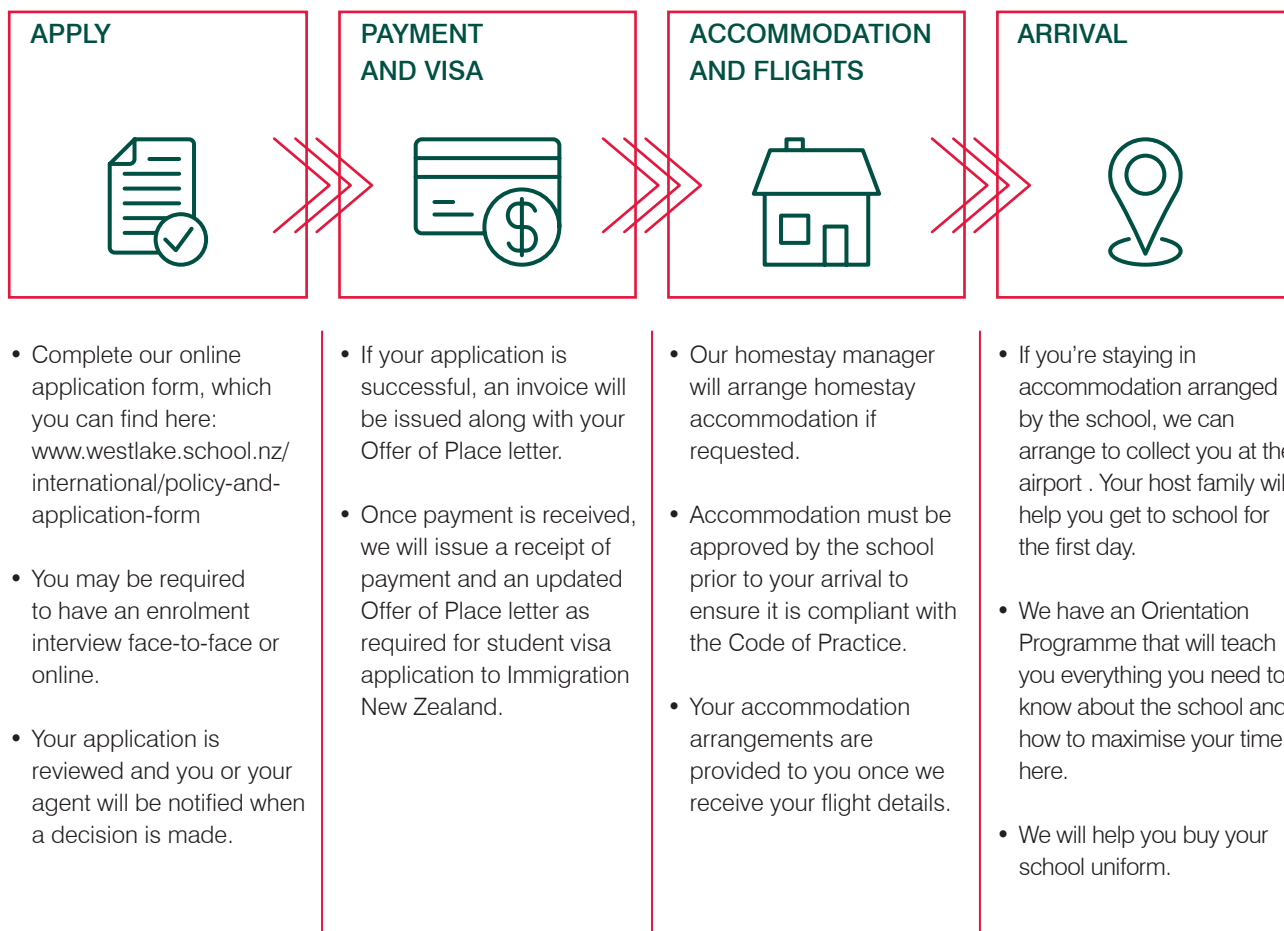
Federick
Indonesia

Westlake Boys High School is a great place to raise boys. My son spent five wonderful years here. He met lots of excellent teachers, made some great friends and grew up into a confident young man who is now going on to study at university in the UK.

Jennifer Fan
Parent



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