

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:

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|---------|-------------|--------------|
| 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.

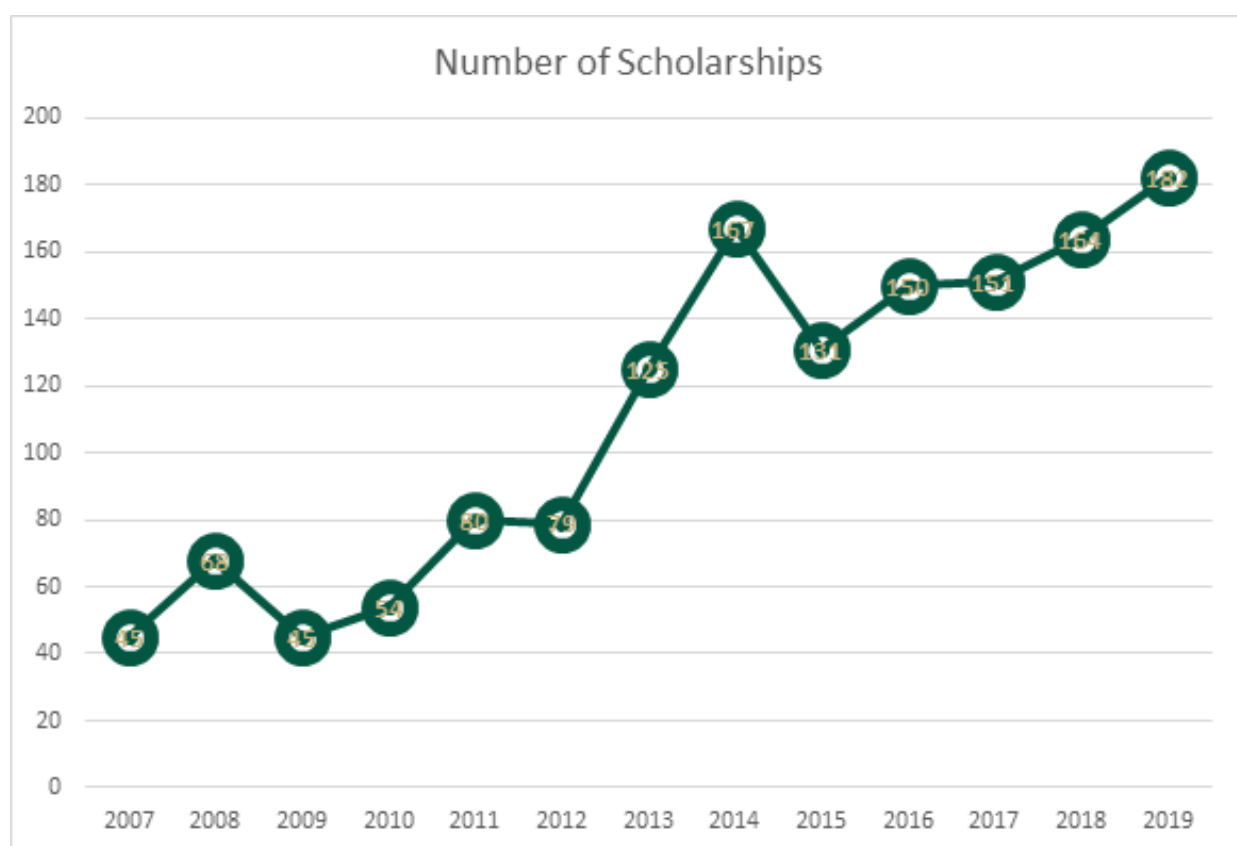
Size of Graduating Class

Westlake currently have 441 students in Year 13, the graduating class of 2020.

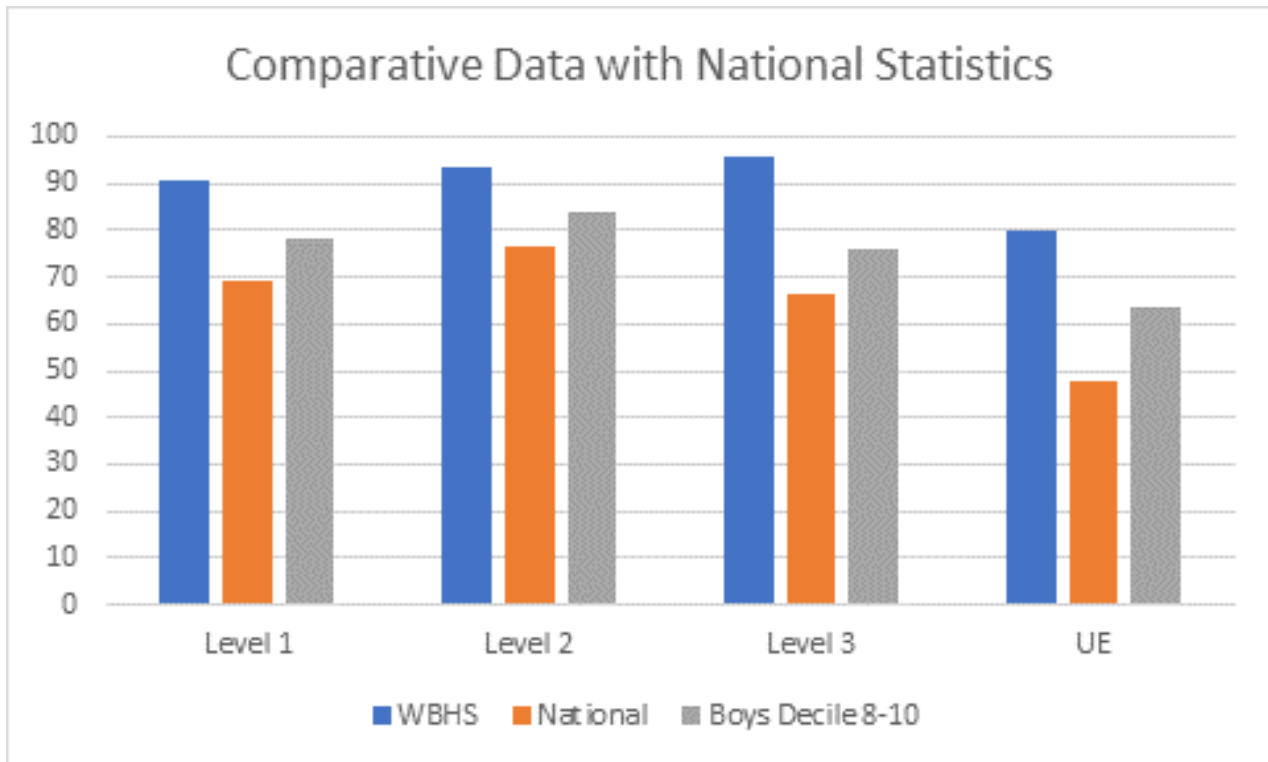
2019 Academic Results

| | Level 1 / IGCSE equivalent | Level 2 / AS Level equivalent | Level 3 / AS and A Level equivalent |
|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2019 | 91% | 94% | 96% |
| 2018 | 93% | 94% | 95% |
| 2017 | 94% | 93% | 94% |
| 2016 | 93% | 92% | 91% |
| 2015 | 94% | 90% | 94% |

In addition, our students were awarded with 182 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 2019. The NZ scholarship examination is the highest level of qualification that graduating students can attain.



Comparative Data



| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | UE |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| WBHS | 90.4 | 93.6 | 95.6 | 80 |
| National | 69.3 | 76.6 | 66.2 | 47.8 |
| Boys Decile 8-10 | 78.2 | 83.7 | 76 | 63.5 |

Subject Options in Year 13

Accounting
Academy of Sport
Elite
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Chinese
Chinese for
Native Speakers
Classical Studies
Control
Technology
Design Art
Design & Visual
Communication
(DVC – Graphics)
Digital
Technologies
Drama

Earth and Space
Science
Economics
English
English Visual
13 Englis with
Maori/Pasifika
Literature
French
Gateway
Geography
German
History (New
Zealand)
History of Art
Japanese
Korean
Korean for Native
Speakers

Maori Performing
Arts
Mathematics
Calculus
Mathematics
Alternate
Mathematics
(Statistics &
Modelling)
Mechanical
Engineering
Media Studies
Music
Music -
Contemporary
Outdoor
Education
Outdoor
Education Marine

Painting
Photography
Physical
Education
Physics
Programming
Science
Sculpture
Social Studies
Sports &
Recreation
Technology -
Food
Technology –
Mechanical
Engineering
Te Reo Māori
Tourism

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:

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| 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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