



Westlake Boys High School

Te Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitamatāne o Ururoto



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 approximately 2500 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 several other countries. We welcome students from all our communities, and currently have students with around 80 different cultural heritages. We are proud of all our students and believe that every single young person has a huge amount to contribute to our school and all our communities. We try to place the individual student at the heart of his own education, 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.

Academic Excellence and Extension Pathways

Students who show academic strength and talent are placed on an Extension Pathway. This means they will be placed in extension classes for the subjects where they are working at a high academic level and will take some assessments at an advanced level. The aim of this pathway is to be well prepared to take NZ Scholarship Exams in Year 13 (or sooner). In other classes, students are taught in a mixed ability setting and teachers differentiate their teaching and learning strategies to suit the individuals in their class and cater for all learners.

Size of Graduating Class

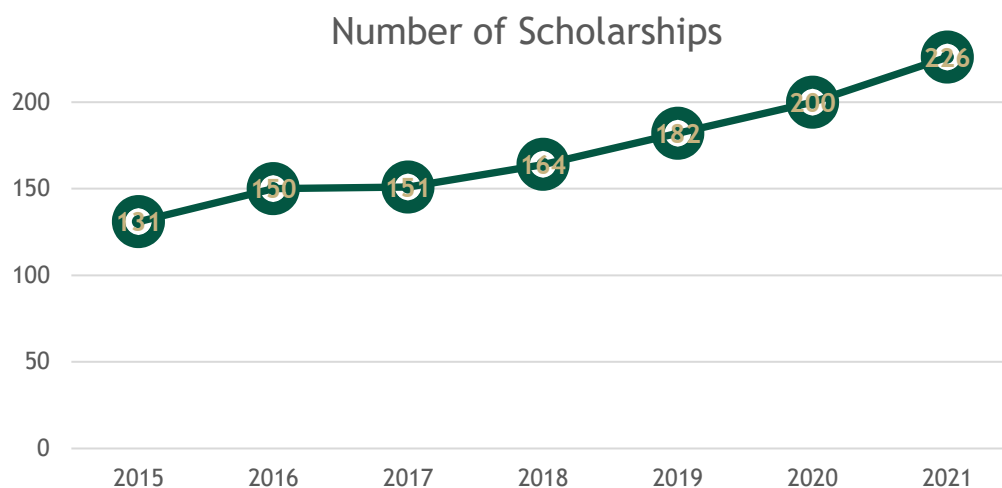
In 2022, there were approximately 416 students in the Year 13 cohort

2021 Academic Results

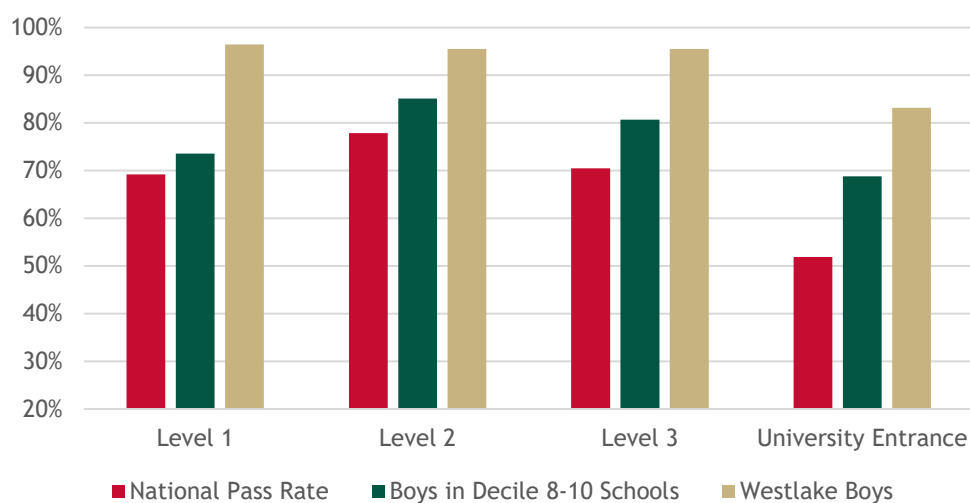
The table of recent results is:

Students achieving NCEA Levels and CIE equivalents: passes			
	Level 1 / IGCSE equivalent	Level 2 / AS Level equivalent	Level 3 / AS and A Level equivalent
2021	99.1%	96.8%	98.2%
2020	96.2%	96.2%	97.5%
2019	90.6%	93.6%	96.4%
2018	91%	93%	95%
2017	94%	93%	94%
2016	93%	92%	91%
2015	94%	90%	94%
2014	96%	91%	94%
2013	97%	95%	93%
2012	96%	93%	88%

The NZ scholarship examination is the highest level of qualification that graduating students can attain. Our students were awarded with 226 New Zealand Scholarships last year, which was the second highest in New Zealand, but the top performing school per capita. In 2021, two of our students were named in the Top 12 scholars in the country, and one student achieved Top in New Zealand in Media Studies. We had more students named in the Top Scholarship Awards (Premier, Top Subject Scholars and Outstanding Scholars) than any other school in New Zealand.



Achievement of NCEA Certificates in 2021



Subject Options in Year 13

YEAR 13 SUBJECTS			
Accounting	Earth and Space Science	Korean	Painting
Art History	Economics	Korean for Native Speakers	Photography
Biology	English	Māori Performing Arts	Product Design
Building and Construction	English Visual	Mathematics with Calculus	Physics
Business Studies	English for Speakers of Other Languages	Mathematics with Statistics	Robotics
Chemistry	Food Technology	Mechanical Engineering	Science
Chinese	French		Sculpture
Chinese for Native Speakers	Gateway	Media Studies	Social Studies
Classical Studies	Geography	Music	Spanish
Design	German	Music – Contemporary	Sports and Recreation
Design and Visual Communication	History	Open ground Entrepreneurship	Technical Production
Digital Technologies	Hospitality	Outdoor Education	Te Reo Māori
Drama	Japanese	Outdoor Education Marine	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. Year after year, most of these groups receive accolades at the National music and choir festivals. 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 our Charity Council fundraising for several local charities, our students also can participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Programme, Model UN, UNICEF and Amnesty International, as well as a few outreach programmes with our local primary and intermediate schools. In addition, numerous special interest clubs are available, such as Chess, Debating, Environment and Young Enterprise. Most of these groups provide leadership opportunities for our students.

Graduation

Around 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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