



# 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 2600 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 | Elevate     | Seven 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

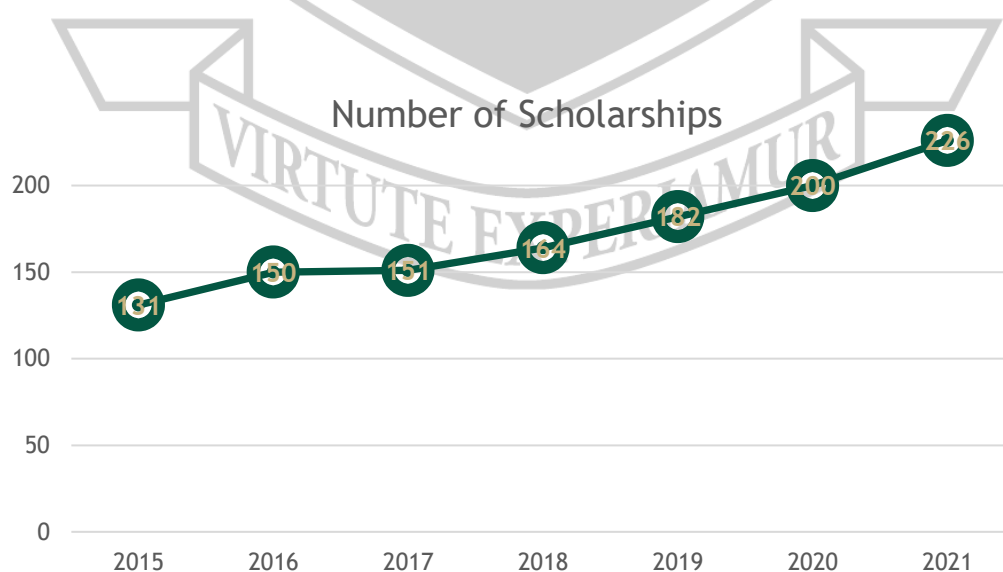
In 2023, there were approximately 435 students in the Year 13 cohort

## 2022 Academic Results

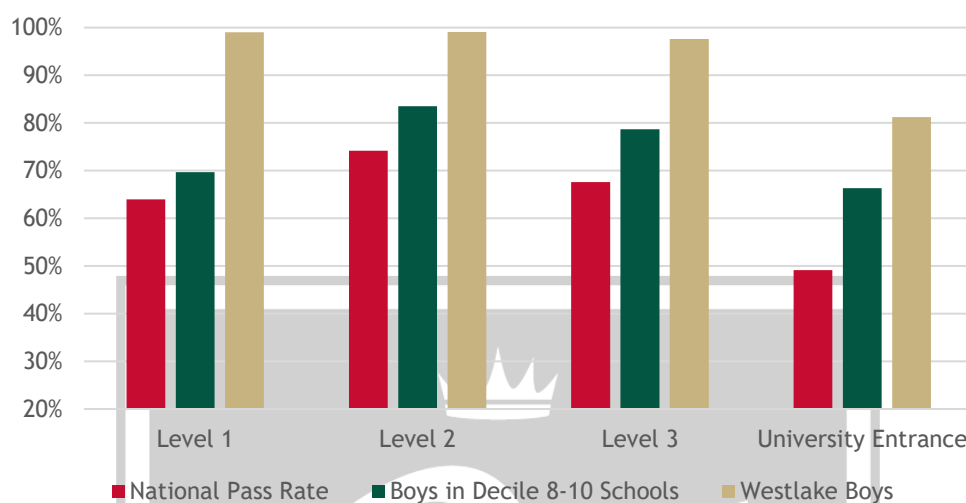
The table of recent results is:

| Students achieving NCEA Levels and CIE equivalents: passes |                            |                               |                                     |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|  | Level 1 / IGCSE equivalent | Level 2 / AS Level equivalent | Level 3 / AS and A Level equivalent |
| 2022   | 99.0%                      | 99.1%                         | 97.6%                               |
| 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 (204) New Zealand Scholarships last year, which was the highest in New Zealand. In 2022, two of our students were named in the Top 12 scholars in the country, and three students achieved Top in New Zealand in their subject.



## Achievement of NCEA Certificates in 2022



## Subject Options in Year 13

| YEAR 13 SUBJECTS                |   |                              |                       |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Accounting                      | Economics                               | Mathematics with Calculus    | Physics               |
| Art History                     | English                                 | Mathematics with Statistics  | Robotics              |
| Biology                         | English Visual                          | Mathematics Alternate        | Science               |
| Building and Construction       | English for Speakers of Other Languages | Mechanical Engineering       | Sculpture             |
| Business Studies                | Food Technology                         |                              | Social Studies        |
| Chemistry                       | French                                  | Media Studies                | Spanish               |
| Chinese                         | Gateway                                 | Music                        | Sports and Recreation |
| Chinese for Native Speakers     | Geography                               | Music – Contemporary         | Technical Production  |
| Classical Studies               | German                                  | Open ground Entrepreneurship | Te Ao Haka            |
| Design                          | History                                 | Outdoor Education            | Te Reo Māori          |
| Design and Visual Communication | Hospitality                             | Outdoor Education Marine     | Tourism               |
| Digital Technologies            | Japanese                                | Painting                     |                       |
| Drama                           | Korean                                  | Photography                  |                       |
| Earth and Space Science         | Korean for Native Speakers              | Product Design               |                       |

## 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 gain university entrance; the majority going 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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