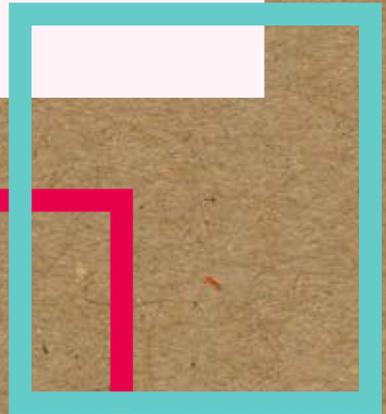


New Zealand
Schools

Learn
To
Think
New



Welcome to New Zealand, a place that truly embraces new thinking.

It's a place where schools focus on teaching you to solve problems creatively and to absorb, analyse and apply information. It's the difference between truly understanding something and simply remembering it.

In New Zealand, you will be encouraged to collaborate and work with other students, which supports flexible, independent thought and open debate. You'll develop confidence, personal belief, and be amazed at what you learn here.

When you study in New Zealand, you will learn to Think New, like we do.

A NEW FOCUS ON YOU.



Here your eyes will be opened to new ways of looking at the world, your mind will grow and you will thrive. New Zealand's school system will uncover your potential.

You will be encouraged and supported through every step of your journey. What you learn here will stay with you for the rest of your life.

NEW ZEALAND — QUALITY EDUCATION.



New Zealand's education system consistently ranks amongst the best in the world.



You can be confident that any school you're considering in New Zealand will meet the highest educational standards. The standards our schools adhere to are rigorously monitored and tested by the government, providing a consistently high level of education, wherever you choose to study.

This commitment has its rewards: New Zealand's Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) scores are above international averages across reading, maths and science.

One in five New Zealand educated 15-year-olds are among the top performers globally in at least one subject area, and New Zealand has double the percentage of top 'all-round' performers compared to the international average.

YOU'LL ALWAYS FEEL SAFE IN NEW ZEALAND.

New Zealand values the quality of education and care students receive so highly that we were the first country to introduce a code.



For more information,
you can read the full code at:
nzqa.govt.nz/the-code

Any school that accepts an international student must follow this code. The code covers the entire education process. It guarantees full disclosure of facts and fees. It ensures schools are marketed appropriately and accurately. It requires schools to provide both academic and pastoral support, and empowers staff to give advice and support to international students.

The pastoral care staff monitor international students' attendance at school and keep in touch with parents. They also take responsibility for ensuring that homestays and school boarding facilities are safe (physical and emotional) environments. We believe these are the conditions you need in order to feel safe and to achieve your best.



We understand that choosing the right school is critical. Our comprehensive quality assurance and regulatory system, which every school in New Zealand is bound by, means that you and your family have the ability and confidence to choose the school that best meets your specific needs. Once again, New Zealand's new thinking continues to deliver high levels of assurance to students and their families.

**The Government
Education Review
Office (ERO)
reports on school
quality online at:
ero.govt.nz**

A **NEW** WAY TO TEACH AND LEARN.

New Zealand teachers inspire their students by encouraging them to think creatively, independently and analytically.

As a student in New Zealand you'll enjoy focused, personal attention from your teachers and access to the latest technology. You'll develop the skills to work with others, and be equally capable of working independently. You'll find a lot of variety in the way you're taught, which keeps the lessons engaging.

New Zealand education maintains a careful balance of practical and theoretical learning. Our graduates have the ability to apply their knowledge and skills to the real world and reap the rewards.

If you want to achieve your best and be taught by teachers who'll help you get there, come and study in New Zealand. You'll learn more than you ever imagined.



A SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT FITS AROUND YOU. **THAT'S NEW.**



The New Zealand education system opens up the possibilities for students by allowing you, and your family, to design an education experience that best meets your specific needs and personality. We will help you with everything you need to succeed, from the type of school and its location to the ideal study programme within a fresh, new environment.

You can also choose the subjects that best suit your skills and change your curriculum as your strengths emerge. New Zealand is a diverse country and that diversity is celebrated in our education system. You can choose from schools that are girls only, boys only or have both boys and girls. Accommodation options include New Zealand homestays and schools with on-campus boarding facilities.

QUALIFICATIONS THAT OPEN NEW FUTURES.

A range of options

The National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) is New Zealand's main national qualification at secondary school level. Some schools also have options such as IGCSE/A Levels (often called the Cambridge International Examinations) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB). It's all about delivering new levels of choice for our students.

NCEA

NCEA results are recognised by many countries and regions:

- > Australia recognises NCEA Level 3 as broadly equivalent to its Senior Secondary Certificates of Education and accepts it for applications for entry to its universities.
- > Britain recognises NCEA Level 3 as broadly equivalent to its General Certificate of Education (GCE) A Level. It is used by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service to evaluate candidates for tertiary education.

- > NCEA is also recognised in India, Thailand, Germany and within the European Union through a number of international agreements.
- > As the United States has no central agency for tertiary admissions, entry applications are made to individual institutions and often involve entry exams. NCEA Level 3 (with Merit/ Excellence endorsements) is usually sufficient for consideration.

NCEA subjects are assessed by both internal assessment and external examination. When enough credits have been accumulated, students are awarded National Certificate of Educational Achievement. High achieving students can get their NCEA qualifications endorsed with a Merit or Excellence rating.

While studying towards their NCEA, students can also achieve a University Entrance qualification, the minimum requirement for making an application to study at a New Zealand university.



New Zealand offers you a great range of education choices. Our qualifications are internationally recognised and easily transferable.

The Cambridge examinations

Approximately 60 New Zealand secondary schools offer the Cambridge International Examinations.

Students can attain qualifications at three levels: in year 11 the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE), in year 12 the International Advanced Subsidiary (AS), in year 13 the International Advanced Level (A Level).

The Cambridge exams use a range of assessment methods with the emphasis on external examinations. Course work and internal assessment are also part of many subjects.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

There are 21 World Schools in New Zealand offering one or more of three IB programmes. Developed in Geneva, the IB is designed to provide an internationally accepted qualification for entry to higher education.

IB is a two-year qualification spread over years 12 and 13. Students complete assessments in six subjects, including at least two languages, as well as a unifying Theory of Knowledge.

Subjects are assessed using both internal and external assessments. Courses finish with an externally assessed series of examinations, usually involving two or three written examinations.

A CAREFULLY DESIGNED PATHWAY.

Use the chart below to see where you fit into the New Zealand education system, based on your age.

In New Zealand, you take your place on a carefully designed education pathway proven to produce graduates with the skills to compete and succeed anywhere in the world.

Early childhood education is available from the age of three. You begin formal education at the age of 5 when you enter primary school.

From here, New Zealand's education system progresses through 13 'Year' levels. Years 1 to 8 (ages 5 to 12) are

spent at primary school, although some children spend years 7 and 8 in intermediate schools.

Secondary school (also known as high school or college) is where you spend years 9 to 13 (ages 13 to 18).

After secondary school, students have the option to go on to universities, institutes of technology and polytechnics, private training establishments or wānanga (Māori-based institutions).

Primary schools build a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy and introduce a broad and balanced curriculum.

Secondary schools focus on subject-based learning, with growing opportunities to specialise as you progress in your learning. At both primary and secondary schools child-focused learning and independent thinking are encouraged.

APPROXIMATE AGE		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM	'YEAR' LEVEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	SCHOOL TYPE	Primary School						Intermediate School		Secondary School					
	NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS	New Zealand Curriculum, National Standards Testing										NCEA Level 1	NCEA Level 2	NCEA Level 3	
OPTIONS	CAMBRIDGE	Primary						Secondary 1			Secondary 2		Advanced		
	IB PROGRAMME	Primary Years Programme							Middle Years				Diploma Programme		

PRACTICAL INFORMATION.

Typical school year

Term one – early February until mid-April

Term two – May until early July

Term three – late July until late September

Term four – mid-October until mid-December

The typical school day

In years 1 to 8 the school day generally lasts from 9am to 3pm. Children of each year are based in one classroom and have one main teacher.

The school day is normally longer in secondary schools, often running from 8:30am to 3:30pm. A lesson normally lasts between 50 minutes and one hour. A student has five or six lessons in an average day, with different teachers.

Uniforms

In most schools students are required to wear school uniforms.

After school

Homework (outside school hours) plays an important role in developing independent learning and study discipline.

In New Zealand it's also common for students to participate in a wide range of extracurricular activities such as sports, music and performing arts.

Visa requirements

For courses of more than 13 weeks, a Student Visa is required. To qualify, you must provide:

- > An offer of place from an educational institution approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority.
- > A written guarantee from an institution or person that suitable accommodation is available in New Zealand (for students under 18 years).
- > A return air ticket, or evidence of sufficient funds to purchase a return flight home.
- > Students need their own health and medical insurance. If required, this can be arranged by the school.

Accompanying parents or guardians

If a child is under the age of 10, their parent or legal Guardian will need to apply for a special visitor visa known as a Guardian Visa.

A Guardian Visa allows a student's parent or legal guardian to accompany the student to New Zealand.

Visit immigration.govt.nz for more information.

English language requirements

If you're an international student, your school may test your level of English and, if necessary, refer you to an intensive English language course before starting school.

NOTES.

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