



## TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Kia ora! Greetings from our International Faculty

Takapuna Grammar School provides international students with a New Zealand experience to remember. It is one of the oldest secondary schools on Auckland's North Shore set in park like grounds and close to several beautiful beaches. It is a ten minute bus or ferry ride from Auckland City and close to local shopping malls. 1700 students attend here and enjoy excellent facilities with a wide range of learning opportunities. Teachers and students are friendly and love meeting new people from around the globe.

Students can study New Zealand's National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme. Most students go onto further study in New Zealand universities or overseas. Many international students enjoy subjects they cannot usually undertake such as technology, art, photography, physical education, business and enterprise, drama and music theatre. Our staff are friendly and work closely with students to ensure they enjoy school and achieve their learning and personal goals while they are here.

Outside the classroom there is a wide range of sporting, musical, cultural and service activities to enjoy at the top level or to just have a go at something new.

Come and join our whanau / family here at Takapuna Grammar School. We would love to have you as part of our family.

Nga mihi nui.

Mary Nixon  
Principal  
Takapuna Grammar School



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Takapuna Grammar School is an outstanding school - highly sought after by families living locally and further afield. The school has a strong reputation for providing an excellent and broad education that ensures all students achieve their personal best.

The school provides two world-class academic curricula; NCEA (the New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement) and IB (the International Baccalaureate). Alongside academic learning, there is a myriad of opportunities for students to make friends and participate in sport, music, culture, business, technology and service groups.

The school has an excellent record of outstanding achievements in academic and a wide range of other endeavours. Since 1927 when the school was established, there has been a continuous stream of alumni who achieve at the highest level, both nationally and internationally.

Staff and students work collaboratively together, embracing diversity and valuing each person's uniqueness. The school community is inclusive and open to new ideas and challenges, yet remains grounded through traditions and sound values.

Participation, having a go and being the best you can be are hallmarks of the school and ensure a friendly, safe environment where people enjoy themselves and develop memories that remain long after they leave.

There is a climate of high expectations where everyone is encouraged to aspire to their personal best in a family environment. Students leave as well rounded, well educated, community minded people who will contribute to making New Zealand and the world a better place.





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# CURRICULUM

Takapuna Grammar School believes in a curriculum which extends students to realise their full potential. Dual qualifications pathways of NCEA (National Certificate of Educational Achievement) and IB (International Baccalaureate) provides an excellent range of learning opportunities. Both programmes are highly regarded globally and students can access tertiary courses in New Zealand and around the world with either qualification.

In Years 9 and 10 students participate in all eight areas of the New Zealand curriculum which ensures that all students have a sound knowledge and a wide skill base is developed.

Some option choices are available at Year 10 as students start developing skills in particular curriculum areas. At Years 11, 12 and 13 students make option choices which enable their progression to chosen careers.

There is a huge range of academic and vocational programmes offered at Takapuna Grammar School to cater for the diverse student population. Regular monitoring of student progress and achievement assists teachers to identify and meet individual needs. There are opportunities for individual and group extension and support through the Leap Programme, multi-level learning, extension within subjects, extension days, and the Scholarship Programme and university courses. Support is offered to individuals and groups in a variety of ways such as individual programmes, tutoring, pre-teaching, and peer teaching.

Other qualifications are available so students can access relevant qualifications such as First Aid certificates and computer skills that develop talents and increase readiness for work.







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# ACADEMIC

Takapuna Grammar School believes in and provides an all-round education for all students. Our students learn and develop skills and qualities to contribute and make New Zealand and the world a better place.

Takapuna Grammar School is proud of its history and widely recognised reputation for academic excellence and student achievement. Being the only Grammar school on the North Shore, it has a special place in the academic community of Auckland and New Zealand.

Many have achieved well in their education at Takapuna Grammar School and progressed onto significant careers and achievements, providing a legacy of world class achievement and performance across a broad range of endeavours.

There is an emphasis on strong academic goals and career pathways. These are the focus of current programmes and future plans of Takapuna Grammar School. We provide a high quality global education and have dual pathways for two world-class and internationally recognised qualifications; New Zealand's NCEA and the International Baccalaureate.

We currently have students performing at the highest levels of assessment in New Zealand and beyond. NCEA and NZQA Scholarship results as well as scores in the International Baccalaureate demonstrate that Takapuna Grammar School is a high performing academic school. Awards in international competitions further enhance Takapuna Grammar School's reputation as an internationally competitive institution.



## WELL RECOGNISED NAMES FEATURE ON THE TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR HONOURS BOARDS:

Phoebe Meikle	Author and Educator
Bruce Mason	Playwright: 'End of the Golden Weather'
Merata Kawharu	Rhodes Scholar
Sir Ian Turbett	Ex-Governor and Commander in Chief, Grenada, West Indies
Sir Peter Blake	World Sailor and Leader for Environment
Bert Sutcliffe	World Cricketer of the Decade
Richard Randerson	Bishop of Auckland
Sir Stephen Tindall	Founder of the Warehouse, New Zealander of the Year
Ella (Lorde) Yellich-O'Connor	Singer and Songwriter
Eliza McCartney	Youngest Female Olympic Medallist
Diane Forman	Entrepreneur
Pamela Stephenson	Clinical Psychologist, Writer and Actor
Gin Wigmore	Singer and Songwriter





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# CO-CURRICULAR

Takapuna Grammar School caters for all interests and abilities and everyone is encouraged to participate in the things they enjoy and to try new ones. Our students make new friends, learn new skills and enjoy creating performances and giving service to the wider community. Numerous leadership opportunities are also available. Many students want to participate in a variety of activities and the school has a culture of including everyone who is committed rather than only selecting the best.

There are many teams and groups so everyone from the elite to the novice and students who just want to join socially are catered for. The school has excellent connections with experienced high level coaches and mentors who provide their expertise through programmes such as the Elite Sports Institute and Leadership Institute.

Takapuna Grammar School has something for everyone with more than 100 activities, clubs and service groups. We value each student's uniqueness and appreciate the diversity of all those who make up our school family. Many students excel and achieve awards in national and international competitions.

There are opportunities for all students to achieve their personal best and receive high level awards and recognition. The Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award,

International Baccalaureate CAS, Young Enterprise and Zonta programmes are examples. Each year the Governor General presents several Gold Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Awards to TGS students or alumni and we have numerous representatives nominated for the regional sports person of the year and AIME awards.

Our staff and students have extensive opportunities to travel overseas to expand their horizons and make global connections. Up to ten tours are approved annually to visit places such as the USA, South America, Europe, the United Kingdom, the Pacific and Africa.

Sport, music and culture are strongly embedded in the culture of the school and every year numbers of our students from many sporting codes, musical genres and other areas of talent represent TGS at regional and national levels. The school has a long list of illustrious alumni who have performed at world class level. Many of these people give back to the school and the community by sharing their experiences with our staff and students.

The list of activities is continuously growing and new opportunities such as the Robotics Club, Makerspace and Music Theatre are now available. Strong support is provided by parents and friends of the school.

