



Kerikeri High School

Kerikeri, Bay of Islands
New Zealand



International Students at Kerikeri High School



Welcome

*Nau mai, haere mai ki Te Kura
Tuarua o Te Kerikeri.*

Welcome to Kerikeri High School.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to share with you what Kerikeri High School has to offer your child, as you consider options for an outstanding New Zealand educational experience.

Kerikeri High School has welcomed International students for over 25 years and we are widely regarded as a premier destination.

Our vision at Kerikeri High School is for our students to experience success across all aspects of school life, equipping them to reach their potential and be resilient, positive, optimistic lifelong learners.

Our school is a warm and caring school and we work hard to serve our diverse and kind-hearted community. We believe strongly in achievement at its highest levels, and in students participating fully in all aspects of school life across the Four Cornerstones of a balanced education - Academic, Sporting, Cultural and Leadership with Service. Our students become positive, connected and successful and they thrive in our busy environment.

Our highest priority is academic success, and we enjoy an excellent reputation for strong academic results. Our school was the first winner of the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, and we are proud of our high quality, specialist teachers. They are experts in their subject areas, and they care deeply about our students and their achievement.

Students from around the world come to Kerikeri High School and thrive; they enjoy our high standards and expectations, our warm and friendly manner, and the unique and beautiful physical environment Kerikeri and the Bay of Islands offers.

The team in our International Department are exceptional people who form strong and positive relationships with our students, always offering them a warm and friendly welcome and making sure they are well cared for during their time with us.

We are proud of our outstanding school, and we look forward to working closely with you and your child, as they enjoy a uniquely New Zealand experience, and make new kiwi friendships which will last for years to come.

Mike Clent | Principal

Our People

Our friendly, warm, and very experienced International Department staff are always on hand to welcome, support and guide our students through their Kerikeri High School experience. We have an "open door" policy offering 24/7 support to our international students and host families.

Students arriving at Auckland International Airport will be assisted by us to transfer to the domestic terminal for a 45-minute domestic flight to Kerikeri or to meet the shuttle bus. Arriving in Kerikeri they will be warmly welcomed by their host family and an International Department staff member.



Welcome to Kerikeri

Kerikeri is in the beautiful Bay of Islands and is home to a vibrant and diverse community of around 10,000 people. Kerikeri is known for its clean, green, safe environment and outdoor lifestyle with access to some of New Zealand's most stunning beaches and coastline, enabling access to a range of activities such as sailing, surfing, snorkelling, kayaking, scuba diving, swimming, and fishing. Our beautiful native forests have some great walks, exciting mountain bike tracks and access to picturesque waterfalls and landscapes. The town has three sporting complexes, multiple fitness centres, a movie theatres, and many cafes.

Academic Programme

In New Zealand our senior Secondary School qualification is the NCEA, the National Certificate of Educational Achievement.

These senior courses include:

Automotive, Biology, Business Management, Calculus, Chemistry, Design and Visual Communication, Digital Technologies, Drama, Economics, English, Entertainment and Event Technology, Fashion Design, Geography, History, Hospitality, Mathematics, Music, Outdoor and Environmental Education, Physical Education, Physics, Sciences, Spanish, Statistics, Te Reo Māori, Te Ao Haka, Technology (Wood, Metal and Engineering Design), Visual Arts (Design, Painting, Photography).

We have a strong academic record, and we are very proud of the academic achievements of our students.



Academic Plus at Kerikeri High School

International students enrolled at Kerikeri High School can choose to take part in one of our Academic Plus Programmes; Sailing, Surfing or Equestrian. Students doing these programmes will study regular classes Monday – Thursdays and on Fridays they will be participating in their chosen Academy. The additional cost of these programmes includes professional coaching, equipment, and transport.

Sailing Academy

Our Sailing Academy operates from the Bay of Islands Yacht Club in Waitangi. Our coaches cater to all levels from beginners to experienced sailors who are looking to better their racing skills. The Sailing Academy has ILCA's, RS Fevas, 29ers, 49ers and a Nacra 17, we also have access to keel boats for the students to navigate and discover the beautiful Bay of Islands on our overnight adventures, as well as wind surfers and wing foilers.

Academic Plus Equestrian

Our Academic Plus Equestrian programme is run by a local riding school, Kate's Riding Centre. The instructors are competitive show jumpers with an interest in Natural Horsemanship. The programme can accommodate any ability level, from complete novice to accomplished rider. Each rider is paired with a suitable horse/pony, allowing them to create a bond over the term. Students will receive flatwork and jumping lessons in a large all weather sand arena and go on farm treks.

Academic Plus Surfing

Our Academic Plus Surfing programme is run by a local surf school, Sky's Surf School. It's an exciting programme for students wanting to surf in a fun group environment with expert instructors. The location of each day will vary with weather and surf conditions; however, you are guaranteed some of the most beautiful beaches in Northland. The instructors' enthusiasm, passion and love for the sport is totally infectious, they have got the surfing bug and are keen to pass it on. The instruction caters to all levels and includes surf and beach safety.



Extra Curriculum

We focus on offering our students a wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom and encourage them to participate in clubs, activities, and sports available at school. The Creative Arts are strong in Kerikeri and there are many opportunities to be involved in Drama and Music performances, School Bands, and Kapa Haka (Māori culture group). We have a strong reputation in Debating and Public Speaking, and our formal Senior School Ball is always a social highlight.

Over 40 individual and team sports are offered to students to participate and represent our school in, including Sailing, Mountain Biking, Rugby, Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Hockey, track and Field Athletics and Swimming to name a few. There are additional opportunities to be involved in local sports clubs beyond school.

Leadership and service opportunities are also a focus and a number of our International students enjoy the opportunities to work closely with younger students as role models and Peer Support Leaders.



Host Families

International students at Kerikeri High School live with local families during their stay in Kerikeri, enjoying a "Kiwi family experience". Each homestay family is unique, some families host one student, whilst others host two or three students. We have families living both in town and out of town (rural). Some families are located within walking distance to the school and the shops, or if you live in a rural homestay family you may catch the school bus to and from school. You could live on a farm where there are horses and other farm animals and pets.



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