

UPPER HUTT COLLEGE



INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS

Kia ora and Welcome to Upper Hutt College



Thank you for considering Upper Hutt College for your child's international education journey. Choosing a secondary school in another country is an important decision — one that shapes not only academic success, but personal growth, confidence, and lifelong memories. At Upper Hutt College, we are proud to offer a truly authentic New Zealand experience, combining academic excellence with outstanding care, opportunity, and community.

We provide a strong and flexible academic programme designed to meet the needs and aspirations of international students. Our wide range of subjects allows students to enhance their current qualifications or work toward nationally recognised New Zealand qualifications.

English language support is available to help students build confidence and achieve success as they develop their communication skills. Our goal is to ensure every student feels capable, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential.

Education extends far beyond the classroom. At Upper Hutt College, students enjoy a vibrant co-curricular programme including sports, cultural activities, performing arts, clubs, and subject-based field trips throughout the Wellington region and beyond.

International students are fully integrated into school life — participating in events, taking on leadership opportunities, and exploring both familiar and new activities. Whether excelling in academics, discovering a new sport, or performing on stage, every student can find their place here.

International students are a valued and important part of our community. We celebrate the perspectives, traditions, and experiences they bring, encouraging meaningful cultural exchange and lasting friendships.

We warmly invite you to join the Upper Hutt College community and discover the opportunities, friendships, and adventures that await in New Zealand.

Your journey begins here.

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Judith Taylor
Principal



Why choose Upper Hutt College

Our school is a co-ed secondary school, located in a picturesque river valley surrounded by green forested hills. The great thing about the location of Upper Hutt College is that, on the one hand, you can enjoy the cosmopolitan charm of Wellington city with its cafes, shops, art galleries, festivals and events and, on the other hand, you can enjoy being close to the outdoors surrounded by nature. There are plenty of places to explore in our region in a safe and beautiful natural environment.

Our strengths

- We have excellent facilities with modern teaching and learning spaces.
- Very good academic achievement and we are proud of our students' results.
- An extensive choice of school subjects including many options in the creative and performing arts, sports and adventure areas.
- Personalised learning programmes to suit students' aspirations and interests.
- Students and their wellbeing are central to our school decision making.
- Ongoing support from our dedicated international staff.
- Supportive and caring host families from the local area.
- Past international students have ranked their experience very highly – 96% were very positive and have loved the time they spent at Upper Hutt College.

Student Experiences



"My host family was so nice. They really supported me in all my activities and included me in their family life. I felt like an actual family member and loved it."
Anna – Germany

"I had so much fun here in New Zealand and at Upper Hutt College. I had many kind and caring friends with the kiwi students, and I felt so comfortable and welcome"
Saeko – Japan



"During my time at Upper Hutt College, I had an incredible experience. I loved the school and the NZ teaching methods. The staff and the students were very friendly, and I enjoyed my subject learning and trying new sports." Laís - Brazil

"I have learned so much from being a part of the UHC community. Your kindness, guidance and encouragement made my time here very special, and I truly appreciate the effort you and your staff put into supporting me and making me feel at home" Esteban - Chile



SUBJECTS TO SUIT YOUR INTERESTS AND ASPIRATIONS

We offer a broad range of subjects with specialist teachers taught in specialist spaces. Browse our subjects and find out more about our course options at www.upperhutt.school.nz



ARTS

- Music
- Art Design
- Painting
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Drama
- Dance

TECHNOLOGY

- Digital Technology
- Building & Construction
- Mechanical Engineering
- Hospitality & Catering (Foods)
- Textiles

HEALTH & PE

- Health Education
- Physical Education
- Outdoor Education/Adventure
- Sports Leadership
- Sports Performance

SOCIAL SCIENCE

- Social Studies
- Economics
- Classical Studies
- Media Studies
- Business Studies
- Geography
- History
- Tourism

MATHEMATICS

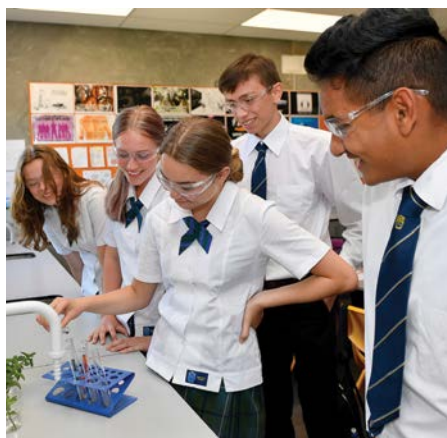
- Mathematics
- Calculus
- Statistics

SCIENCE

- Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

LANGUAGES

- English and ESOL
- Japanese
- Te Reo Māori
- Other languages (online learning)



Why choose New Zealand

New Zealand ranks:

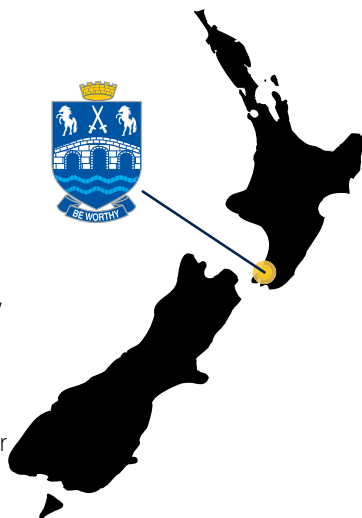
- 1st country in the world to have a wellbeing strategy for International students.
- 3rd most peaceful country in the world.
- 1st English-speaking country in Education for the Future Index – indicating readiness of education systems to prepare young people for future work and life skills, including critical thinking and digital readiness.
- 5th out of 81 countries in OECD assessments for creative thinking, problem solving and innovation in classroom learning.
- Highly in global university rankings.



Why choose Wellington

Wellington is a compact, high-energy capital that blends world-class culture with stunning natural landscapes.

- A city with a high quality of life – frequently ranked among the top cities in the world for quality of life, offering a safe, vibrant and welcoming atmosphere.
- A culinary leader – boasting more eateries per capita than New York City.
- A film hub – known as Wellywood, home to the Oscar-winning Wētā Workshop and iconic Lord of the Rings film locations.
- Easy to get around – Wellington Central is only two kilometers wide, allowing you to walk across the heart of the central city in under 20 minutes.
- An environmental pioneer – home to the world's first fully fenced urban animal and plant sanctuary called Zealandia.



WELLBEING AND SUPPORT

School Support

Our students and staff are open and welcoming and look forward to meeting people from other parts of the world. We have a dedicated team of staff in the International Department who provide a high level of guidance and support towards our international students. Our international buddy programme ensures our new international students make friends, feel connected from day one and are part of a warm, supportive school culture. With their commitment and enthusiasm, our International students feel at home and are able to immerse themselves in the many new sporting and cultural activities the school has to offer to make the most of their stay in New Zealand.



Host Families – Homestay

We offer excellent support systems, and our host families are an integral part of our international student programme. Students are placed in carefully selected, loving host families where they are embraced as a new member of the family and get to experience a genuine introduction to kiwi life.

These relationships often become one of the most memorable and treasured aspects of the international experience.



OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Sports, Culture, Arts and Activities

Upper Hutt College offers a wide range of activities and opportunities for students.



SPORT – you can get involved in

- Archery
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Cycling
- Dragonboating
- Floorball
- Football
- Futsal
- Golf
- Hockey
- Indoor Bowls
- Gym Programmes
- Hockey
- Indoor Bowls
- Ki-o-rahi
- Lawn Bowls
- Netball
- Martial Arts Clubs
- Rugby
- Smallbore Rifle Shooting
- Softball
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Touch Rugby
- Tough Gal Challenge
- Volleyball

CULTURAL GROUPS, PERFORMING ARTS and other ACTIVITIES – you can join

- Art Factory
- Barbershop Quartet
- Chess Club
- Choir/Choruses
- Craft Club
- Christian Group
- Debating
- Dungeons & Dragons Club
- Amnesty International
- iPinoy Club
- Jazz/ Blues/ Concert Bands
- Kapa Haka
- Music Lessons
- NZ Sign Language Group
- Poly Club
- Rockquest
- School Productions
- Show Quest - dance

SERVICE – you can get involved in

- 40 Hour Famine
- Arts Committee
- Cultural Committee
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Environmental Group
- House Leader
- Library Assistant
- Peer Mediator
- Peer Tutor
- Queer Straight Alliance
- Relay for Life
- School Ball Committee
- School Leader
- Sound & Lighting Crew
- Sports Committee
- Student Council
- Student Wellbeing Committee
- Year 12 & 13 Tuakana Leaders

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