“The past two years have been amazing for me. I will never forget every single minute here in New Zealand.”
Aunchana Lertlumnapakul, Thailand – Year 12

“Great experience for us to spend time here.”
Junna Tamura, Japanese – Y11

“Enjoy your time at Whangaparaoa College and see how ‘Kiwi’ people live.”
Phi Phung Nguyen, Vietnam – Year 9

“Time in New Zealand was just a unique experience that I will never forget. All the friends that I have made in the school and the football team were great and welcoming. I learnt a lot here in the school.
Gabriel Crespo, Brazil – Y12

“If you have the chance to study at Whangaparaoa College - do it! You won’t regret anything, I promise.”
Sophie Schmidt, Germany – Y12
THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE FOR YOUR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION.

- Whangaparaoa College is in Auckland, New Zealand. You will be in one of the safest countries in the world and New Zealand has one of the best education systems in the world.

- Whangaparaoa College is situated in the safest area of New Zealand, close to wonderful beaches and with many parks and reserves.

- The school was established in 2005. This means it has the most modern buildings and facilities in New Zealand.

- Our Principal, Senior Learning Team, staff and the Board of Trustees are fully engaged and committed to giving your child the very best opportunity to experience schooling, social and outdoor activities and New Zealand during their stay with us.

www.international.wgpcollege.school.nz
WHY NEW ZEALAND?

New Zealand is one of the safest places in the world. Our police force is very friendly and is known as one of the most honest in the world.

New Zealand’s Education System is known as one of the best in the world. The PISA studies by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) lists New Zealand as one of the top countries in the world.

The PISA study - http://www.pisa.oecd.org - surveys 15-year-olds in the industrialised countries. Every three years, it assesses how far students near the end of compulsory education have acquired some of the knowledge and skills in Reading, Mathematics and Science. The results are given below.

New Zealand has a clean, green image. There is no nuclear power, very little pollution and no population overcrowding. There are uncrowded beaches and plenty of parks across the whole country including the cities.

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WHY WHANGAPARAOA?

WHANGAPARAOA PENINSULA IS a suburban area located about 39.5km north of Auckland.

Whangaparaoa is Maori for “Bay of Whales”. Pods of orca and dolphins can be regularly spotted in the peninsula waters.

The crime rate in Whangaparaoa is the lowest in New Zealand. There is only a very small police station and State Police are not armed in New Zealand. People walk around the area to visit other people and there is little risk.

Whangaparaoa is surrounded by many beaches with very few people. The beaches are very safe for swimming. Stanmore Bay beach is 1km from the school and is used as part of the outdoor education for our students. There are lots of parks and reserves on the Whangaparaoa Peninsula. There are also several golf courses, a marina, a football club, two sailing clubs, a shopping centre, movie theatre, bowling alley and library. The summers are generally dry and the winters are wet with a rainfall of about 1200mm. Temperatures range from around 2°C on the coldest mornings, to 28°C on the hottest days.

There are no large buildings on the Whangaparaoa Peninsula. There are no large industrial sites and it is mainly a residential area. The residents live in stand-alone houses as there are no high rise apartments. Approximately 22,788 people live on the Whangaparaoa Peninsula, while the greater Auckland area is home to 1.5 million people or one-third of the population of New Zealand.

It takes about 35 minutes via the motorway to get to the centre of Auckland City. Auckland is a large city with world class recreation activities. It is often called the City of Sails because there are so many people who enjoy sailing. It also has the facilities of a large city including restaurants, sporting stadiums, music and cultural events, and outstanding art galleries.
WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE IS a Year 7 to 13 school.

At Whangaparaoa College you will learn in one of the most modern schools in New Zealand. The school opened in 2005 so all the buildings are in perfect condition. Computers are readily available and every student has access to the internet. Wi-fi is available throughout the school. International students can Skype their families directly from school.

There is a dedicated international students room and an English language support classroom to provide assistance to our international students. As well there are all the facilities of a large, modern well-equipped school. There is a very large gymnasium and an excellent performing arts centre. Sports, Dance, Drama and Music are all part of the life at the college and many international students participate in these activities.

The school is very spacious covering 19.5 hectares, with wide open spaces and large fields. It is close to the beach and classes will often walk to the beach for science or other lessons. Most students walk to school from home or use the inexpensive school bus.
# LEARNING PROGRAMMES

ESOL extra English support is available to all students.

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<td><strong>Choose three full courses and three half courses from the following options. Note that the courses in green are offered as both full courses and half courses.</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>ARTS:</strong> Practical Art* Drama Dance Music&lt;br&gt;<strong>LANGUAGES:</strong> French Maori&lt;br&gt;<strong>HEALTH &amp; PE</strong>&lt;br&gt;Physical Education (half course only)&lt;br&gt;<strong>TECHNOLOGY:</strong> Fabric &amp; Fashion Food &amp; Nutrition* Hard Materials DVC (Design &amp; Visual Communication) Building &amp; Construction Information Technology&lt;br&gt; <strong>SOCIAL SCIENCES:</strong> Geography History Economics Business Studies</td>
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| Year 13 | | **Choose five courses from the following options**<br>**MATHEMATICS**<br>Mathematics Statistics<br>**LANGUAGES**<br>English / ESOL / Literacy Media Studies French Maori<br>**SCIENCE**<br>Science Biology Chemistry Physics<br>**HEALTH & PE**<br>Physical Education Outdoor Education* Health Lifestyles<br>**TECHNOLOGY**<br>Fabric & Fashion Food & Nutrition* Hard Materials Information Technology DVC (Design & Visual Communication) Building & Construction Computing Hospitality*<br> **SOCIAL SCIENCES**<br>Geography History Economics Business Studies<br>**ARTS**<br>Practical Art* Art Design Drama Dance Music<br>**P**LEAS**E** **N**OTE: Option subjects marked with a * involve fees for which international students will need to make an additional payment. This is to cover the cost of field trips, camps and extra materials. For details, please contact the international students office.<br>MEDIA STUDIES, COMPUTING, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY and PHOTOGRAPHY: Students will need their own laptops and will require specific software for these options. If students don’t have the required software, they will be required to purchase it.
AT WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE we welcome, encourage and support all of our international students to get involved with a sport during their time here. It is a fantastic way of meeting and making new friends and also a chance to gain some new skills. Prior to your arrival, it is helpful if information can be sent to the International Department of any sports you may be interested in joining during your time at the College. This way we can provide you with the necessary information.

AT WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE we have a vibrant performing arts programme. Students are encouraged to participate in the school bands, choirs or performance groups. From Dance to Drama, Stage Challenge to Shakespeare, our performing arts department offers something for everybody.

If you play a musical instrument and would like to continue with music lessons in New Zealand, please let us know so we can provide you with the necessary information.
WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE UNDERSTANDS that the homestay family plays a very important role in making sure our international students have a very memorable, enjoyable and successful overseas experience. Many of our homestay families have hosted international students previously and have made lifetime connections all over the world.

Our homestay families are located on the Whangaparaoa Peninsula. The families are all English speaking families.

OUR HOMESTAY CO-ORDINATOR spends a lot of time selecting the right homestay family for each individual international student. All of our homestay families have gone through a very extensive application and interview process and each home is visited and assessed before selection. All family members over the age of 18 have Police vetting completed to ensure they are trustworthy and have no criminal convictions. We keep in regular contact with our homestay families and arrangements are made to visit all our families twice a year.

ALL STUDENTS HAVE THEIR OWN ROOM and are provided with three meals a day. Students are also given a 24 hour contact number which they can use in case of an emergency. Our Homestay Co-ordinator is available to our international students with any queries or concerns they may have regarding their homestay family.

The homestay fee is NZD$250.00 per week and there is a $250.00 (non-refundable) administration fee. Homestay fees are payable in advance.

CODE: Whangaparaoa College has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students by NZQA. Copies of the Code of Practice are available on request from the school or please use the link below to see an online version of this document:

http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/caring-for-international-students/
“The International Centre made me feel really comfortable and they solved every problem I had.”
Babra Ajaz, India – Year 9

“I literally enjoyed studying Business Studies. All of the teachers and environment were wonderful. It was such a good experience. Good memories will never be forgotten.”
Chutikan Moongwiwat - Thailand - Year 12

“I enjoyed learning Maori and have made some awesome friends.”
Hyung Jun Park, Korea – Year 8

I have met really awesome people and made heaps of amazing friends. Thank you for such an awesome time. “Loving the crew”.
Jona Wassong, Germany - Year 11

“I really enjoyed my Art subject. Studying at Whangaparaoa College is a big step up towards my success.”
Xingzi Gu, China – Year 13
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