Taradale High School

International Student Prospectus



New Zealand



Lonely Planet has named New Zealand as one of the top countries to travel to in 2018. *"As the planet heats up environmentally and politically, it's good to know that New Zealand exists. This uncrowded, green, peaceful and accepting country is the ultimate escape."*

www.newzealand.com

Napier

This beautiful city, famous for its architecture, is known as the Art Deco capital of the world. Napier is a popular tourist destination.

With a population of approximately 55,000 people, Napier is situated on the East Coast of the North Island and enjoys a pleasant, sunny climate.

Beside the sea, yet only two hours away from the mountains, this vibrant Hawke's Bay region provides excellent recreational and sightseeing opportunities.

www.hawkesbaynz.com



Taradale

Gateway to some of New Zealand's most renowned wineries, Taradale is the concert capital of Hawke's Bay. Walkways, parks and cycle trails provide enjoyment for all age groups.

The school is located a five minute walk from Taradale shopping centre. Taradale facilities include: golf courses, tennis courts, swimming club, libraries, cafes, banks, supermarket and a bus service to Napier.

The nearby Pettigrew Green Sport Arena with modern gymnasium and indoor sport facilities is very popular with international students.

www.pgarena.co.nz



New Zealand Education

The New Zealand education system ranks amongst the best in the world. At secondary school there is a qualification system called the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA). There are three academic levels and a combination of school administered tests and national examinations are used for assessment. NCEA is internationally recognised and accepted.

A Warm Welcome

We have been welcoming international students for over forty years. Taradale High School values international students and the contribution they make to the culture of our school. We do our best to ensure that the experience of each student is both memorable and academically worthwhile.

Taradale High School

Taradale High School is a co-educational secondary school of approximately 1100 students. It offers an excellent combination of academic, cultural and sporting opportunities. Student leadership and authentic learning opportunities are important features of this school. The wide, flexible curriculum prepares students well for success now, and in the future.

Arrival In New Zealand

International students will arrive at Auckland International Airport. A transfer to the domestic terminal is a free 3 minute bus ride. The direct flight to Napier is one hour.
On arrival at Napier Airport, students are met by the International Coordinator and their own host family. If required students can also be met at Auckland Airport.

School Orientation

Students do not attend classes for the first day or two. Orientation is ongoing. Assistance and support is provided for the following programme:

- Tour of the school
- Meeting staff
- Information on school routines
- English assessment
- Choosing a suitable course of study
- Buying school uniform & stationery
- Opening bank account
- Tour of Napier
- Joining activities (music/sports teams)

School Uniform

School uniform is worn at all levels. During the first week the International Coordinator will assist students to purchase their uniform.

The school uniform is bought at the School Uniform Shop. This can be viewed online at ***www.ths.school.nz.*** All items of clothing, except shoes, are available there. After arrival students can also order stationery online at ***www.nzschoolshop.co.nz.***



"Our aim is to ensure that all of our students have opportunities and options when they leave school and that they have the skills and attitudes that prepare them for success now, and in the future."

David Oliver (Principal)



Support Services



Course Advice and Support

The International Director is available to all students who have enquiries, concerns or problems. The services provided include:

- Enrolment enquiries
- Assistance with visas and insurance
- Arranging accommodation
- Social events, extra curricular activities
- Holiday arrangements and tours
- Pastoral Care







Course Selection

Guidance is given to students in selecting an appropriate course of study. Taradale High School provides the opportunity for multiple level study. This means that subjects can be studied at different year levels suited to the ability of the student. Sometimes students may be advised to study a subject at an easier level.

Digital Technology

Students are required to have a laptop to use in class. IT support is available.

Transition to University

Information about qualifications and entry into University courses is provided by careers advisors at school. All students take part in an interview process to assist with career decisions.

Health Concerns

New Zealand has an excellent health system. Visits to the Doctor will usually be covered by insurance. Translators are available if required. A complete medical check is advised before coming to New Zealand.

Insurance

Students are required to have travel and medical insurance. This can be arranged through the school with Uni-Care. ***www.uni-care.org***

Visas

Tuition and Accommodation fees must be paid before a visa is granted. The school can assist with applications and renewal of visas.

Holidays and Social Events

The International staff provides assistance with travel arrangements. Many students like to take advantage of the wonderful student tours available during school holidays. Written permission from parents and approval from the school are required for all travel arrangements.
www.nzet.com ***www.flyingkiwi.com***

Managing Money

The host family or the International staff will assist students in opening a bank account. Parents may then transfer funds on a regular basis. Students are required to pay for phone calls, entertainment costs and personal expenses.

Problems

Staff are always available to assist with any student problems or queries. Out of school hours there is a 24 hour cell phone number that can be used in the event of an emergency. The school counsellor, visiting health nurse and translators are available.

School Facilities

International Students

We welcome students from Japan, Korea, China, India, Taiwan, Thailand, Brazil, Germany and other European countries. Some students come to study for two terms, some for one year, or until they graduate and go on to university.

International Office

Students have easy access to the International Office. Friendly staff are available to help in any way they can. The International Director and other staff will provide guidance and support as required.

Library

The library staff have a special understanding of international students and will assist with any queries. Computers are available for students use.

Technology Suite

This specialised building incorporates a computer suite and modern workshops. All technology subjects including Nutrition, Hospitality, Textiles, Wood, Metal and DVC are taught in specially designed areas of this modern complex.

Science Suite

A new architecturally designed building with multiple laboratories.

Canteen

A wide selection of hot and cold food, drinks and snacks are available for staff and students. The canteen is open every day during interval and lunchtime.

Music & Drama Suite

This suite caters for musical groups and individuals. The orchestra, various rock bands, jazz bands, chamber groups and several choirs make full use of the music suite. Individual music lessons are available to students at a very reasonable cost.

Sports Facilities

The school has its own extensive sports grounds. There are also tennis courts, a gymnasium and an outdoor covered all-weather turf.

Gymnasium

Includes a weight room and dance studio which are available for student use.

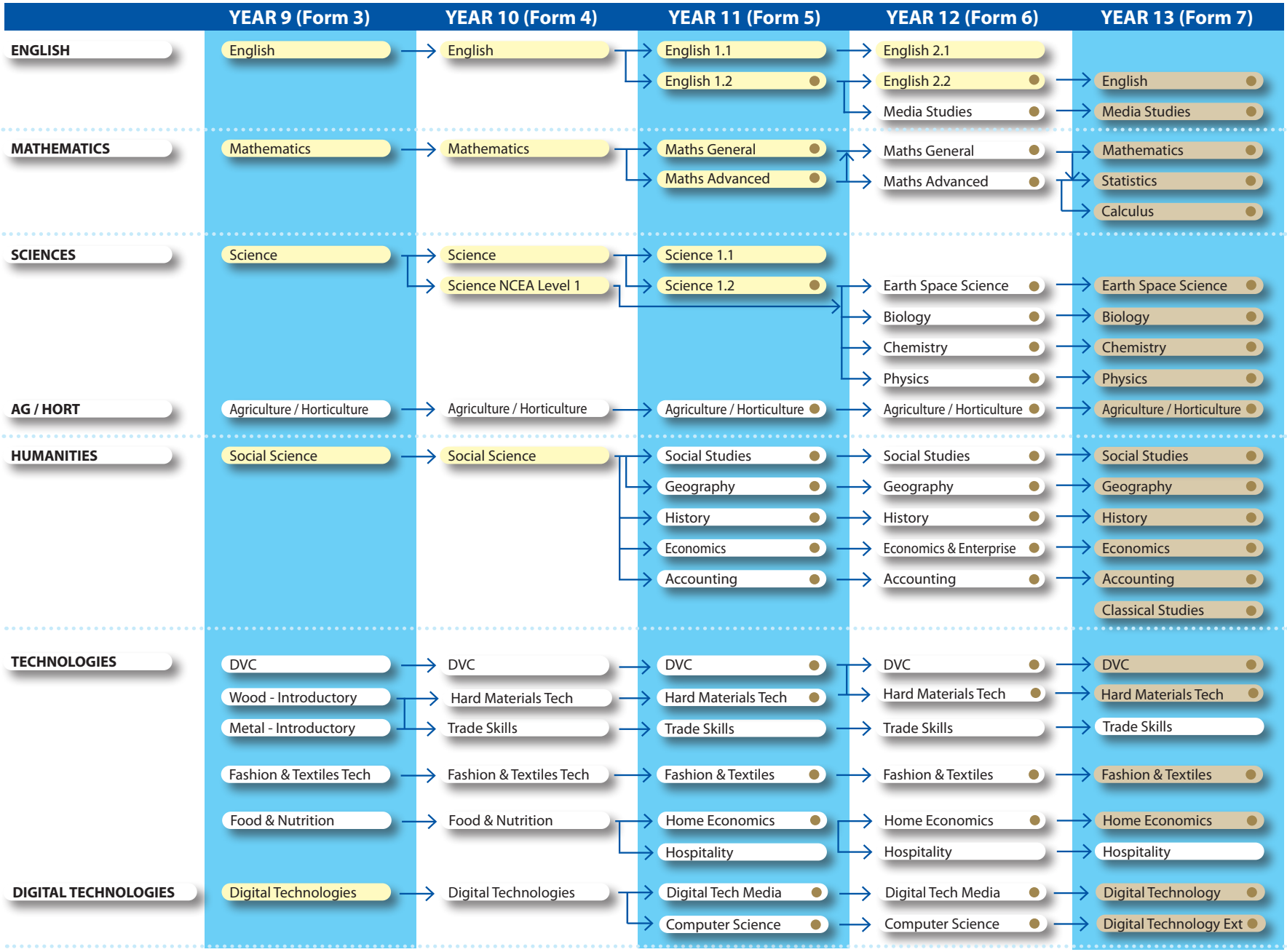






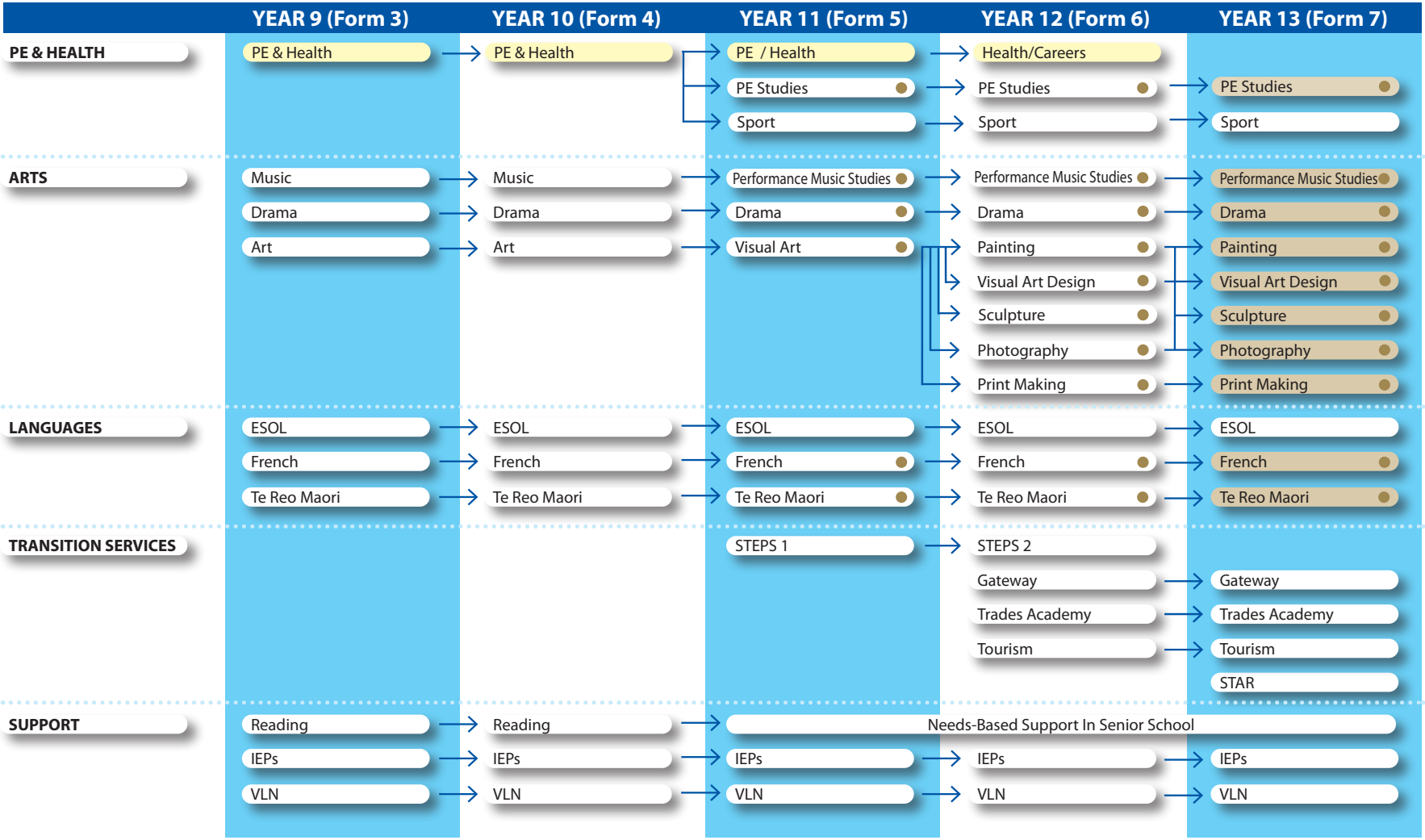


Course Structure



This course structure is currently under review, so may be subject to minor alterations

Course Structure *Continued*



ESOL: English as a Second Language
STEPS: Developing Life Skills
DVC: Design Visual Communication

STAR: Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource *vocational courses)*
Trades Academy: 1 day a week at EIT or Primary ITO
IEPs: Individual Education Plans *(for students based in the Learning Support Centre)*

VLN: Virtual Learners Network for Distance Learning
Year 12 courses can be taken by Year 13 students seeking Level 2 credits

Where numbers are very small, students may be offered learning through VLN (Virtual Learning Network) or Te Kura Correspondence.

● **Endorsable**
Compulsory
Approved for University Entrance

Sport, Culture & Lifestyle





Sports

International students are encouraged to participate in extra curricular activities to develop personal and social skills.
Adventure Racing, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Canoe Polo, Cricket, Cross Country, Dancing, Equestrian, Futsal, Hockey, Golf, Mountain Biking, Netball, Rugby, Sailing, Softball, Squash, Soccer, Tennis, Triathlon, Multi Sports, Volleyball.

Sports Events provide opportunities for competition outside Hawke's Bay and a chance to experience a different cultural environment.

Culture

Participation of international students in the areas of performing and visual arts is very high at Taradale High School. It includes the following:

- Bi-annual major Drama Productions
- Musical Groups - Orchestra, Jazz Bands, Rock Bands, Percussion Groups, Chamber Groups, Choirs
- Dance - Modern, Jazz, Hip Hop
- Creative Writing and Poetry Groups
- Debating





Lifestyle and Activities

Many of our students make wonderful friendships during their period of study. Students enjoy the company of Kiwi students and other international students. The facilities available in Taradale village are within a short walking distance of the school. McDonalds Restaurant and the gymnasium are favourite meeting places.

A wonderful range of activities and sports clubs are available to students, providing lessons/classes at reasonable costs. These include:

Sailing - Sailing lessons available at the Napier Sailing Club. ***www.napiersailingclub.org.nz***

Soccer - The school has a soccer academy and talented Soccer players can be referred to the local National league club. ***www.cityrovers.co.nz***

Golf – Professional Coaching and Club Membership are available at nearby golf courses. ***www.napiergolf.co.nz***

Sports Arena – A new sports arena with excellent gym facilities is a 5 minute walk from school. ***www.pgarena.co.nz***

Dance – Student-led teams compete at regional & national competition level with great success.

Music – Individual and group lessons are available at school to students at low cost. A wide variety of musical opportunities from orchestra to rock bands are available.

Every year, a student leader is chosen to represent the international students. They help students to adjust to school life, arrange social activities and introduce them to the New Zealand lifestyle.

Accommodation









The school arranges homestay accommodation for students. Living with a New Zealand family helps to improve English and real friendships are formed. Many of our students return to New Zealand just to visit their homestay families. All families are carefully selected and have undergone a police vetting procedure.

Most host families live within walking distance of the school. Some families are large (4-5 children) and some are small (1 host mother). Nearly all families have pets (usually a dog or cat). Families do not live in apartments but in detached houses with a garden.

The International Coordinator will give consideration to student preferences and requests where possible. All students will have their own fully furnished bedroom and share the other facilities with their host family.

I really enjoy my homestay family. I have a really cool host mum, dad and brother. They treat me like their real daughter, or sister, which is nice! I consider them my family as well, so when I have a night away I miss my homestay just like feeling homesick.

Arisa (Japan)

I really enjoy the time in my host family, because they are more than just a place to stay, they are like friends. Now I am part of another family and I like to do things with them after school or in the weekend. I am very happy to have the opportunity to see more of New Zealand with them.

Finja (Germany)

I felt very comfortable with my host family. I always felt included in their routine. I really felt like I was part of the family. It was, for sure, one of the best parts of my exchange!

Pedro (Brazil)

My homestay is really kind and helps me to live in New Zealand easily. I feel like they're really my family. I'm enjoying the food they make.

Won (Korea)



私はホストファミリーが大好きです!!
ホストのおかげでNZでの生活が楽しめているし、
本当の家族みたい!!

ชอบโฮสแฟมิลี่ ที่นี่มากเลย
ทุกคนใจดีมากค่ะ ♡



Meine Zeit auf der Taradale High School war großartig. Ich habe die Gastfreundlichkeit meiner Mitschüler und die tolle Auswahl an Schulfächern sehr genossen!

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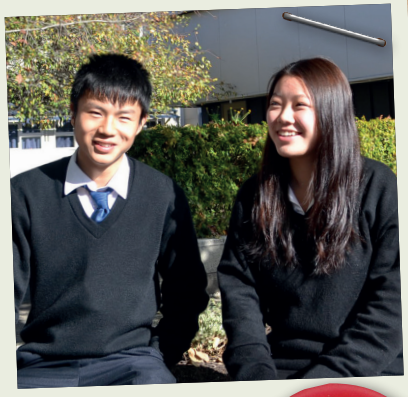
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Nossa experiencia na Nova Zelândia foi bem mais que uma viagem, foi uma vida em um ano. Nossas famílias foram mais do que simples famílias hospedeiras, eles foram amigos e com certeza uma família de verdade para nós! A escola e professores foram grandes apoios em qualquer decisão que tomávamos dentro e fora da escola e em qualquer dificuldade e as amizades que tivemos foram laços formados para o resto da vida!



이 학교에 있는 좋은 선생님들과 친구들 덕분에
좋은 경험과 기회를 많이 만들 수 있는 것 같아요.



我们觉得来 Taradale High School 读书你不会觉得遗憾。在这里你可以选择的科目是自己的兴趣，例如音乐，美术，戏剧和烹饪之类。学校里的同学们和老师们都很热心，只要你有问题，他们都会耐心地帮你解答。所以你不会失望的。

如果你也是有目标的人，在整个 Hawke's Bay 这间学校算是顶尖的，所以这里的学生也有一流的水平，而且这里有较多的留学生，你更加不用担心融不入大家的圈子里。在这里学习你一定会学得不少东西而且学得快乐。

Enrolment







Code of Practice: Taradale High School is signatory to the Code of Practice for the pastoral care of international students, administered by NZQA (New Zealand Qualifications Authority). It is available in different languages from: ***www.nzqa.govt.nz***

SIEBA: Taradale High School is a member of SIEBA (Schools International Education Business Association) the foremost organisation representing New Zealand schools in providing professionalism and quality for international education.

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Immigration: Full details of immigration requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available from Immigration New Zealand, and can be viewed on their website at: ***www.immigration.govt.nz***

Eligibility for Health Services: Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you may be liable for the full costs of that treatment. Full details on entitlements to publicly funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health, and can be viewed on their website at: ***www.moh.govt.nz***

Accident Insurance: The Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website at: ***www.acc.co.nz***

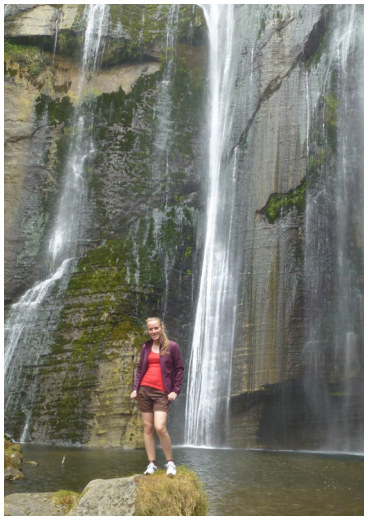
Medical and Travel Insurance: International students (including group students) must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance while in New Zealand.

If you wish to apply for study at Taradale High School:

- Apply online at ***https://taradale.enrol.school.nz***
- If your application is accepted you will be sent an Offer of Place & an invoice for Fees.
- Once payment is received a receipt will be issued.
- Take the Offer of Place and your Receipt to your nearest New Zealand Embassy to apply for your visa.












Empowering our students for success



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