



**WESTERN  
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COLLEGE**  
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**International Student Prospectus**



## Principal's welcome



**Ivan Davis**

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PRINCIPAL

Western Springs College welcomes international students from all over the world!

All successful educational institutions benefit from self-review and self-renewal. Planning for the new school has sharpened our thinking both about the essence of a Western Springs College education and about the ways we need to change in order to future-proof the educational experiences through which our young people will thrive and develop.

We emphasise our commitment to WSC's core business of producing graduates who gain the academic qualifications required for competitive access to sought-after tertiary level courses.

We have also reaffirmed our identity as a school distinctive for nurturing individuality, creativity and critical thinking. Accordingly, we seek to offer an increasingly personalised education which recognises and caters for the unique individual interests and strengths of each of our students and in doing so opens up a range of challenging pathways beyond school.

We retain our mission to develop well-rounded young adults who hold sound values, including, above all, self-respect and respect for others. We celebrate our coeducational and bi-cultural identity and the opportunities presented to establish healthy friendships and to become at ease living and working with people from the diverse range of backgrounds which is Auckland today.

For parents, membership of our school community means ready access to, and direct communication with relevant staff and the chance to belong to a very active and supportive parent network with clear links to staff and trustees.

## Mission Statement

All students, inspired with a love of learning, are challenged to discover and develop their unique personal strengths so that they are well equipped to contribute to the building of a just society.







## Welcome from the Director of International Students

As the Director of International Students, I am proud to recommend Western Springs College to you and welcome you to join the Western Springs College community.



**Joanne Qiao**  
International Director

- **Western Springs College is a top state coeducational high school** in New Zealand and Auckland Region since 2009. This is based on the students' university entrance rate, the school's outstanding developments and the continuous detailed professional pastoral care services provided to students.
- **Excellent location:** Located in Central Auckland the school is adjacent to Western Springs Lakeside Park, Auckland Zoo, Museum of Transport and Technology, Chamberlain Park Golf Course and within walking distance to Pt. Chevalier beach. It is 6km to central Auckland City (downtown) (10 - 15 minute bus trip).
- **Reputation in teaching and achievement in both traditional and modern courses.** Many international students selected our school for the academic excellence and the wide range of subjects offered, especially Visual Art, Performing Art (Dance & Drama), Media, Music, Technologies (Architecture/ Textiles / Food/ Design/Carpentry/ Digital), ESOL/English, Maths, Science, Economics, Business Studies and PE/Sports, etc.
- **Most innovative learning environment and facilities:** Under the awarded school-redevelopment architect's design, the two new teaching blocks impart a contemporary university sensibility. The school's transformational results are testament to the quality of the new campus, and the pride it has engendered in the students and the wider community.
- **Cultural diversity:** There are normally about 100 international students from all over the world.
- **Rich extra curriculum, sports and activities:** The school offers approximately about 25 summer and winter sports clubs. International students are offered regular wind-surfing and paddle-boarding on the weekends in summer.
- **Excellent detailed bilingual support and care are provided to international students.**
- **This is a school of approximately 1800 students where people know well and care for each other.**
- **Students are not required to wear uniform.**





# International students' growth stories



**Harry Hansung Lee, Korea**

I feel so happy to study at Western Springs College. It seems that I am studying boring subjects such as Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Maths, English and History. But the teachers are so excellent and fascinating to let you feel learning is not a boring job. I have got a lot of friends, and I really enjoy the trips organized by the International Student Office. I strongly recommend that international students can try hard to step out of their comfort zone, which I think is the most important to my growth and achievement at Western Springs College.



**Khoi Dang Phan, Vietnam**

I am pleased with my huge progress at Western Springs College. Teachers and International Office's support have helped me develop confidence and skills, although I couldn't speak and understand English at the beginning. Now I am good at and interested in almost everything, although Economics is still a bit difficult for me. My favourite subjects are Carpentry and PE, where I can gain University Entrance credits as from other subjects.



**Gilberto Salazar, Colombia**

The outstanding detailed support from the International Student Office has made my whole journey at Western Spring College such a reward to me. I studied Biology, Media Studies, Maths, Chemistry, English/ESOL and PE. The most enjoyable experience is the weekend water sports and the special NZ Experience Programme provided and organized by International Student Office.



**Mark Chattakan Tekachat, Thailand**

I like all my classes, especially Hard Materials Technology. At school I can always get help from teachers. They are very passionate and friendly. At the homestay, the host parents and homestay brothers are all very nice. There are so many interesting subjects that I can choose here. Teachers make the learning full of fun.



**Isabell Goss, Germany**

I made the right choice to study at Western Springs College. It is close to Auckland Central City and shopping malls, opposite the lakeside park, close to the beaches and other local community entertainment and event centers. We can enjoy both urban city life and the lifestyle of nature and a beautiful landscape in daily life. I really enjoy the subjects of Dance, Art and Fashion Design. I stay with a nice local family arranged by school, where a Japanese homestay sister is also studying at Western Springs. It is such an enjoyable and rewarding experience to study at Western Springs College.



**Cathy Ziyue Yin, China**

I am amazed by the teaching at Western Springs College. Teachers design interesting programmes and accommodate the students' needs and develop them to their best potential. We can access help from the International Student Office staff any time. They are always open to students' feedback for continuous service improvement. I studied Biology, Chemistry, Maths, English, Economics and Health. I am very happy about my academic achievement and personal development at Western Springs College.



**Kanako Hara, Japan**

I extended my study at Western Springs College from one year to three years. It is a wonderful school. I achieved all credits at NCEA Level 1 last year, which was my first year at a NZ high school. Teachers always help me when I have got questions. I study Maths, English/ESOL, Dance, Digital Technology, & Food Technology. The best experiences at Western Springs are my learning and practices at dance rehearsal and performance and at the Food Technology cooking class.



**Paola Villalobos, Chile**

My experiences at Western Springs College has made me a new person. I studied Physics, PE, English/ESOL, Physics, Maths, and Fashion Design (Soft Material Technology). The most enjoyable experiences are taking the trips organized by International Office and designing and making my own jacket. The Homestay Manager organized a nice homestay family for us. We learned to be independent, caring for others and be grateful for homestay and teachers' support.



**Virginia Bianchi, Italy**

Western Springs College was recommended by a local family that my brother ran across in Italy. All my experiences here are exceeding my expectations. I have made a lot of local friends. The school provides excellent academic programmes and a rich extra curricular programme. I enjoyed everything. I really appreciate that International Student Office provides us the weekend windsurfing and paddle-boarding programmes.



# ENROLMENT INFORMATION

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLMENT CALENDAR

Term 1: End of January or beginning of February - Mid April

Term 2: Late April or early May - Early July

Term 3: Late July - late September (Asian international students may be provided a course with more teaching and learning hours in ESOL and Maths.)

Term 4: Mid October - late November or early December (depending on NCEA exam timetable for each subject)

### ENROLMENT INFORMATION & ENQUIRIES:

**Website:** [www.westernsprings.school.nz/international-enrolment](http://www.westernsprings.school.nz/international-enrolment)

**Online Enrolment link:** [wsc.enrol.school.nz](http://wsc.enrol.school.nz)

**Email:** [international@wsc.school.nz](mailto:international@wsc.school.nz)

### Notes:

New students can start from Term 1, Term 2, Term 3 and Term 4, depending on the places available at school. A special course of 4-5 subjects is designed for most Asian students who start from Term 3 and Term 4, with more hours in English and Maths, and to prepare them well for the full mainstream course in the new school year.

## ENROLMENT REFERENCE

NZ Year Level	Notes about Year Level	Student Age	Subjects	Accommodation Options
Year 9	1 <sup>st</sup> year of NZ junior high school	13-14 years old	Students take 10-12 subjects including 8 compulsory subjects: English/ESOL, Maths, Science, Health, PE & Social Studies.	Year 9 and Year 10 students are advised to have one parent living with them in NZ if possible.
Year 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of NZ junior high school	14-15 years old		
Year 11 NCEA Level 1	1 <sup>st</sup> year of NZ senior high school Suitable for students who have finished junior high school.	15-16 years old	Students take 5-6 subjects including 2 compulsory subjects: English/ESOL and Maths. Science is highly recommended.	Year 11 -13 students can live with a parent, parents' designated care-giver (DCG, close family relatives & friends) approved by the college.
Year 12 NCEA Level 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of NZ senior high school This year level is dependent on the student's age, start date, and academic performance.	16-17 years old	Students take 5-6 subjects including 1 compulsory subjects: English/ESOL.	
Year 13 NCEA Level 3	3 <sup>rd</sup> year of NZ senior high school The offer is based on the student's NCEA Level 2 achievement at another NZ high school.	17-18 years old	Students take 5 subjects, usually the same as at Year 12.	

## SCHOOL PROFILE

Principal	School Type	School Roll	International Students Roll	International Student Nationalities	Uniform Requirement	International Student Accommodation
Ivan Davis	State Co-educational	1800	100 (on average)	15	No uniform	Homestay/Parents/DCG

### THE EDUCATION CODE:

Western Springs College is the signatory to Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021

**The Code of Practice is available on the NZQA website at:** [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)

## SUBJECTS OFFERED AT WESTERN SPRINGS COLLEGE (Reference Only)

English/ESOL	Business Studies	Science	Textiles /Fashion Design Technology
Maths	Economics	Physics/Biology/Chemistry	Design/Carpentry Technology
History	Music	Art/Art Design/Photography	Food Technology
Geography	Drama	French/Chinese	Digital/Computing Technology
Philosophy	Dance	Health Studies	Technology of Architectural/Graphic Design
Media Studies	PE/Sports	Classical Studies	Te Reo Maori

### The final decision on students' year level and detailed subjects offered will be based on the following:

- Personal age, interests and strength
- Previous year level and performance
- Course start date and future career path
- English skills
- Course availability at the college
- Interviews with the school staff team

### The English Assessment at the college will determine the level of ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) class:

- ESOL Foundation or
- ESOL Intermediate or
- English for Academic Purpose

### Fee Information (1YEAR, in \$NZ\$)

Tuition Fee	\$20,000
Enrolment/Administration Fee	\$1500
Course Fee	\$300
NCEA Fee (for Years 11, 12 & 13)	\$383.30
Contingency Fee	\$500
Homestay Placement/DCG Supervision Fee	\$500/\$300
Homestay Fee (\$380-400/week)	\$18,000 - 19,000
Insurance	\$633-\$737
Airport Pick-up & Drop off	\$250

THE ABOVE IS FOR REFERENCE ONLY.

The most updated fee information can be requested from: [international@wsc.school.nz](mailto:international@wsc.school.nz)





## CURRICULUM

Most international students at Western Springs College continue their studies of traditional subjects such as English/ESOL, Maths, Science, History and Geography. An increasing number of students are interested in Business studies as well as Technology subjects such as Architectural Design, Digital Technology, Food Technology, Textile Technology, and Hard Material Technology.

Western Springs College designs its unique learning programmes to meet the needs of its students with the eight principles of The New Zealand Curriculum as the foundations and touchstones. The eight principles are as follows:

High expectations; The Treaty of Waitangi; Cultural Diversity; Inclusion; Learning to learn; Community engagement; Coherence; Future focus.





Western Springs College has professional studios and workshops for the subjects of Dance, Drama, Music, Media, Art Painting, Art Design, Art Photography, Architectural Design, Digital Technology, Food Technology, Textile Technology, and Hard Material Design Technology and so on. Students receive detailed support from teachers. The range and quality of work produced is outstanding.



## SPORTS

PE (Physical Education) classes involve sports practices, games and camping programmes.

The Sports Director at the College as well as other staff members are able to cater for and coordinate a wide range of individual sporting pursuits through the Auckland Regional College Sport Programme. Although there might be changes sometimes, sports teams at Western Springs College participate in a comprehensive range of sports and competitions. Sports teams represent the College in about 26 sports: cycling, tennis, volleyball, cricket, touch, water polo, athletics, swimming, dragon boating, softball, triathlon, waka ama, diving, cross country, netball, soccer, rugby union, rugby league, hockey, basketball, lacrosse, badminton, squash, orienteering, skiing, etc.  
( [www.westernsprings.school.nz/western-springs-college-sport](http://www.westernsprings.school.nz/western-springs-college-sport) )

Subject teachers and the International Office organize a lot of outdoor extra curricula programmes.

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# IMPRESSIONS OF WESTERN SPRINGS

## I like Western Springs College because

- It offers interesting subjects and teachers treat students in a way that will make you feel very positively encouraged. (Anna-Marie Klaudt from Germany)
- There are a lot of outdoor activities. (Jan Meyer from Chile)
- When we were in a team, I was amazed that we could still manage the time and have jobs done even when we have so many things to do. (Pedro Marcal from Brazil)
- Through the learning and challenges here, we discover ourselves and others better. (Esther Nogler from Italy)
- In my home country I have not got an opportunity to do and learn what I am learning here. (Minzi Zuo from China)

## I like my teachers because

- I feel like they help me with my learning and not just try to make me remember the topics we are learning at the moment. (Anna-Marie Klaudt from Germany)
- They love their subjects and want to share their passion with us. (Lisa Zuffer from Austria)
- They try to understand my English and help me improve. (Jan Meyer from Chile)
- They always try to help if you don't understand something. (Ivana Mettler from Switzerland)
- They makes me feel relaxed when I asked questions. (Olivia Wenqi Yang from China)
- The teachers are very nice and full of fun. (Hyunyang Yang from South Korea)

## Evaluation by NZ Education Review Office

"Western Springs College provides high quality education for its community. A responsive and innovative curriculum provides rich opportunities for students' learning and qualifications success. Students flourish in this environment. They are articulate, confident and well equipped to transition into tertiary study and the adult world."

"The school provides very good quality pastoral care and support for international students. The operation and promotion of the school's international programme is effectively managed. Students are well integrated into the school. Teachers provide relevant and useful learning programmes, including those for building English language proficiency for speakers of other languages."

Page 4 & 5, Education Review Report, Education Review Office, June 2015





# IMPORTANT PROCEDURES

## ACCOMMODATION

1. All students must take one of the following three accommodation options: stay with a school-managed homestay family; stay with parents' close family relatives or friends, which must be approved by school; or stay with natural parents.
2. International Office starts to coordinate a homestay placement after the applicant has received a student visa.
3. International Office refers to the application information and considers the applicant's needs and interests before placing them with a suitable and available Western Springs College contracted homestay family.
4. The host family profile will be sent to the applicant's agent when the host family has confirmed their availability or the specific date of the student's arrival in NZ.
5. The student's homestay is selected based on the Education Code's requirements, the host family's environment and the student's interests and needs. The student's wellbeing and safety are our priority. Location is only one of the factors for consideration. Some of our host families are within walking distance to school. Most families are in the locations requiring students to take the public buses.
6. Transport services to/from the Airport and homestay can be coordinated by International Office when detailed information is received in advance. The service fee will be paid to the school's transport contractor.
7. All students should comply with the Enrolment Contract which can be found in the application forms and which has been signed by the student and parents.
8. We look at improvement and mediation in the first instance if a change of homestay is requested. A change of homestay is possible based on the host family or the student's reasonable request, the information provided and the discussion with International Office. If a homestay change is planned, 2 weeks' notice to the host family and College is required.



## ENROLMENT

1. Contact the international director on [international@wsc.school.nz](mailto:international@wsc.school.nz) to enquire whether a place is available.
2. Read the application information from our website: [www.westernsprings.school.nz/international-enrolment](http://www.westernsprings.school.nz/international-enrolment)
3. Follow the online enrolment link to enroll: [wsc.enrol.school.nz](http://wsc.enrol.school.nz)
4. International Office staff will process the applications, arrange travel insurance accommodation, airport pickup, etc. for each student.

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