



Preparing our kids to take their  
place in a global world.



# Kia ora

Nau mai, haere mai: a warm welcome to Pinehurst School!

We are one of New Zealand's top private schools, a community of around 1000 young people and adults on Auckland's beautiful and prosperous North Shore.

We offer our students care, guidance and exceptional opportunities, both in and out of the classroom, from the age of 5 to the final days a young person has in school before heading to university or the world of work.

All of our children, from Year 1 to Year 13, are following the Cambridge examination system: we are proud of the exceptional levels of achievement of all of our students.

Our school is in Albany, a few minutes from the motorway. Our grounds are large, green and fringed with trees; but our school is small enough to ensure that nobody gets missed. You will find a calm, settled atmosphere in the classroom and around the school. There are approximately 900 students in total, and we think that this is the perfect number: everyone knows one another.

What makes us different is the way we look after every child in our care. We have small classes, and are very well-resourced, but what matters more is that we are committed to looking after the individual needs of every single child in our school. We know our children very well.

What also makes us different is that we like to have international students with us because we want to learn from our students just as they learn from us. We want all our young people to learn more about each other and as they become friends, learn more about the world in which we live.

We take special care of our international students and families. We work closely with a small number of very good agents who will look after our students well. Our Director of International Students is available for help and guidance as soon as you make your first inquiry, because we want to support you by making sure you understand everything you can about our school. We also have staff who speak Mandarin Chinese, Korean and Japanese who will be able to answer any questions you may have. You will find that we really want to listen to you.



OUR VALUES:

**EXCELLENCE**

**RESPECT FOR SELF**

**RESPECT FOR OTHERS**



## THE PINEHURST KIWIS PACKAGE

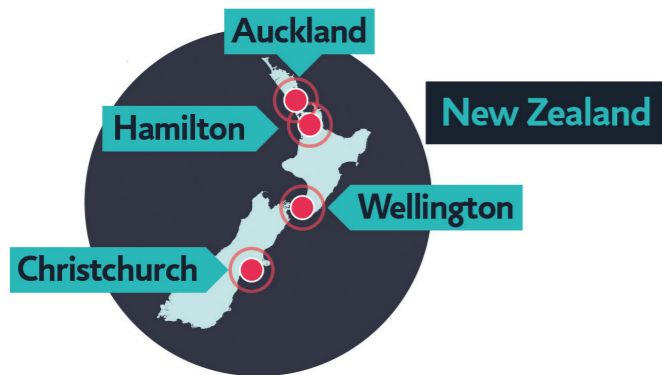
At Pinehurst, we want our international students to have an outstanding experience, so we have designed the Pinehurst Kiwi Package for you:

- Access to the Director of International Students from the first enquiry
- Interview with the Principal
- Support with visa applications
- First language support for parents
- Airport welcome and transport to homestay or other accommodation
- Carefully selected homestays: all students have their own rooms
- A full Induction Programme to help students settle in properly
- The 'Auckland Experience', a programme of visits around our city
- Visits around New Zealand every year to see our beautiful country
- Guaranteed access to school sports



YOUR NEW HOME

# Aotearoa New Zealand



We love living in our corner of New Zealand. Our school is on the northern edge of Auckland, minutes from the bush and beaches, but only 20 minutes from the centre of the city. It is a very special place!

Our country is nestled in the corner of the South Pacific, home to just over 4 million people and around 30 million sheep! The South Island has rugged coastlines and mountains, snow and sunshine, whales and world-leading vineyards. The North Island, where we live, has a warm climate, hills and valleys, cities and beaches. Our modern cities are diverse and bustling, welcoming people from around the world. Our countryside is pristine: clean, green and full of space and light.

New Zealand is one of the safest places in the world to live. It has a long tradition of welcoming people: we live together peacefully and enjoy sharing our special land.

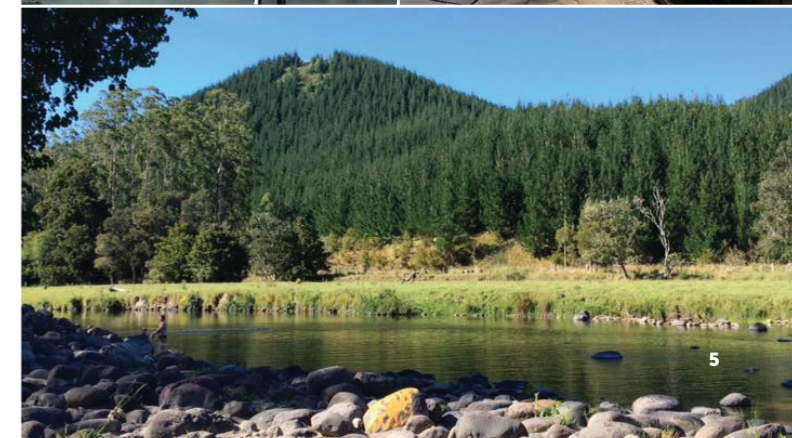
People in New Zealand enjoy going to the beach, swimming in clean oceans, walking in the 'bush', having backyard barbecues and taking part in every sport imaginable! They also enjoy going to the cinema, shopping in the city or in our malls, enjoying access to high-speed internet, and eating out in restaurants with both local and international cuisine.

## AUCKLAND

Our home city has around one and a half million people, meaning a third of the population of New Zealand lives here. Auckland is the prosperous business centre of New Zealand, and people here have a high standard of living. The CBD is modern, vibrant and offers everything you would expect plus more. Only twenty minutes away from school on the motorway, the CBD fringes the main port of Auckland Harbour where you can find ferries and plenty of water activities.

We live on the North Shore, which is home to about 500,000 people. It is a safe, wealthy residential area, known for its beautiful, safe swimming beaches, coffee culture and relaxed way of life. There are beaches just fifteen minutes from the school, and people spend a lot of time there in the summer. On the other hand, Pinehurst is just five minutes from one of the biggest shopping malls in New Zealand, so there's lots of time for shopping as well.

The climate in Auckland is warm and temperate. It does rain quite a bit between May and September (that's our winter down here), but the summers are warm and sunny, lasting between November and April. You will see people in sandals and shorts all year long.





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# Living with a NZ (Kiwi) Family

Family is at the centre of Kiwi life. Most family homes are detached, standalone houses with a garden and a yard (and a barbecue, of course!). People will often visit each other's homes to meet, talk, eat, drink and simply enjoy each other's company.

**OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WILL VERY QUICKLY BECOME PART OF THE FAMILY.**



## A KIWI HOMESTAY

We want our international students to enjoy a Kiwi home life as well, so if a homestay option is of interest we will arrange for a family close to the school. We check the homes carefully and choose families who want to make our international students part of their own families, and who want to learn about other cultures themselves.

Our international students will very quickly become part of the family. They have their own bedroom, with a desk to work on and a wardrobe for their clothes. They will have access

to the internet, just as they would at home, and will learn how to be part of a Kiwi family, visiting places around Auckland, going to the cinema, eating out, and (sometimes) even doing a few chores!

They will also have every meal provided for them. We know how important food is for our young people, and our homestay parents know that as well.

There will be food that is familiar to the students, and some of it will be new or different, but you will find our homestay parents will want to cook

food that their homestays will love, so there are plenty of opportunities for everyone to learn a little bit about each other's culture.

Some of our homestay students cook their favourite dishes so they can show their homestay family something about their own culture.

Our homestay parents will also want to get to know the families of our students. One of our favourite things is seeing the relationships that develop between the parents and the homestay parents of our children.



# Becoming a Pinehurst Student



We try to make every part of the process of joining Pinehurst as simple possible.

## INQUIRY

Whether you are introduced to our school through an agent, through a friend or perhaps through our website, the first thing to do is to find out as much as you can about us. We want to hear your questions and will do our best to answer all of them.

Have a look at our website, talk to our admissions team, ask your agent to talk to us, or contact our Director of International Students. If you are in New Zealand, please visit us: we love showing our school to visitors, as this is always the best way to get to know us.

## APPLICATION

Once you have decided that you want to join our community and come to our school, you will need to complete an application form. Your agent will be able to help you with this, or you can ask our Director of International Students to help you. Our Admissions Office will then contact you (in your home language if you would prefer) to arrange an interview and, for older children, a test.

## INTERVIEW

This is an important part of joining our school, and will always be with either the Executive Principal, or with a senior teacher. Whenever possible, the interview is in person: we ask to meet the parents and the student if we can. Sometimes this is not possible, and in these cases, we will do the interview online.

## ENROLMENT

If we offer you a place, we will make sure that you have all the information you need before you come to our school. We will also put you in contact with your homestay family if you have one. On arrival, you will be picked up at the airport, either by your homestay parent or by a member of the Pinehurst staff. You will be taken to your homestay or home and we will ensure you settle in properly. Either before school starts or on the first day, our Director of International Students will see that you have your uniform and all the equipment you will need.

## INDUCTION

Before lessons start we make sure that all our international students are ready for a Kiwi life and a Kiwi education. We run an Induction Programme so that they are as ready as can be. After lessons have started, we will also have extra sessions to help them settle in better to the Kiwi way of life, for example, how to get around the place, where to find the best food and understanding local customs.



IN THE CLASSROOM

# What to expect in your lessons

## THE CAMBRIDGE CURRICULUM

Our assessment system, known as "Cambridge" is owned by the University of Cambridge and is the world's leading international examinations system, welcomed by universities in every country of the world.

Over 10,000 schools in 160 countries use the Cambridge pathway, and this increases every year. The pathway is British, but it is designed as an international curriculum, and it is known for its high standards and consistency. Universities in the USA, the UK, Australia, New Zealand and every other country view Cambridge qualifications very highly.



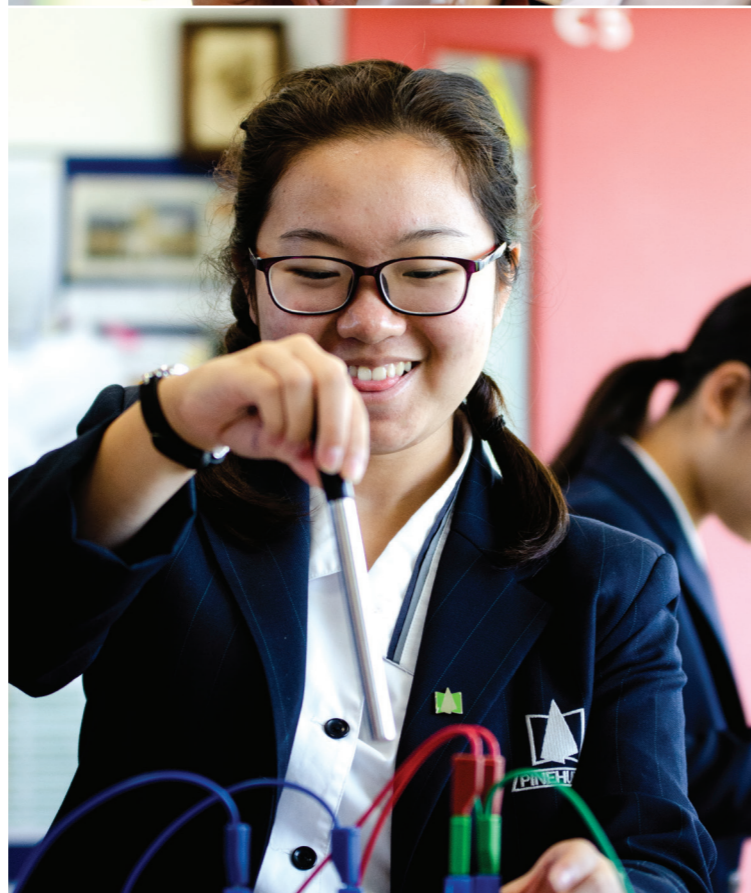
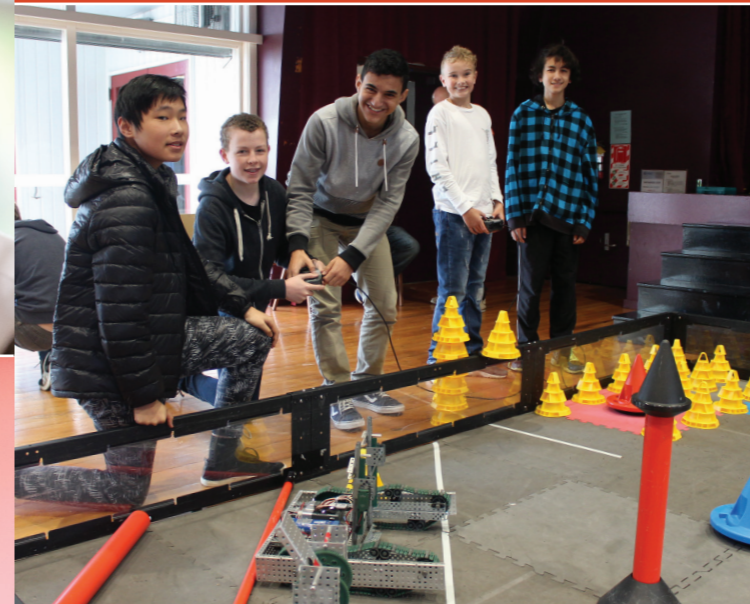
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## LEARNING AT PINEHURST

In the classroom, our students learn in many different ways. The curriculum content is set by Cambridge, but our teachers make sure that students learn in ways that they enjoy. Sometimes this means working in groups or in pairs on a project. Sometimes, students will be doing an experiment in Science, or working out how to use computer code to make a robot do unusual things. Students are given access to the curriculum at home using our online learning system, "Schoolbox". Students also, of course, learn directly from the teacher, learning how to study independently. Our teachers know our children well, and they see their main job as finding interesting ways to engage the children they're teaching.

## INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION

Our classes are small, and we will always keep them that way. We believe that a strong relationship between a teacher and a student is the starting point for all learning. Children are happy when they enjoy being with a teacher, and when they know that the teacher knows them well. Children who are happy, tend to learn better.





# Guidance

on the road ahead



Pinehurst students have recently been accepted into Cambridge University, M.I.T. (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Sydney University, KAIST and Yonsei University, among many others.

We want to make sure that your transition to university is every bit as smooth as the transition into our school, so we run many different programmes to help students get ready for university life.

Year 11 students are given the opportunity to participate in 'Engenuity Day', held at the

Engineering Department of Auckland University. This once a year opportunity is for high school students to explore the possibility of a career as an engineer, and to experience 'life on campus' as a university student.

We give our young women in Year 12 opportunities like attending the conference at Auckland University of Technology, aimed at empowering and inspiring women aged 16-25 through a variety of diverse and uplifting panellists and engaging workshops.

Year 13 students have the opportunity to attend Auckland University of Technology's 'Shadow a Leader Day'. This experience allows students to shadow a business leader; along with an AUT student, our students are paired with a prominent local business or government leader to follow for the day by attending meetings, and engaging with employees, customers and suppliers.

We also frequently host universities in our school, both to talk to our students about university life and to offer extra educational experiences.

Our Cambridge curriculum gives students the chance to study at universities in New Zealand, Australia, Great Britain, the USA and around the world. There are so many choices and so many opportunities. It is our job to make sure that you have the guidance you need to make the best choices for you.

## CAREERS COUNSELLING

Our Careers Counsellor is one of the best and most knowledgeable in New Zealand. She spends time with every student from Year 9 upwards and, when students become a little older, she will spend a long time helping them to make their future choices.

She will help students make the right subject choices to gain entry to their chosen university courses, showing them the right pathway to take.

When you are ready, she will help you to apply to university. She has helped students to apply for universities around the world and has particular expertise in applications for universities in the USA, the UK, Australia, New Zealand and Korea. She will be with you every step of the way.



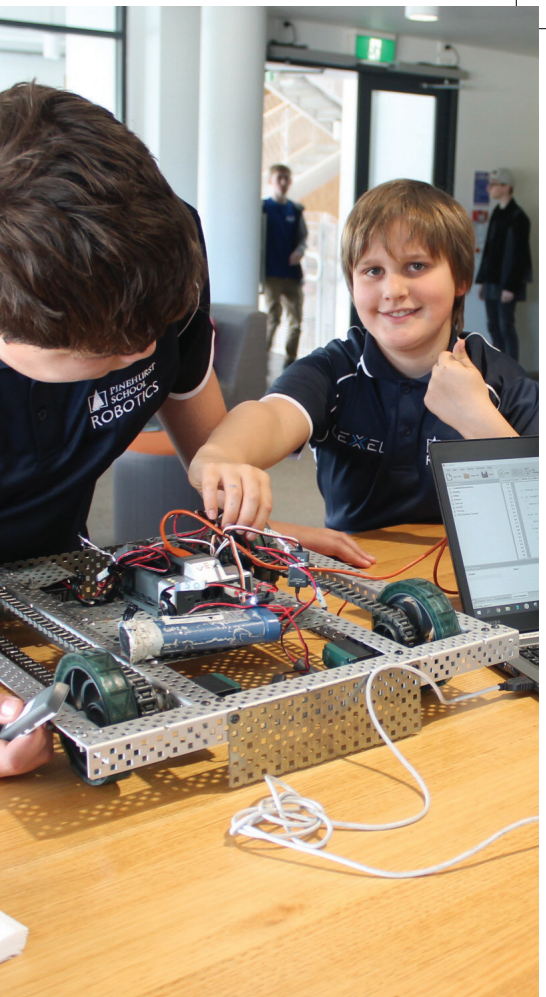


A NEW SCHOOL

# Becoming part of a community



WE WANT OUR SCHOOL  
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We know that you want to come to a New Zealand school for a number of reasons, and one of those is to have fun! This matters to us as well, because school should be enjoyable. And so we offer a huge number of things for you to do.

If you enjoy sport, you will be able to play basketball, badminton, tennis, table tennis, football and netball. Or you can try lacrosse, rugby, touch, cricket if you fancy something new. Or how about taking part in gymnastics, dance-sport or chess? It doesn't matter if you haven't done something before: everyone is encouraged to take part. Skiing is very popular at our school, and we encourage our international students to learn too.

We are also very enthusiastic about music, and run several musical groups, including an orchestra, a Jazz Group, rock groups and three different choirs. If you play an instrument or just enjoy singing, there's plenty of opportunity to get involved.

You may also like to try debating, be in our Model United Nations Club, or perhaps take part in art activities, learn

how to make coffee like a barista or join the environmental group that helps make the school such a lovely place to be.

We want our school to prepare our young people to enjoy life as well as succeed, and that means that we want to give every student the chance to take part in many activities, and to excel wherever they can.







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