

Curriculum

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Study in an
Adventure-seeker's
paradise



In addition to its world-class Outdoor Education programme, Westland High School offers an extensive range of academic and practical subjects:

- Languages
- English
- ESOL
- French
- Te Reo Maori
- Mathematics
- Statistics
- Calculus
- Accounting
- The Sciences
- Physics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Technology
- Textiles
- Graphics
- Computing
- Engineering
- Furniture Making
- Food & Hospitality
- The Arts
- Visual Arts
- Music
- Drama
- Photography
- The Social Sciences
- Geography
- History
- Tourism
- Classical Studies
- Physical Education
- Outdoor Education



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Gain qualifications while experiencing some of the world's most exhilarating outdoor experiences



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Westland High School

Hokitika - South Island - New Zealand

Westland High School: The leading edge

A small school with a big heart located in scenic Westland



Outdoor Education

Westland High School offers students an incredible learning experience of studying in New Zealand's outdoor adventure-land. We have a particular strength in outdoor education and offer challenging practical programmes designed to encourage personal and social development.



Outdoor Education New Zealand

Our programme

Hokitika: The hub of the West Coast

Our outdoor education programme is a holistic course that promotes personal growth through fun, challenging and positive experiences in the outdoors.

In the senior programme we have classes at Years 12 and 13 working towards NZQA unit standards and NCEA level 3. Students have been very successful in gaining Level 2 and 3 qualifications in rock climbing, kayaking, tramping, mountaineering and other related studies.

Due to our location our school has many staff who choose to spend their recreation time engaged in outdoor activities. Our outdoor education staff are all active to a high level in several outdoor pursuits and have the qualifications and enthusiasm to run safe, modern and enjoyable programmes.

Westland High School is an ODENZ school offering high quality, accredited outdoor education programmes.

To learn more about ODENZ visit:
<http://www.outdoorednz.co.nz>

Outdoor education units contain both theoretical and practical components and are assessed in class and out in the field. Classes run on a four period per week timetable as well as regular day/multi-day blocks for practical work.

The course plans for Levels 2 and 3 follow the seasons and the term structure. Activities that take place throughout the year are:

- Term 1: Kayaking
 - Term 2: Navigation, tramping and survival skills
 - Term 3: Mountain craft and rock climbing
 - Term 4: Rock climbing and kayaking
- Students can choose to enrol for one or more terms.

Students are required to be in good health and have strong interest and enthusiasm for the outdoors. Students also need to be mature, reliable, responsible and committed.



Westland High School is located in Hokitika, a safe and quiet town of 4000 people. Our location on the West Coast of the South Island of New Zealand gives us unrivalled access to the beach, sea, rivers, mountains and rainforest.

Being so close to the natural environment means that the school can offer a significant number of outdoor practical sessions. Students can take part in outdoor activities within the school day - for example kayaking or rock climbing - and be back in time for the next lesson. This way students can maintain an academic programme and full participation in the outdoor education programme.

