

WESTLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Prospectus '22



NAU MAI, HAERE MAI, TAUTI MAI, WELCOME TO WESTLAND HIGH SCHOOL

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā karangatanga maha, tēnā koutou katoa.

Warm greetings to you all.

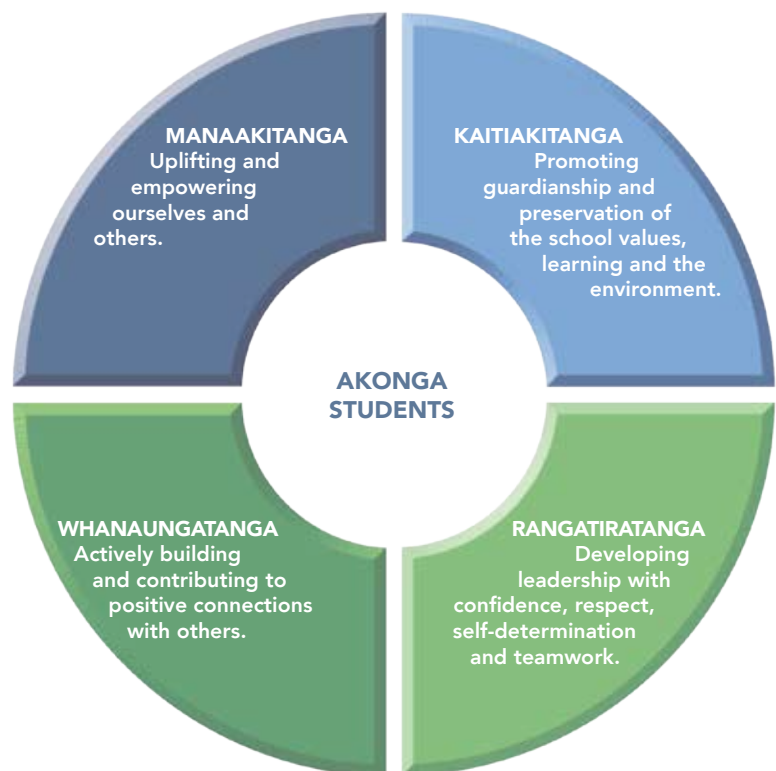
Our school embraces diversity. The culture of inclusion extends to students (international and domestic), staff and community.

Westland High School offers:

- passionate and dedicated staff
- a full range of academic and practical subjects
- a location in close proximity to the natural environment well utilised by our Outdoor Education programme.
- extensive Co-curricular activities
- a small international programme enabling our international students to integrate and fully experience NZ life.

We look forward to meeting you in person, learning with and about you, too.

OUR VALUES AND STRATEGY ALIGN



On behalf of WHS staff:



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Tumuaki Tuarua,
Deputy Principal -
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Academic and Pastoral
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Middle School
Academic and Pastoral
Care Leader



Monica Hulme
Junior School Academic
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OUR COMMUNITY



HOKITIKA

Westland High School is located in Hokitika, a town of 3000 people - hokitika.org.nz. Hokitika is surrounded by the majestic mountains of the Southern Alps, lush rainforests, untamed rivers and wild unspoilt coastline. Westland High School and the wider community celebrate its Māori heritage and the significant and unique status of our tangata whenua. More than 28% of WHS students identify as Maori. Our town has a friendly, relaxed atmosphere with many cafes, galleries and a new multipurpose sports facility, DWC Westland Sportshub.

POUNAMU

Pounamu (also known as Greenstone) holds a significant cultural, spiritual and historical significance and is often worn as special locally carved jewellery.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Hokitika has a wide range of sporting and cultural clubs making use of the exquisite outdoor environment and first-class facilities on offer.

EVENTS

January - Driftwood and Sand (beach sculpture competition)

February - Waitangi day (our national holiday celebrating NZ bi-cultural heritage)
Coast to Coast (adventure race)

March - Wildfoods Festival, Children's Day

May - Tranz Alpine Scooter safari (cancer society fundraising endurance scooter ride)

June - Matariki Festival (Māori new year festivities)

September - Te hui hurei o ngā kura o te Tai Poutini (West Coast Kapa haka festival)

November - Ride the Wilderness (mountain bike race)

December - Christmas parade, Christmas Lights festival, Christmas Beach concert.



OUR CURRICULUM



Westland High School offers an extensive range of subjects.

We are also a member of the Toki Pounamu cluster of West Coast schools embracing digital learning. This provides a seamless transition from primary school where our students are also engaged in Learn, Create, Share pedagogy that has proven to lift student achievement. At Westland High School students will be required to use their own Chromebooks for learning in most classes.

More information on Junior School (Years 7 and 8) and Middle School (Years 9 and 10) is available on the school website.

Senior School - Years 11 - 13

National Certificate in Educational Achievement (NCEA) qualifications are available.

Each subject offers up to 4 hours of class time.

There are three levels in the senior school. Students may take a multi-level course. Scholarship programmes are offered in University Entrance subjects.

Students who express a desire to study courses not currently offered due to low interest can study these through distance learning with assistance from teachers i.e. philosophy, psychology, agricultural business, etc...

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics
Calculus
Statistics and Modelling

SCIENCE

General Science
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Agriculture/Horticulture

HEALTH & PE

Physical Education
Outdoor Education
Sports Academy
CACTUS

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Geography
History
Tourism
Classical Studies

LANGUAGES

English
Te Reo Māori
Spanish
French
English for Speakers of Other Languages

THE ARTS

Painting
Printmaking
Design
Sculpture
Photography
Art History
Music
Drama and Dance
Cosplay

VOCATIONAL

Gateway
Work Experience
Trades Academy
STAR Courses - short tertiary courses designed for High school students

TECHNOLOGY

Year 7 - 10:
Textiles, Food, Wood, Digital, Design and Visual Communication.
Senior:
Furniture, Design and Visual Communication (Graphics), Hospitality and Cookery, Computing and Digital Technology
STEM/Robotics

OUR SUPPORT NETWORKS

Westland High School embraces each student's unique needs and potential and provides a support system. International students have additional support networks.

WHANAU:

Each student is allocated to a hapū group. Each hapū is divided into whānau groups (form classes) that are made up of students from years 7 to 13. The whānau groups meet each morning for registration and information sharing. The whānau teacher provides the first pastoral care level, with career guidance, goal setting and general welfare.

The Hapū are named in English and Māori and have primary colours used on special occasions e.g. sports day

Air - Hau - White

Earth - Papatūānuku - Green

Fire - Ahi - Red

Water - Wai - Blue

Our comprehensive structure of support includes:

PB4L Positive Behaviour for Learning initiative

Student Council (Rūnanga Tauira)

Hapū Leaders (staff and students)

Academic and Pastoral Leaders

Guidance Counsellor

Careers Advisor

A range of Health and Wellbeing programmes delivered by the District Health Board. Learning Support for Te Whare Atawhai (The House of Kindness) nurtures and supports students who need extra learning support.

Restorative justice practice

Director of International Programmes

WHS Friends of the School

Leadership development programmes



OUTDOOR EDUCATION





We believe that teaching can happen anywhere. Our popular Outdoor Education trips into the heart of the Westland's pristine natural wilderness are spectacular! Our backyard paradise of Glacier country, mountains, native bush, lakes and rivers is the perfect environment for students to build confidence, teamwork, leadership, survival, conservation skills and learn about tikanga Māori through activities such as: kayaking, rock climbing, abseiling, snow caving, tramping, and navigation.

The outdoor mecca of Westland has attracted staff who are passionate about the outdoors and what it can offer. Our outdoor education staff are all active in outdoor pursuits, highly qualified and have the enthusiasm and passion to run safe, modern, dynamic and enjoyable programmes.

We celebrate the achievement and recognition of the excellence of our programme especially in relation to safety.

Follow our facebook page for up to date photos and videos of outdoor Education excursions and other events from throughout the year.



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

Westland High School is a signatory to the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021.

We welcome students from a variety of countries - from Japan to Germany. We have short stay group visits (10 -20 days) and long stay individual programmes (3 months - 2 years.)



International students especially enjoy a uniquely New Zealand experience including:

- being home-hosted.
- experiencing school life as a 'Kiwi'.
- being part of a small international programme.
- our range of academic courses and the very special Outdoor Education class.



We offer the opportunity for our International students to prepare for New Zealand's University Entrance and NCEA Level 3 qualifications.

Domestic students are provided the opportunity for International exchange.



For more information contact:
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DRESS CODE

Westland High is a uniform school and expects all students to wear their Westland High School uniform with pride. There are a number of options available to meet the needs of all students.

FACILITIES

Our campus is in the process of undergoing a full facility makeover. Recently the DWC Westland Sports Hub was completed, which now provides year round play for a variety of sporting codes. The Junior school classrooms and Student Hub have been renovated and upgraded to provide a new innovative learning environment and a vocational guidance centre. Our new hall, administration block and Whare wānanga will be completed by the beginning of 2022.



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Take the opportunity to get involved outside the classroom, learn something new, show leadership, help others...

MUSIC

- choir
- instrumental lessons (violin, piano, voice, woodwinds, brass)
- rock Quest (if students are interested)
- rock band

DANCE

Lunch time dance crews that will offer different genre throughout the year, eg hip hop, b-boying and contemporary dance.

Ballroom Dancing (preparation for the school formal dance at the end of Term 2)



DRAMA / PERFORMANCE

Major school productions are offered including smaller productions where students can present their own works in spoken word, dance, song, instrument, live art.

EDITORIAL

- The WHS yearbook known as the "Pounamu" has a student editorial staff.
- Students can contribute to the school newsletter.

RŪNANGA TAUIRA

The School Council is made up of elected students. They raise awareness, run student assemblies and other activities.

KAPAHAKA

Learn Māori culture by participation and performance.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Contribute to the wellbeing of the Hokitika community. William Pike Challenge Award includes 20 hours of community service, 20 hours of a project or activity, and 5 recreational activities. Duke of Edinburgh Award for those aged over 14 involves learning a new skill (or developing an existing one), getting physically active, giving service to our communities, and taking part in an adventure.



SPORT

Interval and lunchtime activities are based around the gym. We also have opportunities for coaching, refereeing and participating as a player.

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| Athletics | Rugby |
| Badminton | Skiing or |
| Basketball | Snowboarding |
| Cross Country | Soccer |
| Equestrian | Swimming |
| Hockey | Tennis |
| Netball | Volleyball |





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