

## WHY CHOOSE HOROWHENUA COLLEGE?



- Do you want to successfully enter a New Zealand University?
- Do you want academic excellence?
- Do you want a typical New Zealand experience?

Horowhenua College enjoys an excellent reputation.

The Education Review Office reviews all Colleges in New Zealand. The most recent report for Horowhenua College is available on our website [www.horowhenua.school.nz](http://www.horowhenua.school.nz)

At Horowhenua College the teachers really do care about their students. Extra help is willingly given to students who ask for it, and consequently the success of students in external exams is high. In past years, some of our students have scored in the top 1% in New Zealand in Maths, Science and English.

Students at Horowhenua College do very well at University and perform well above the national average. Former Horowhenua College students have received High Achiever Awards at University in the subjects of Law, Music, Accounting, Architecture, Science and Mathematics.

Horowhenua College is able to offer its students a range of cultural and sporting activities. The College has been very successful in national competitions in many areas. Choir, Stage Challenge, Jazz Band, Drama, Canoe Polo, Hockey, Swimming, Rowing, Basketball, Soccer, Rifle Shooting, Rugby, Netball, Tennis and Mountain Biking, are some of the activities offered.

Former students involved in the sports of Swimming and Shooting have represented New Zealand at the 2004 and 2008 Olympics and 2006 Commonwealth Games.

Outdoor activities such as tramping, skiing and rowing are readily available. Local scenery features lakes, bush clad mountains, rivers and good swimming beaches.

The staff at Horowhenua College are proud of their students and offer them every support for their academic success and for the achievement of their goals. Students can confidently move on to university or other tertiary institutions after completing their studies here.

Horowhenua College is the longer established College in Levin and has about 650 students. It is a co-educational school teaching girls and boys from 13 to 20 years of age.

Horowhenua College is located 200 metres from the town centre. It has extensive grounds. The main building surrounds a beautiful courtyard featuring grassed areas with attractive flower and rose gardens. There is an attractive mix of modern facilities while still retaining the historic character of the buildings.

The modern facilities include: computer suites, library / information centre, music suites, science laboratories, rugby and soccer playing fields, netball and tennis

courts, two gymnasiums including a climbing wall, outdoor swimming pool and Canteen.

## STUDY AT HOROWHENUA COLLEGE

### Orientation

Our Homestay Manager will meet new students at the Palmerston North or Wellington Airports and makes introductions to the Homestay family. After enrolment the new student at Horowhenua College will be given an orientation to the school and its community. The International Department staff will introduce students to key people in the school. The ESOL teacher will spend time getting to know the student and begin a programme of language to help the early settling in process. Visits to typical classrooms with a New Zealand student selected to be a “buddy”, to the school Library and to key places in the Levin township will help the student to manage their first days.

Careful explanations of the school’s rules and expectations will take place. There will be time for a little recreation and catching up on emails in the first two weeks. Regular contact with the Dean of International Students and the Homestay Manager in this programme will help the school keep a careful watch on students in this critical period of adjustment.

The orientation programme will give students a chance to talk with the Dean of International students about their academic plans as well as other interests (e.g. Music and Sport) which can lead to involvement in the school community and the wider Levin community.

### Foundation Course

Following the Orientation programme students may be required to enter a Foundation Course. This course is designed to prepare students to enter a full examination course. This programme is primarily to bring the level of English up to that required for study in the chosen level during the following year. The programme consists of language development in commerce, mathematics and science as well as specific ESOL instruction. Thorough assessment of the student’s prior learning and existing ability to progress in the academic programme will be undertaken in this course. There will be tuition in Study and Life in New Zealand designed to ensure the students are equipped for success in their academic classes. Assessment of progress will be ongoing and accumulated each term to determine appropriate introduction of examination subjects to the individual student’s programme. As students become ready for individual tuition the academic subjects will be added to their timetable. If students have transferable credits for the National Qualifications these will be identified by the Dean of International Students.