



# Welcome to Waitaki Boys' High School

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We are enriched by a proud heritage, but forward-looking and progressive in our task of educating boys to meet the challenges of the new millennium.

The environment and traditions of the school have exercised a remarkable effect upon generations of boys. We are blessed with a spectacular site, magnificent buildings and gardens, and generous resources. Our ethos is that boys will “be their best”, in regards to their academic performance, culture, sports and most importantly their character. We are clear about our primary task. It is to identify and develop the potential of every boy.

With a roll of 440, we are small enough to know each boy well, and to recognise his individual character and needs, but large enough to offer an extensive academic and growing vocational curriculum, and an impressive co-curricular programme.

Our students are proud to be Waitakians. You will find here a tremendous school spirit. The big ‘events’ of the school year such as the Anzac Day Service, Cultural Competition and the Senior Prizegiving are inspirational. The enthusiasm and vitality of the boys shines through.

The primary purpose of this prospectus is to outline the breadth of opportunities which are available to your son at Waitaki Boys’. This is an exciting time for our school and I am looking forward to sharing this journey with your sons.

Darryl Paterson  
Rector

*The “all-round Waitakian” strives to achieve academically, culturally, socially,  
in sport and in leadership*







# Enriched by the Past

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Waitaki Boys' was founded in 1883 and is one of the oldest schools in the country. The magnificent main buildings, in Oamaru stone, date from that period. In the 1920's a breath-taking Hall of Memories was built in the perpendicular English gothic chapel style. Assemblies and ceremonial occasions in the Hall are enhanced by one of New Zealand's finest pipe organs. These historic buildings have all earned an 'A Grade' Historic Places Trust listing. The school is also handsomely endowed with 32 hectares of spacious grounds. They are laid out in impressive playing fields, lawns, gardens and shrubbery.

Under the rectorship of Mr Frank Milner (1906-44) Waitaki Boys' established a national reputation for the rigour and excellence of its academic and sporting programmes and for its remarkable esprit de corps. It attracted boys from throughout New Zealand.

Milner promoted the concept of the all round boy, which has shaped the Waitaki education ever since and is reflected in the school's mission statement. Old Waitakians have become leaders in all areas of life. They have included 16 knights, 13 All Blacks, eight Cabinet Ministers, a VC winner and a Governor General.





# Prepared for the Future

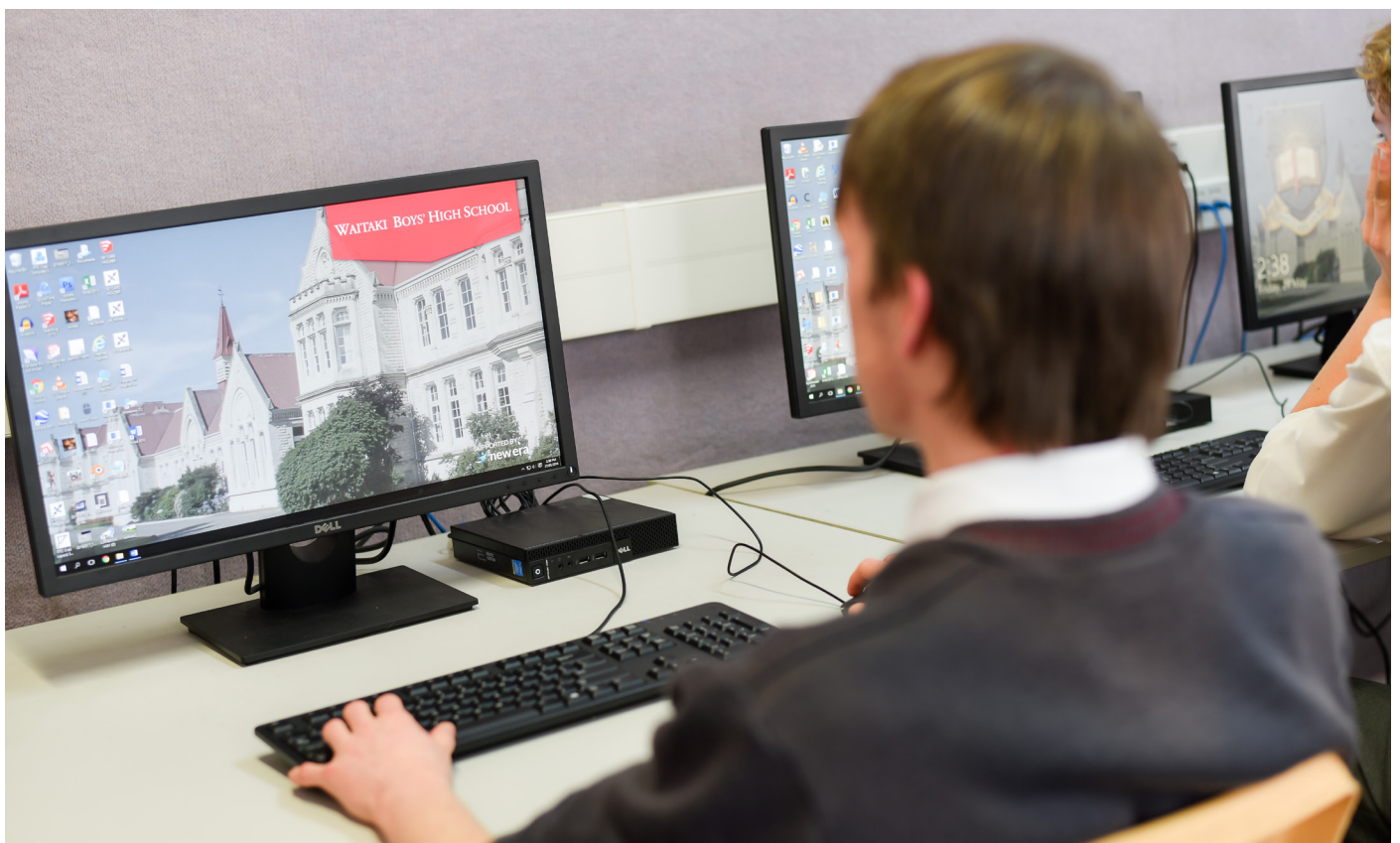
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For over a century, Waitaki Boys' High School has prepared students for the challenges of the future. Those challenges are constantly changing.

In today's world Waitaki graduates must be independent, self-motivated, flexible and confident learners, and articulate co-operative and personable young men.

The goal for the near future of the school is to have programmes that answer the needs of the student as opposed to the students being fitted into programmes. To this end we have a growing vocational pathways programme and a shared timetable with Waitaki Girls' High School which offers an ever broadening curriculum. Interaction and consultation with the community will be an important part of this 21st Century approach. A BYOD (Bring your own device) policy has been introduced at the school and within the next 5 years it is expected that every boy in the school will have access to a digital device at school.

Our commitment to modern learning was demonstrated this year with the opening of our new Science block in the Lilburn building by the Prime Minister.









# Academic Achievement

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The primary purpose of Waitaki Boys' High School is academic achievement through goal setting, development of a strong work ethic and meeting high expectations. We expect every boy to fulfil his academic potential.

Students are challenged to stand up for themselves, to develop resilience and be highly motivated. The school offers a full range of academic and vocational pathways. They are supported by modern IT and leading technology.

Our teachers have an understanding of the individual learning needs of all our students. We aim to empower boys as learners and to encourage in them responsibility for their own learning so they are active, not passive learners.



There is an increasing emphasis on vocational pathways providing students opportunities to gain credits in the workplace. All boys are equally valued, but individualised learning needs are assessed. This allows those with the highest aspirations as well as those requiring a fully supported learning environment to achieve relative success.

## NCEA SUCCESS

In 2017 our NCEA Level 2 pass rate was nearly 10% above the national boys average at 86.2%. Our Level 1 students had the best pass rate for the last four years.

Our certificate endorsements are also well up on previous years; at Level 1 over 39% of boys received a Merit or Excellence endorsement, at Level 2 over 25% and at Level 3 over 36%.

Our increasing success at NCEA has been facilitated by the appointment of Aisea Fifita - Assistant Rector in charge of Teaching and Learning. He has been appointed to oversee the support programmes that track the academic achievement of every student in the school.





# Waitakians for Life

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The Waitaki Boys' vision is founded on our community's values. We are aiming for a balanced, all-round student with achievement in academic, cultural, sporting and an emphasis on character development.

## Cultural Achievement

We offer abundant cultural opportunities and we respect the actor, the musician and the debater. Many of these opportunities are generated in partnership with Waitaki Girls' High School. Recent years have also seen a developing strength in Maori and Polynesian cultural performances, adding a new and valuable aspect to our global citizenship, widening our cultural perspective.

## Sporting Achievement

We offer a comprehensive sporting programme, excellent coaching from staff and local sports people, and outstanding onsite facilities. In 2017 we had 16 boys who won Aoraki Sports awards, for their chosen sport, with 7 boys also receiving National honours. Sport has huge benefits for boys. They make new friends, grow in confidence and develop physical skills. Through their involvement they learn more about themselves. They develop good sportsmanship, learn about competition, teamwork, discipline, initiative and how to win with good grace. Sport is character building.

## Character Development

The school runs a values programme which underpins our emphasis on character development. Through the Rectors assemblies the school values of respect, resilience and motivation are focused on. The He Ara Tika Award scheme rewards the personification of these school values and is the cornerstone of our PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) programme. A weekly leadership programme is now underway which sees Year 13 students leading peer support of the Year 9 students. Other Year 13 students are involved in Community Service. The Year 10's undertake the Rite Journey programme. The year 11's undertake the Kia Kaha (anti-bullying) programme, while the year 12's conduct a leadership training course. Waitaki Boys' is a safe secure, supportive community in which boys can flourish and fulfil their potential.





# Curriculum

Year 9	Year 10	Level 1
Science	Science	Science 102 Science 101
English	English	English 101 English 102 English 103
Social Studies	Social Studies	L1 Geography L1 History L1 Economics L1 Accounting
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics 101 Mathematics 102 Mathematics 103
Technology	Technology	L1 Technology L1 Furniture L1 Engineering L1 Graphics L1 Digital Technology
Physical Education *Health	Physical Education *Outdoor Education	L1 Physical Education
*Art	*Art	L1 Art
*Music	*Music	L1 Music
*Agriculture	*Agriculture	L1 Agriculture
	*Te Reo Maori	
*Options each term	* Options each half year	Vocational Pathways



# Pathways

Level 2	Level 3
L2 Biology	L3 Biology
L2 Chemistry	L3 Chemistry
L2 Physics	L3 Physics
L2 Science	
English 201	English 301
English 202	English 302
L2 Geography	L3 Geography
L2 History	L3 History
L2 Economics	L3 Economics
L2 Accounting	L3 Accounting
L2 Business Studies	*L3 Classical Studies
L2 Media Studies	L3 Media Studies
	*L3 Tourism
Mathematics 201	Mathematics 301
Mathematics 202	Mathematics 302
Mathematics 203	Mathematics 303
L2 Technology	
L2 Furniture	L3 Technology
L2 Engineering	
L2 Construction	L3 Graphics
L2 Graphics	
L2 Digital Technology	L3 Digital Technology
L2 Physical Education	L3 Physical Education
L2 Painting	*L3 Painting
L2 Photography	L3 Photography
L2 Music	L3 Music
L2 Agriculture	L3 Agriculture
L2 Agribusiness	L3 Agri Business
Gateway	
'Ready for Work' Programme	* Classes held at WGHS
ARA courses	



# Fraser Farm

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## “Preparing for the Future in Primary Production”

The Fraser Farm has been developed to meet the industry requirements for young people who are enthusiastic about the sector and are striving to make a career in Primary Production.

A Fraser Farm Committee made up of farmers and industry people oversee the direction and vision of the farm. There is enormous support from the wider farming community for the students and the farm. Students are encouraged to take part in the management and day to day running of the Fraser Farm, including weekends.

With the boarding facilities and Fraser Farm; Waitaki Boys' High School is ideally placed to support young men in their quest to join one of the most exciting and dynamic industries in New Zealand. In 2015 a new and exciting curriculum of Primary ITO approved certificates were introduced. Waitaki Boys' High School has been approved to deliver and assess these courses. In 2019, it is planned to offer not only the practical ITO standards but also theoretical Agricultural classes through the Agribusiness programme at Level 2 and Level 3 in 2020



## FRASER FARM SCHOLARSHIPS

Three Fraser Farm scholarships to the value of \$4000 each are being offered to incoming Waitaki Boys' High School pupils. They will be given to boys who would board in the school hostel. Moreover five scholarships to the value of \$200 each are being offered to incoming day boy pupils.

The scholarships will be awarded to boys who are starting as year 9 pupils. They are bestowed in memory of the late Trevor Meikle, a past pupil and retired farmer who worked as a volunteer to reinstate the school's Fraser Farm.





# Facilities

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Waitaki Boys' has outstanding facilities, in particular an onsite swimming pool and an Outdoor Education Lodge at Lake Middleton, Ohau, 50 acres of spacious grounds and the world renowned Hall of Memories.

Waitaki Boys' swimming pool is onsite and used through Terms 1 and Term 4, for Physical Education classes, lunchtime swims and after school for the boarders. It is also where we hold our annual inter-house swimming sports competition.



Lake Middleton Lodge is Waitaki Boys' Outdoor Education facility. Nestled on the shore of Lake Middleton, it provides ample opportunity for kayaking, boating, tramping, cycling and skiing in the winter and summer months. Year 9 and 10 camps are held at the lodge, and the boarding establishment regularly takes weekends up there during the warmer months.





The extensive grounds provide outstanding recreational and sporting facilities onsite.



The 90 year old Hall of Memories is a Category 1 NZ Historic Places Trust building. With its Oamaru stone exterior, mature timber interior resplendant with pipe organ it is the ‘heartbeat’ of our school. Jacinda Ardern, NZ’s Prime Minister, on her recent visit to the school specifically mentioned how impressed she was with the Hall of Memories – in her words “the most impressive school building she had ever been to”





# Don House

Waitaki Boys' is one of the nation's leading boarding schools for boys.

Since the school's founding in 1883 many thousands have graduated as confident, well-rounded young men. The legacy of past generations continues to influence the boys, and the backdrop provided by the school's historic buildings is a constant reminder of this rich heritage.

Boys attending the boarding hostel – Don House - gain all of this and more. They live right on the very doorstep of all that Waitaki offers, assisting them to achieve their personal, cultural, social, sporting and academic goals. Indeed, Waitaki Boys' teachers have been quoted as saying:

“...in my classroom, I look to Don House boys to set the standard.”

Don House is a great place to live and a great place to study. Discover the ‘X-factor’ which sets this hostel apart from others.









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