



## *Hosting International Students*

An important facet of an international student's stay in New Zealand is their homestay experience. Kaipara College will ensure a student's stay is comfortable, happy and positive. The staff in the International Student Department at Kaipara College take great care to place students appropriately.

Kaipara College homestay families have plenty of experience at hosting students. They know how to deal with students new to New Zealand and understand the problems they must overcome, such as homesickness, language difficulties and learning to live in a different culture.

We thoroughly assess all the homestay families before placing a student with them, and parents can feel confident that their children will be safe and well looked after during their stay in New Zealand. If a student does not feel comfortable with their homestay, then they will be moved to a different home.

The International Student Department has the welfare and progress of each international student as its primary goals. It maintains the communication flow with both the student's parents and their homestay parents.

Students can be met at the airport and transported to their homestay. There is an orientation programme in their first days at Kaipara College, which includes information about New Zealand culture and the school's systems. Throughout their stay in New Zealand students are fully supported by the International Student team, their classroom teachers, Deans and counsellors.

## *Academic - National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA)*

The National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) is well-recognised worldwide and can be gained in the last three years of secondary school. NCEA is an extremely flexible qualification and it consists of both internal assessments and external assessments to cater for different learning styles. Students sitting NCEA do not have the stress of preparing for one end of year examination that will decide their fate; they are assessed throughout the year with assignments, practical assessments, presentations, examinations and project work.

## *Living in New Zealand*

### CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Kaipara College has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students published by the Ministry of Education. Copies of the Code are available on request from this institution or from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at [www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/caring-for-international-students/](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/caring-for-international-students/)

**IMMIGRATION** Full details of visa and permit requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying and reporting requirements are available through the New Zealand Immigration Service, and can be viewed on their website at [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)

**ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH SERVICES** Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you may be liable for the full costs of that treatment. Full details on entitlements to publicly funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health, and can be viewed on their website at [www.moh.govt.nz](http://www.moh.govt.nz)

**ACCIDENT INSURANCE** The Accident Compensation Corporation provide accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitor to New Zealand, but you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website at [www.acc.co.nz](http://www.acc.co.nz)

**MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE** International students must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance while staying in New Zealand.



# *Kaipara College*

## INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS



## *Best of both worlds*

Fees, Policies, Terms and Conditions, Insurance

Please see our website:

[www.kaipara.school.nz](http://www.kaipara.school.nz)





## Welcome

Kaipara College is located in the town of Helensville, on the North West edge of Auckland. It is one hour from the Auckland's International Airport and is 40 minutes' drive from the centre of the city. It has the best of the New Zealand countryside, while being very close to the city. Our students come from small communities and townships within the horticulture and farming regions, right on the edge of the city. People living in the area can easily get to the city and enjoy its facilities, while living close to beaches, golf courses and open spaces.

Kaipara College warmly welcomes international students. As well as offering a wide range of subjects and co-curricular activities, we offer many special features to meet the needs of students from other countries.

## History of Kaipara College

The college was founded in 1924 as Helensville District High School, becoming Kaipara College in 1959. A devastating fire destroyed the last original classrooms and many years' worth of archives and resources belonging to the original school in December 2006.

The facilities of the school are impressive; modern and purpose built, enabling high quality teaching and learning to take place. The school is on a nine-hectare site, with over 80% of the buildings new or redeveloped since 2009. The growing school roll is leading to ongoing investment in state-of-the-art facilities over the next four years.



## International Students Welcomed

International Students are welcome to our school either for short-term or long-term study. We provide an excellent ESOL programme, a special system of pastoral care, and recreational activities which ensure that international students gain full benefit from their time in New Zealand.

International Students at Kaipara College are an integral part of the school community and help to provide our domestic students with experiences of different cultures on their back door. These interactions promote inclusiveness and respect for others as well as developing lifelong friendships. Hosting International Students allows our students and community to develop as Global Citizens and forge connections that reach all corners of the globe.

The International Department will provide the students with educational opportunities that inspire them to learn and are respectful of the individual cultural differences and diverse backgrounds that students bring with them. An inclusive approach will be taken to all aspects of governance in accordance with the eight principles of the New Zealand Curriculum whilst fully recognising the rich Māori heritage of our community and the place of the Treaty of Waitangi in our society.

At Kaipara College International Students are able to have the 'Best of Both Worlds' because we are able to provide a uniquely kiwi experience in a semi-rural, safe, caring, friendly community centred environment 40 minutes away from one of the most liveable cities in the world.

## Care of International Students

The health, safety and well-being of our International Students is essential. Developing a sense of belonging is important so that they are able to adapt to their surroundings quickly. At Kaipara College we have a buddy system with our domestic students so that the international student is seeing things from a teenager's perspective.

The staff and students at Kaipara College are kind, welcoming and friendly and enjoy the interaction with students from different cultures. They are respectful and open to learning new ways of seeing the world. We get the students and staff to help pass on our unique heritage. International Students will learn about our history, Māori language and culture.

