



## Congratulations on choosing Tauranga Girls' College for your further education.

We have put together this information sheet to help you on your arrival to New Zealand.

### **Shuttle:**

If a shuttle has been booked for you from Auckland Airport to your Homestay family in Tauranga, please clear customs as quickly as possible to avoid shuttle delays. You may be required to wait for other passengers. Luxury shuttle take no responsibility when flights arrive early or late. Late passengers may be transferred to the next available shuttle that has sufficient room. This will be done at no extra cost. To find your shuttle, clear custom doors into the terminal and **turn left**, you will see a stand with "Pre-booked transport", this is the meeting point.



### **Tauranga Airport Pick up:**

If you are flying directly into Tauranga Airport you will be met by your host family and a Tauranga Girls' College representative.

### **Orientation at school:**

On your first day at school you will receive orientation that will help you adjust to school and home life in New Zealand. You are not required to wear school uniform on day 1. However, you will need to bring a packed lunch and drink.

### **Visa/Passport**

A copy of your visa and passport **MUST** be given to the International Department office on day one of the orientation, otherwise you cannot start school!

### **School bus passes:**

If you are required to catch a bus to and from school, you will be supplied with a \$100 bus pass, which your host family will have on your arrival. The cost of this will be taken from your expenses account. It will then be your responsibility to top it up for the remainder of your time in NZ. This can be done on the bus or at I-Site

### **Mobile Phone:**

Your host family will have a SIM card with \$5.00 loaded on it so you will have a New Zealand phone number. You need to let the International Department office know your number as soon as you get it.

### **New Zealand Bank Account:**

Students studying for more than 3 months are required to have a New Zealand bank. To open the bank account you may be asked for a tax code. If you have a tax code in your country, you are required to inform the bank of this and produce the number. A bank account will allow the school to reimburse you for any school related costs you purchase i.e. uniforms and stationery. This will be taken from your expense account and put into your New Zealand bank account on either a Tuesday or Thursday evening. Once your account is open, ask your nominated bank to give an official card, which has your account name and number on it. You must take this to the International Department office to be copied.

### **Stationery:**

You will receive your stationery list at orientation and your host family will assist you in purchasing these in your first week. Once you have purchased your stationery, keep your receipt and take it to the International Department office for reimbursement from your expenses account.

### **Winter Clothing:**

Not all NZ homes and shops/restaurants are heated like many Asian and European countries. We advise that students bring warm clothing including boots and a Jacket.

### **School Uniform:**

Tauranga Girls' College International Department have a limited amount of second hand school uniforms. If you wish to purchase a new school uniform your host family will assist you in this. Below is a list of uniform items. We recommend 1 skirt, 2 tops, a jersey and or a Micro –fleece.

#### **Skirt**

##### **Years 9-11**

- Navy blue / mid blue check wool polyester (material pattern BPW096) pleated skirt. Knee length.

##### **Years 12-13**

- Navy blue wool - polyester pleated skirt. Knee length.

#### **Tops**

- Tauranga Girls' College monogrammed polo shirt with blue and black striped collar or a white cotton, non-ribbed, roll-neck long sleeved skivvy (winter only).
- Jersey or Micro-fleece Tauranga Girls' College, navy blue, striped V-neck woollen jersey.
  
- Tauranga Girls' College, navy blue, monogrammed zip front fleece.

#### **Footwear**

- Plain white ankle socks or navy blue/black/ skin colour opaque pantyhose.
- Black leather regulation lace-up flat shoes or blue Roman Sandals or McKinlays navy Safari sandal in summer. (Platform soles are not acceptable). *It has been recommended by past students to purchase your own **plain** black lace up shoes prior, due to the quality available in NZ)*

#### **Jacket**

- Tauranga Girls' College regulation Jacket or Tauranga Girls' College Blazer or a plain navy blue anorak/parka. (Optional)

#### **Scarf**

- Navy Blue

#### **Jewellery**

- A wrist watch, one sleeper or stud in each ear and hair ribbons of school colour are permitted

#### **Physical Education Activities**

- Navy Taslon shorts.
- Plain white blouse or T-shirt or Tauranga Girls' College T-shirt (Active Outdoor Clothing - Devonport Road).
- Swimwear (not bikinis)
- For winter, navy blue tracksuit pants or the regulation tracksuit pants and sports shoes are optional. The website below will give you the cost for a new uniform.

<http://activeschoolwear.co.nz/>

If you purchase a new uniform please keep the receipt and give it to the International Department office for reimbursement from your expenses account.

