

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME





Orewa College has an enviable reputation as a school with a progressive and global outlook, where modern teaching and learning styles are incorporated and the values of inclusiveness, integrity and respect are fostered in our young people.

As one of the first New Zealand schools to foster International Student education, with 30 years experience, Orewa College has hosted many many International Students from all parts of the globe, helping them achieve long term academic success, perfect their English, integrate into and understand kiwi culture and explore the natural world. Our teachers and our wide range of subjects cater very well for International Students and many students get involved in sport, music and the arts. The International Department is dedicated to supporting international students and we use the school wide support systems and facilities such as Health Centre, Physiotherapy Clinic, Counselling service.





EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Long term International Students who wish to study for the New Zealand qualifications with the possibility of tertiary study or work in New Zealand after high school, are well catered for as priority learners. They can gain their qualifications in traditional academic subjects and in practical subjects such as Art and Technology. They are well supported to achieve the level of English they require with a robust ESOL Programme (English as a Second Language)



"I am in Year 12 at Orewa College and studying for Level 2 NCEA. I came during year 10 and intend to stay to gain Level 3 when I graduate Year 13 next year. I want to attend University to study Business in the future. I have really loved being at Orewa College. The teachers really support me and help a lot. The International Department support me so much too. ESOL is really good for me and helps with my other subjects. My homestay family is the best in the world, I love them".

Crystal from China

Shorter term students can structure their learning a little differently choosing subjects their home school asked them to do and also subjects that they may want to "give a go". We have tailored some of our more practical subjects so International Students can fit in with "kiwi" students to achieve memorable results.



Svea from Germany in Workshop Technology



Students from Argentina in Hospitality



Martin from Colombia in Creative Pattern Making

Orewa College learning is on the Google digital platform and all students are required to have their own device.

PARTICIPATION

The Orewa College website Activities pages show the wide range of things that happen beyond the classroom, that International Students can and do become involved in we have:

29 sports teams, 13 arts clubs (fine arts, music, dance and drama), 9 other clubs, 4 shows and festivals,

8 whole school House events

"I love the band, I get to play my trumpet and go to band practice every Wednesday after school. We play in concerts. I have more and more kiwi friends and it is a very nice experience for me". Mai from Japan.



"I belong to the Orewa College Choir called 4 Octaves. We rehearse every Monday after school. I like to sing with my kiwi friends, its so fun. I also participated in Show Quest drama and dance competition and we performed in the Auckland Town Hall. I was really nervous but it was so much fun and I am pleased with myself." Chiharu from Japan





"It was an unforgettable experience to play football for Orewa College, they have a very good team and very good people. I helped the College Girls team win many games and we went to the National tournament where I scored II goals!" Catalina from Chile

HOMESTAY

We have many local families who open their homes to International Students. Host parents treat their International Students like their own children and become a very important part of the support they receive. The relationships students build with host family members lead to much learning of cultural diversity and English language improvement. The benefits are two way and the bonds made often last a lifetime.

Paddy O'Grady is our very experienced Homestay Coordinator who has been on board for the 30 years we have been operating! He has a real skill for matching students and homestays and has a wealth of knowledge.

Mr Paddy O'Grady

The Hibiscus Coast is a growing and prosperous area and many of our Homestays live in new and modern houses. Homestays are either in walking distance from Orewa College or situated on local bus routes. Orewa College does service a rural hinterland and for some students a rural lifestyle is appreciated. These areas are serviced by rural school buses.





"I came to Orewa College for 6 months, 7 years ago. My host sisters were so so awesome and I miss them everyday. Trixie has been to visit me in Germany and I have come back to NZ to visit my host family. We will stay friends for life" Noelle from Germany.



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