



# Tauranga Girls' College



International Prospectus

empowering tomorrow's women



# Welcome, Kia Ora

guten tag bonjour ciao  
goddag annyonghaseyo hola  
sa-was-dee nihao konnichiwa  
bienvenida hello oi! ahoj  
xin chao hwan yung hap nida





At Tauranga Girls' College, we pride ourselves on the warm welcome we give our International Students, and on our vision to provide students from a wide variety of countries with a positive, safe, and fulfilling educational experience.

I invite you to browse our photos and activities, to gain an understanding of what we stand for, and how we can help you to achieve your goals, whatever they might be.

## Empowering Tomorrow's Women



Choosing the right school for your daughter's international educational experience is a life changing decision. New Zealand and global statistics on education show clearly that an educational environment dedicated exclusively to the needs of young women allows them to outperform students in any other educational setting. Our school, with its outstanding reputation for nurturing personal, academic and co-curricular excellence, welcomes your daughter to an all-girl educational community that reflects the best of New Zealand. I invite you to connect with us and experience everything that Tauranga Girls' College has to offer.

*Pauline Cowens*

Pauline Cowens B.Sc, Dip Tchg, P.G. Dip S.M.  
PRINCIPAL

International education provides exciting opportunities for today's young women. At Tauranga Girls' College, we take very seriously the responsibility of helping your daughter to achieve the goals she has set. We will encourage her to make the most of the opportunities available to her, and to enjoy her experience in one of the most successful schools in New Zealand.

As Director of International Students, I welcome the chance to encourage and support your daughter as she experiences the enjoyment and rewards of studying at Tauranga Girls' College.



*Julie Sommerville*

Julie Sommerville MA (hons), Dip Tchg  
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.



COVER: Young (Korea), Madleina (Switzerland), Momo (Thailand), Emily (Germany) and Eri (Japan).



## A Special Place for your Daughter

Located in the beautiful Bay of Plenty, Tauranga is a favourite place for New Zealanders to live and holiday. With a population of approximately 120,000, it is the fastest growing city in New Zealand, and is famous for its sun, beaches and horticulture. Tauranga provides a happy balance between large city facilities and the more relaxed lifestyle typical of provincial New Zealand. It is just two and a half hours by car, or 30 minutes by plane, from Auckland International Airport.

Because of the desirable life-style in the region, Tauranga Girls' College has no difficulty in attracting highly qualified, dedicated teaching staff, and this is a real strength of the school. Students benefit from the professionalism of staff who are keen to see their students achieve to the best of their ability.







## Tauranga: Your place to study

Attending a school in another country is a life changing experience. At Tauranga Girls' College, we want your daughter to have a special experience.

We want her to achieve to the best of her ability in all areas of school life and to gain confidence in herself, sure that she can take her part in the world with pride. We want her to go home with a sense of accomplishment, having gained not only academically,

but in all areas of her life. We want her to have made the most of all the opportunities available to the girls who come to us, and to know that she has gained immeasurably from her time at Tauranga Girls' College.

We are proud of the environment we provide here to support learning and personal growth. High standards are promoted and supported, and girls will be able to participate in a wide variety

of sporting and cultural experiences as well as gain an excellent academic education.

We are confident that your daughters will indeed become the empowered women of the future.





## Academic

At Tauranga Girls' College we ensure that every student has the opportunity to have an enjoyable, satisfying and academically rewarding experience. Students at the school achieve excellent academic results, and participation, a sense of purpose and taking responsibility for learning are strongly supported.

## Junior School Subjects

All year 9 and 10 students study English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Physical Education. Year 9 students study an additional six half year options, and Year 10, an additional three full year options, chosen from the following list.

Computing, Food Technology, Design and Visual Communication, Materials Technology, Textiles Technology, Art, Dance, Drama, Drama and Dance (year 9 only), Music, Musicianship, Nga Mahi a Te Rehia, Nga Toi Maori, French, German, Japanese, Te Reo Maori, Business Enterprise. In addition, English as a Second Language is available as a half or full year option, depending on need.

## Chinese Language Classes

Chinese language classes are available at all levels of learning, including as an NCEA subject for native speakers, as an extra, after school option.



## Senior School Subjects

SUBJECT	Y11	Y12	Y13
<b>English</b>			
English	•	•	•
English in Progress	•	•	
English Language & Literacy	•	•	•
English as a Second Language	•	•	•
<b>Mathematics</b>			
Mathematics with Extensions	•	•	
Mathematics	•	•	•
Mathematics Applied	•	•	
Mathematics Numeracy		•	
Mathematics Statistics			•
Mathematics with Calculus			•
<b>Science</b>			
Science	•	•	
Science Core	•		
Science Applied / Bridging	•		
Biology		•	•
Chemistry		•	•
Physics		•	•
<b>Social Sciences</b>			
Geography	•	•	•
History	•	•	•
Social Science	•		
Te Ao Maori	•		
Classical Studies		•	•
Introductory Tourism		•	
Sociology		•	•
Extension Tourism			•
<b>Technology and Systems</b>			
Computing	•	•	•
Textiles Technology	•	•	•
Design & Visual Communication	•	•	•
Digital Technologies	•	•	•
Design Innovation	•	•	•
Food & Nutrition	•	•	•
Practical Technology*	•	•	•
Practical Textiles*	•		
Senior half year Computing*	•	•	•

SUBJECT	Y11	Y12	Y13
<b>The Arts</b>			
Art	•		
Contemporary Music	•	•	•
Dance	•	•	•
Design		•	•
Drama	•	•	•
History of Art			•
Music	•	•	•
Painting			•
Photography		•	•
Practical Art		•	
Contemporary Maori Art	•		
Digital Media Art	•		
Film & Media Production		•	•
Nga Mahi a Te Rehia	•		
<b>Physical Ed. &amp; Health</b>			
Physical Education	•	•	•
Health Studies	•	•	
Sport and Leadership		•	•
Sport & Recreation	•	•	•
Aquatics*	•	•	•
Self Defence*	•	•	•
<b>Languages</b>			
French	•	•	•
German	•	•	•
Japanese	•	•	•
Spanish	•	•	•
Te Reo Maori	•	•	•
<b>Business Studies</b>			
Accounting	•	•	•
Business Studies	•	•	•
Economics	•	•	•
Legal Studies		•	
<b>Vocational</b>			
Early Childhood Education	•	•	•
Animal Care*	•		
Hospitality Foundation Skills	•		
Hospitality Services (A)		•	•
Hospitality Services (B)		•	•

\* Half year course



## English as a Second Language

Tauranga Girls' College expects that students are reasonably proficient in the English language in order to access the curriculum, but ESOL classes are provided at every level for those who need this help.

A pre-intermediate level of English is suitable for study at a junior level, and students applying for senior levels should have a higher level of English. ESOL classes have small numbers to allow for individual tuition. Senior students are prepared for IELTS examinations, as well as NCEA, and other English examinations such as TOEFL can also be catered for. There is no extra charge for these courses apart from examination fees.

A special service we offer our students is to have a teacher aide available to go into mainstream classes with your daughter when necessary. This can be particularly helpful when students are first settling into their new school and are still gaining confidence.



## Student Facilities

At Tauranga Girls' College, students have many facilities available to them on campus.

- International student centre.
- Whare wananga.
- Heated swimming pool, large sports field, netball and tennis courts.
- Gymnasium complex with a main sports arena, a recreational activities room and a weight training bay.
- Drama/video studio.
- Media equipment for Journalism, Art and Television Production.
- Keyboard music laboratory with listening posts and recording studio.
- Digital photography, colour photocopier, ceramics bay and pottery kiln.
- Multimedia studio.
- Technology and Design workshop with access to electronic and CAD technology.
- A multi-resource library, network, internet link, computers, senior study facilities, private reading areas, microfiche reader, careers information centre, as well as a wide range of books, magazines and digital resources.
- A learning support centre for individual tuition and assistance with learning and study skills.
- Computer laboratories with access to intranet and internet.
- Wireless campus.
- Flexible access to bookable computer suites.
- Careers room with computerised career database.
- Health centre with a registered nurse in attendance.
- Year 13 common room.
- Canteen.

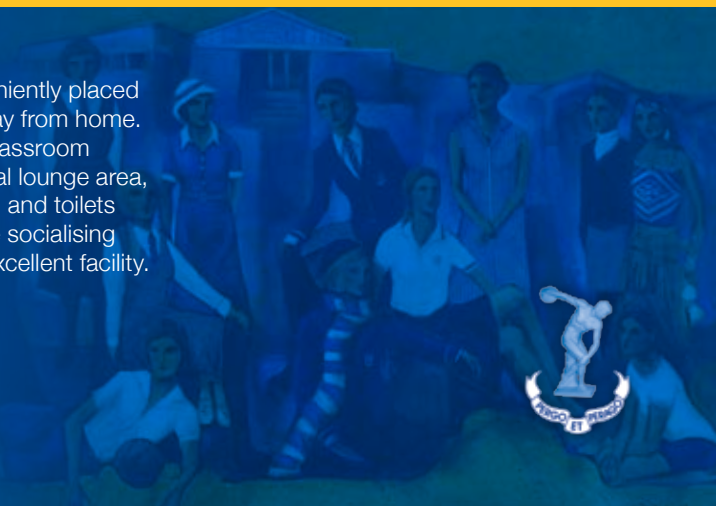






## International Student Centre

The International Students' Centre is a purpose-built facility, conveniently placed in the centre of the campus, catering for the needs of students away from home. The building includes an ESOL classroom, a study room with full classroom facilities, including computers for personal student use and a casual lounge area, a kitchen for students with microwave, refrigerator and dishwasher, and toilets and offices. A long veranda enables students to relax outside while socialising with their friends at lunchtime. Students enjoy making use of this excellent facility.







## Performing & Visual Arts

Barbershop Chorus  
 Big Band  
 Chamber Ensemble  
 Choirs  
 Combined School Productions  
 Creative Writing  
 Debating  
 Drama Productions

Fashion Parade  
 Guitar Ensemble  
 Jazz Combo  
 Kapahaka  
 Lighting and Sound  
 Mooting  
 NZ Young Designers  
 Oratory

Percussion Group  
 Rock Bands  
 Shakespeare Competitions  
 Stage Challenge  
 Symphonic Band  
 Talent Wars  
 Theatre Sports



# Sports

Sports offered include:

Athletics	Equestrian	Netball	Squash	Triathlon
Badminton	Football	Road Race	Surf Lifesaving	Underwater Hockey
Basketball	Golf	Rowing	Swimming	Volleyball
Beach Volleyball	Hockey	Rugby	Target Shooting	Waka Ama
Cross Country	Kayaking	Spirit of NZ	Tennis	Water Polo
Duathlon	Multisport	Sports Climbing	Touch Rugby	

In 2013, 29 Tauranga Girls' College students represented New Zealand in their chosen sports.

For further information about sports and when they are available, see extra information sheet.



## Business Activities

Business Studies and related subjects are a strength at Tauranga Girls' College. The success of the Year 10 students in national enterprise competitions has seen them contribute their time and over \$29,000 to local community organisations.

- BP Community Projects
- College Herald
- Environmental Awards
- Future Problem Solving
- Reserve Bank Competition

- School Magazine
- SELL Business Experience
- Young Enterprise Scheme
- Young Innovator Competition







## Pastoral Care and Homestay



Homestay accommodation for your daughter is carefully selected by our Homestay Manager and must comply with regulations set down in the International Students' Code of Practice. At Tauranga Girls' College, we have a wonderful group of caring and supportive homestay families who work with the school to ensure that your daughter

is happy and well cared for in her new home. Homestay parents will treat your daughter as their own, helping her with all aspects of settling into her new life in New Zealand. We know that a successful homestay experience is essential to a happy and successful stay at Tauranga Girls' College.



# Uniforms

Every student attending the College agrees on enrolment to wear the uniform fully and correctly. The manner in which our students present themselves for daily work reflects their sense of pride. To maintain personal status and high standards for our College, it is important that all our students are well presented.



Junior



Senior



Year 13

# Tauranga Girls' College Values

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## Respect (Manaakitanga)

- Be positive, caring and encouraging
- Be accepting of difference
- Respect other people's right to learn
- Have good manners and act with integrity

## Participation (Mahi Tahī)

- Aim high and get involved
- Show leadership
- Meet deadlines and commitments
- Be on time and prepared to learn

## Pride (Mana Motuhake)

- Be the best we can be
- Be proud of ourselves and of our achievements
- Be proud to be problem solvers and innovators
- Be proud to be a member of our diverse school community

*"By encouraging individual responsibility, integrity and respect for the rights of others"*

The Director of International Students oversees all aspects of your daughter's education and gives her support and advice when she has personal or academic concerns. The Director, in consultation with the year level deans and the ESOL Teacher, will help to guide her academic choices and ensure that the Teacher Aide is in class when necessary. The Homestay Manager, taking your

daughter's preferences into account when selecting her homestay, works to ensure that the homestay experience is a successful and happy one. Guidance Counsellors, Careers Advisors and a School Nurse are available for specialist assistance, and a doctor and physiotherapist regularly visit the school and can meet with your daughter.





I really like Tauranga Girls' College because of all my friends and teachers. Every one of them really supports me and helps me with my English. I also like TGC because it has a lot of different activities that you can join, like sports' teams and music. I'm in the school badminton team, and the school underwater hockey team and it's really fun to join. You get to travel around the country and you get to know a lot more people at the school.

Ariya (Momo) Hongcherdchai: Thailand



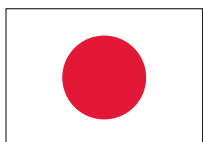
Tauranga Girls' College is a wonderful place to study and broaden our horizons. All the students here are enthusiastic and helpful. I was delighted to make so many friends! Teachers can help you face and solve any challenges. I am so proud that I am at this school.

Bi Lian Cindy Cui: China



I am so happy that I chose Tauranga Girls' College as my school. I have been in New Zealand for two years and I have never regretted coming here. Everyone at school is kind and friendly and helpful. Even when I ask something for the hundredth time, the teachers just smile and kindly explain again. No matter what problems I have had, the International Department is always there for me, and helped me to adapt to the new environment.

Larissa Kopf: Germany



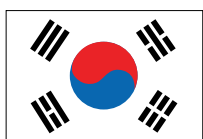
I enjoy being at Tauranga Girls' College because I am learning a lot of things in English, talking with nice kiwi girls and interacting with different cultures. The teachers are wonderful. If we have questions, we can ask them any time. They are patient with students, and help us to understand. I like to use my mind for study, but I also like to talk to kiwi friends and other international students. We can share a lovely time and our own cultures. I'm really happy to be here.

Nami Sakuma: Japan



I like the experience of living in New Zealand and coming to school, and I am lucky to be at this school. Why? Because the teachers are great and they are always there when you need help, because of my kiwi friends, because of the other international students and because we have a nice room to meet and share our cultures. I also like that this school pays special attention to our English, because that way we can improve our relationships here.

Agustina Ledesma Llovell: Argentina



I feel so lucky and honoured to be part of TGC. I enjoy being involved in many music groups such as chamber groups, symphonic band, chorale and saxophone ensemble. It's nice to be able to get along with students from various cultures, especially the kiwi girls who are so friendly and nice. And the teachers put effort into every single student which has been a relief and comfort to me as a new international student. I love that I can choose the subjects that will help my future; I chose accounting and I am now certain that this is what I want to do at university.

Soomin Kim: Korea





The code of practice for the pastoral care for international students

Tauranga Girls' College has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students. Copies of the Code are available from the NZQA website at [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz).

**Immigration**

Full details of immigration requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available from Immigration New Zealand, 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 provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents, and temporary visitors 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 (including group students) must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance while in New Zealand.







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