



NORTHCROSS
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International Prospectus





Welcome from our Principal

Northcross Intermediate School is one of Auckland's top schools, offering quality English courses (ESOL) for International Students.

Students can improve their English while studying the New Zealand Year 7 & 8 School Curriculum.

Our distinctive teaching and learning style is designed specifically for 11–13 year old boys and girls. We understand how early adolescence is a critical time in a young person's life.

Our staff very much recognise this time of rapid physical and emotional growth, providing an environment where individual differences are both recognised and valued.

Through our inclusive curriculum, opportunities are created to nurture and develop the strengths and talents of all those who attend our school.

The school is proud of its cultural diversity and celebrates student's success across all genres.

We very much hope you will enjoy being part of our Northcross learning community. By having a close liaison between school and family, worthwhile goals for our students can be achieved.

JONATHON TREDRAY, PRINCIPAL



The Northcross Intermediate School Experience

We have been welcoming international students from across the globe for many years. The students not only broaden their own horizons, but also bring a wonderful cultural diversity to our school.

At Northcross Intermediate School you will:

- Be in a school specialising in the 11–13 age group
- Improve your English
- Have a complete academic, sporting and cultural experience
- Establish valued friendships from around the world
- Be involved in a school dedicated to empowerment and learning
- Have access to free after-school language support

EXCELLENT PATHWAY SCHOOLS

Year 8 students have excellent local Pathway Schools to choose from, all offering comprehensive International Student Programmes: Long Bay College, Rangitoto College, Westlake Boys High School (boys only), Westlake Girls High School (girls only), Carmel College (Catholic School for girls only), Rosmini College (Catholic School for boys only).





New Zealand Curriculum

Upon enrolment your child will be placed into a mainstream classroom and will be taught using the New Zealand Curriculum.

AN OVERVIEW OF OUR SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Learning Areas: English; The Arts; Health and Physical Education; Mathematics and Statistics; Science; Social Sciences; Technology.

Values: Excellence; Innovation, inquiry and curiosity; Diversity; Equity; Communication and participation; Ecological sustainability; Integrity; Respect.

Key Competencies: Thinking; Using language, symbols and texts (e.g. Numeracy & Literacy); Managing self; Relating to others; Participating and contributing.

Your child will receive a mid-year and end of year report based on their progress within the curriculum levels. In addition, ESOL students will also be issued an extra report at the end of the year based on their fluency and understanding of English.



Learning English

The Northcross Intermediate English Language Intensive Programme (ELIP) or ESOL programme is proud to offer support and learning opportunities for all students learning English as a second language.

At the start of the school year students new to Northcross start with an Orientation programme, designed to assist with adjusting to a new school, rules and expectations.

The Orientation programme is aimed at beginner learners and aims to ensure that these students will be better equipped to cope in the classroom after a three-week intensive course.

An introduction to PE (Physical Education) & Technology/Specialist classes are additional opportunities offered in the Orientation programme.

Our general ELIP/ESOL programme starts after all new students have been tested. Ongoing classes are run throughout the year, based on students' individual needs.

In addition to in-school ELIP/ESOL International Students can take advantage of our free After School language support held twice weekly.





Technology/ Specialist

Students are engaged in practical experiences across all disciplines with the emphasis on extending the children's creativity, curiosity and problem solving skills to generate a range of practical learning outcomes. Specialist classes include:

- Art (visual)
- Biotechnology
- Design, Make, Learn
- Drama
- Food Tech
- Graphic Design
- Music
- Photography
- Sports & Health Science

The Year 7 programme is designed to equip students with practical skills, knowledge and understandings across all 8 specialist subjects.

In Year 8 students self-select four areas to explore in more depth.





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I improved my English skills here by making new friends and experiencing new teachers.

STUDENT QUOTE



Lighting the Path for Success

At Northcross Intermediate School we cater to all academic abilities.

The New Zealand way of teaching may be quite different to what your child is used to. Students often work in groups and are encouraged to ask questions of the teacher and amongst their peers.

The quantity of homework brought home may also be very different to what you and your child are familiar with. Much of what your child will experience from being an International Student simply can't be learnt from a text book. They will experience valuable life skills that will further enable them to become young people who will be confident, connected, actively involved life-long learners of the 21st Century.

EXTENSION MATHEMATICS & ENGLISH

Students who show above aptitude for Mathematics and/or English are offered extension classes to ensure they are continually challenged to their full potential.

Students who may need help with these subjects are also given additional support to help them achieve the expected curriculum level by the end of Year 8.





Co-curricular Opportunities

CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

There are various cultural opportunities including:

- Choirs
- Bands
- Dance groups
- Kapa Haka
- Small and large scale drama performances
- Tuition is available for a wide range of instruments



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Education Outside the Classroom/High 5 Challenger Series provides experiences and opportunities to become active and safe in the outdoors. The programme promotes skills such as team work, communication, trust, problem solving, leadership and responsibility. During March, all Year 7 classes will participate in outdoor education programmes both in and outside of the school in the wider community.

SPORT

We offer over 30 different sporting opportunities. Lunchtime inter-class competitions are held during the week where enjoyment and class participation are the key elements.

YEAR 8 SCHOOL CAMP

For 2 weeks at the end of March, all Year 8 classes will attend the Finlay Park Camp. Northcross Intermediate School has been attending this camp for many years. You can view the park by visiting their website: www.finlaypark.co.nz



I think I really enjoyed my time here at Northcross Intermediate. I enjoyed the sports I can try and the Cultural afternoon activities.

STUDENT QUOTE

Home Stay

Northcross Intermediate School has hosted international students for many years.

We have an experienced team of International Staff including an experienced Accommodation Manager who is dedicated to the academic and pastoral care of our students.

International Students can live with either a homestay family, a Designated Caregiver (relative or close family friend) or their parent. We provide excellent support to our host families, caregivers and parents. Homestay families are chosen carefully and monitored by the school. Police Vetting is carried out on all Host families and Designated Caregivers. The majority of our host families have their own children attending the school.

PASTORAL CARE

Northcross has a dedicated international student office.

Our International Team comprises of a:

- Director of International Students
- Accommodation/Homestay Manager
- ESOL Department
- After School Language Support teacher
- Chinese & Korean First Language Support
- Access to a wide range of First Language Support
- 24/7 Emergency Contact
- School Nurse

CODE OF PRACTICE

Northcross Intermediate 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, or from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website: <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/tertiary/the-code/the-code-for-learners/the-code-for-international-school-learners/>

MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

International Students must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance while staying in New Zealand.





Living in Auckland

NEW ZEALAND

- Capital City: Wellington
- Largest City: Auckland
- Population of New Zealand: approximately 4.8 million people
- Currency: New Zealand Dollars
- Languages: English, Te Reo Māori, New Zealand Sign Language
- Seasons: Summer (December–February), Autumn (March–May), Winter (June–August), Spring (September–November)

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

- Auckland has a population of over 1.5 million
- Offers world-class education with universities in the top 3%
- Auckland is frequently ranked within the top 20 most liveable cities
- Northcross Intermediate School is close to all amenities:
 - 10 minutes from the beach and recreation areas
 - 15 minutes from the shopping mall
 - 20 minutes from the city centre
 - 55 minutes from the airport





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7 Great Reasons to Choose Us

EXCLUSIVITY

Less than 5% of our student population is made up of international students, which ensures personalised support.

FLEXIBILITY

Most students choose to study for a full academic year (February-December), however if spaces are available options may exist for 1, 2 and 3 term stays. We also offer a Pathway Visa option where students can study at Northcross for the full 2 years and can continue their education journey to Rangitoto College in Year 9 and beyond. A Pathway Visa allows a student to study up to 5 years on the same visa.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Northcross Intermediate School strives to help every student achieve their own academic excellence. We offer a wide range of learning environments to facilitate this.

COMPREHENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAMME

We have an excellent in-school ESOL programme for all students learning English as a second language. We also offer additional after school English language support free of charge.

CARING HOMESTAY FAMILIES

New Zealand homestay families are very open, caring and accommodating. All families are police vetted and we have a dedicated Homestay Coordinator.

OUTSTANDING PASTORAL CARE

We also have a variety of programmes to help support your child with friendships and social groups as we understand how anxious your child might be when joining a new school.

OUTSTANDING VALUE FOR MONEY

We truly believe we offer a 5 star experience for a 3 star price!





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