



TE AWAMUTU COLLEGE

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Information for International Students

We are pleased that you are thinking about studying in New Zealand and wish you luck with your application.

Before you proceed with your application, ask someone to help you to understand the information contained here. It should help you to decide if the New Zealand education system and Te Awamutu College in particular is suitable for you and your chosen career path.

About Te Awamutu College

We accept students from Year 9 – 13 (Forms 3 – 7). Te Awamutu College is a quality co-educational school in Te Awamutu, which is located in the North Island about 20 minutes by car from Hamilton city, where the University of Waikato and Waikato Institute of Technology are located, and 2 hours from Auckland.

Our school offers a full academic programme, a wide range of sporting and cultural opportunities and a school environment, which is supportive and safe. We have very well qualified and experienced staff, dedicated to on-going professional development to ensure that they are kept up-to-date with the latest development in the world of teaching and learning.



Facilities

- Modern learning environments
- Science laboratories
- Superb music room and musical instruments
- School clinic staffed by qualified nurses with a doctor and physiotherapist holding a clinic once a week
- Access to over 340 computers around the school
- Art, photography and digital art design studios
- Swimming pool
- Excellent sports grounds
- Two gymnasiums, complete with weights and exercise equipment

Academic Programme

Te Awamutu College is fully accredited to the New Zealand Qualifications Framework to deliver all unit standards and achievement standards as well as trade-related unit standards. The National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) qualifications are offered at senior levels (Years 11 – 13) to enable students to gain entry level qualifications into New Zealand universities and polytechnics.

ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) support is provided to all international students to help them achieve in their subject programmes and in their interpersonal communication.



Extra-Curricular Programmes

Students are encouraged to take the opportunity to develop special talents and to discover his or her place in the ever-changing world of tomorrow. We have a large number of cultural and sporting activities available including, jazz bands, vocal groups, drama, school production, rock climbing and adventure activities, kapa haka groups and of course an extensive range of individual and team sports.

Supervised Accommodation

All international students wishing to study in New Zealand must have suitable supervised accommodation guaranteed for the entire school year enrolled. At Te Awamutu College, the Homestay Coordinator (in conjunction with the Deputy Principal responsible for International Students) organises high quality homestays with Te Awamutu families to provide a caring and supporting environment. Regular contact is made with homestay carers to ensure the well-being of students. The Deputy Principal in charge of International Students also maintains regular contact with students' parents to give assurance that students' pastoral needs are being met.

Reporting

Parents of international students can expect to receive academic or progress reports during terms one, two and three, i.e. 3 times a year. We welcome contact with parents and encourage them to meet us if they have the opportunity to visit us. It is absolutely important to notify us of any change in contact details to maintain regular and unhindered communication.

Support Services

Te Awamutu College will endeavour to make students feel as comfortable and secure as possible when they are away from home. Our aim is to create learning success for every international student who comes through our doors.

We have a counsellor and deans available to assist all students. We also have a nurse available at school if students require health support or information. For international students specifically we have a Deputy Principal in charge of International Students who is responsible for their welfare. The Deputy Principal in charge of International Students provides overall guidance and contact between home and school.



Motor Vehicle

Te Awamutu College strongly advises International Students not to own or drive a car while at secondary school in New Zealand. New Zealand Government statistics show that up to 90% of young drivers are involved in road accidents in the first year of driving a motor vehicle. Students must discuss owning or driving a vehicle with the Deputy Principal in charge of International Students. Written permission from the student's parent, the Deputy Principal in charge of International Students and the homestay carer is also required.

Health and Travel Insurance

Most students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you will 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 : <http://www.moh.govt.nz>.

As such, all international students must have medical and travel insurance for the duration of their stay in New Zealand as well as for their travel to and from New Zealand.

You will not be able to complete your enrolment with Te Awamutu College if you have no evidence of a health and travel insurance policy.

Accident Insurance: The Accident and 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 <http://www.acc.co.nz>

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 <http://www.immigration.govt.nz>

Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students

Te Awamutu College has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students published by the NZQA. Copies of the Code are available on request from this institution or from the NZQA website at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz> .