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# About Alfriston College



Alfriston College is a modern, multicultural school for boys and girls 13-18 years old. We are a short drive from Auckland International Airport on the edge of New Zealand's largest city.

Alfriston College is dedicated to developing and supporting **lifelong independent learners** in an environment that fosters a sense of **Belonging**, values **Learning** and expects **Success**.

We have a committed staff who will support and guide you in all you do. We have an innovative approach to learning which will get you **thinking**, along with a wide range of co-curricular activities, which will get you

**involved**. We have a strong Whanau (house) system that will help you **belong**.

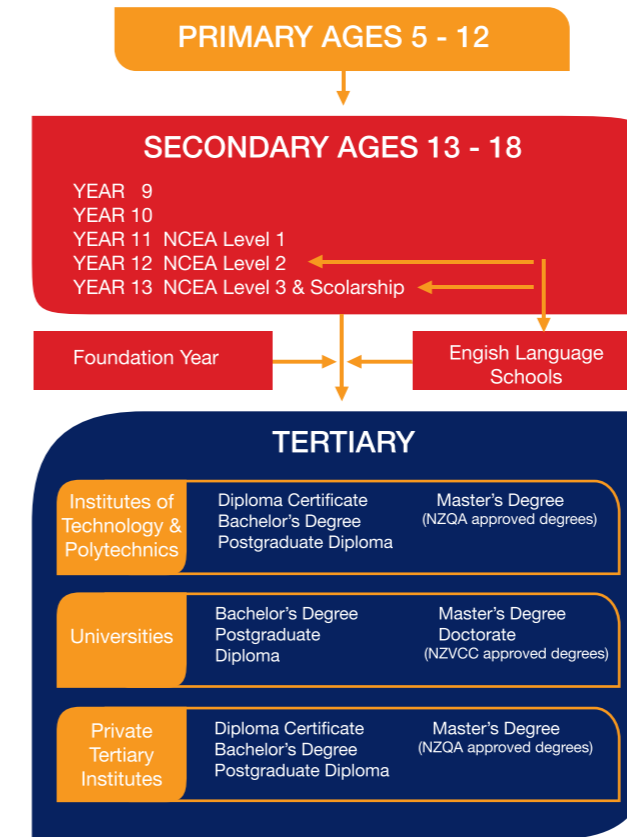
We welcome International Students from Years 9 to 13. We have students who come for a short stay to experience a different culture and improve their English and students who stay for up to five years to gain NCEA for entrance to University here or abroad.

Alfriston College is a signatory to Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016. We will do all we can to ensure you **Belong, Learn and Succeed**.



# Academic Pathways

## PATHWAYS NEW ZEALAND EDUCATION SYSTEM



## YEARS 9 AND 10

There are two parts to our exciting Learning Programme in Year 9 and 10.

1. Whanau-based Learning
2. Imagine, Create, Innovate (ICI) Learning

**1. WHANAU-BASED LEARNING** is an integrated programme delivering learning objectives of New Zealand's curriculum in English, Maths, Science, Social Studies, Health and Physical Education. Whanau-based learning is a time and place where individual learners' goals and pathways are set with the learners. Each learner maintains an on-line record of learning. These are accessible to parents for viewing and feedback – even from the other side of the world!

**2. IMAGINE, CREATE, INNOVATE LEARNING** is an opportunity for learners to engage with Sport, the Arts, Technology, Learning Languages and enhancement programmes of learning.

The skills and knowledge learners get from our junior school programme will set them up for success at school and beyond.

## YEAR 11

Learning in Year 11 at Alfriston College is connected, relevant and authentic which makes it valuable learning for life, not just for school.

1. Project Classes
2. Passion Classes

**PROJECT CLASSES** pose a driving question to focus the learning. Each project class encompasses two-three disciplines or "traditional" subjects and assesses learning through NCEA achievement standards for all disciplines.

Learners may choose a project such as "Architecture of the Future" – What is the future of Architecture? In this class Learners think creatively about social and environmental issues, analyse historical and contemporary architecture and use computer modelling technologies. This class integrates the disciplines of Mathematics, English and Technology.

Learning in project classes is connected, authentic and relevant and can often be personalised to the learner.

Learners take two project classes per trimester. A total of six for the year.

**PASSION CLASSES** pose a driving question or have a focus on learning in a single discipline. Each passion class provides assessment through NCEA achievement standards. Passion classes cover a wide range of disciplines such as English, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, Health and Physical Education, Sport, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Learning Languages and Technologies.

Learners take three passion classes per trimester. A total of up to nine for the year.

Learner progress is monitored and supported daily by their Amokura (Learning Advisor) during Whanau time.

## YEARS 12-13

Most learning in Year 12 and 13 is through passion classes. Learners select five or six passion classes per year. These are derived from the eight New Zealand curriculum areas as listed for Year 11 above.

"Learning Unlimited" in Year 12 can be selected as one of the passion classes. With guidance from experienced staff, learners design and follow their own programme of learning and assessment across a range of disciplines to complement their learning in their other classes and earn credits towards NCEA.

Independent learning time is a key part of a learner's timetable which provides structured opportunity for learners to develop independence and self-manage their learning within a supportive environment.



# Whanau

We are family! "Whanau" is the Maori word for "family". Every learner at Alfriston College belongs to one of five Whanau and within their Whanau belongs to a Hapu group (a family within a family).

The Whanau structure will provide you with a sense of place and belonging. You will get to know the staff and students well, as you meet many times a week in your Hapu and Whanau groups, compete in inter-

Whanau competitions and get involved in community tasks. You will become part of a family within a school.

Each term there are competitive events in the areas of sport, academic, community and culture as each Whanau tries to win points towards the Whanau trophy. The winning Whanau's flag flies at the entrance to the College.



**WHAINGA**



**AUAHA**



**TIROHANGA**



**KAITĀTAKI**



**KAITORO**



# Get Involved



## SPORTS

Alfriston College aims to create lifelong participants in sport in an environment that fosters connection, confidence, competence and character. We want all learners to feel a sense of belonging in our school and to our whānau. There is a very strong connection between whānau and the sport learning area.

Alfriston College offers a variety of sports for all abilities. Some sports include:

- Rugby
- Rugby League
- Basketball
- Football
- Hockey
- Cricket
- Softball
- Badminton
- Tennis
- Touch
- Swimming
- Volleyball
- Athletics
- Cross Country
- Netball

In addition to our co-curricular sport, learners also have the opportunity to compete in their Whanau groups in intra-school sport competitions.

Sport is delivered and led by a team of passionate, friendly and skilled personnel. They are ably supported by ten Whanau sport leaders representing the five Whanau groups.

## CULTURAL GROUPS

Alfriston College is a multi-cultural school with a large number of cultures and ethnicities represented. Our Pasifika students have won awards with their cultural performances at the ASB Polyfest (the largest Polynesian Festival in the world).



## MUSIC

Our extensive programme includes Performance and Music Technology. Our rock band Reciprocate recently placed first at the Smokefree Pasifika Beats competition, winning a recording contract, video and \$10,000.

There are many opportunities for students to perform, compete and record outside the classroom. Beginner to advanced level lessons are available in a wide range of instruments and vocal techniques.

## ART

The wonderful and innovative Learning Leaders within the Visual Arts team offer a range of disciplines that include Painting, Photography, Design and Spatial Product Design.

In these learning environments you will explore the formal learning practices that include various art-making techniques, processes, procedures and materials. Learners will be able to incorporate their own ideas and interests into the art-making while developing their skills and control of media.

## PERFORMING ARTS

The vibrant, exciting programme involves many aspects of Alfriston College culture. Students are able to experience a wide range of Performing Arts including choreography, devising, performing, contributing to school showcases, learning dance and drama techniques, working in teams and attending local and international shows.





# Outdoor Education



Our exceptional Outdoor Education programme builds self-confidence and resilience. You will develop leadership, co-operation and planning skills. It is also one of the best ways to make “kiwi” friends as you work with your team and spend time together.



Our teacher of Outdoor Education is highly experienced in outdoor adventures. Learning in Outdoor Education happens in the classroom, online, and of course in the great New Zealand outdoors.

Remember Outdoor Education is a subject just like Maths, English and Science. Learners can gain NCEA credits.

We are very flexible, which means that (if there is space) you can take part in all adventures regardless of your year level.

Possible adventures in our OED classes may include:

- Sea Kayaking
- Surfing
- Swimming and life-saving
- Tramping and camping
- Snorkelling
- Mountain biking
- Mountaineering in alpine conditions
- Snowsports
- Sailing
- Rafting
- Bush Survival



## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

Our Enrichment Programme for International Students is designed to enhance your stay with us. Throughout the year we will provide opportunities to take part in adventures that are unique to New Zealand.

Possible Enrichment Adventures may include:

- A “kiwi” holiday at Whangapoua on the Coromandel peninsular
- Black-water rafting in the Waitomo Caves
- Hobbiton
- Bungy Jumping off the Auckland Harbour bridge
- Jet-boating on the Waitamata Harbour
- Volunteering in a local primary school
- Gibbs Farm – international sculpture collection and private zoo
- Polyfest – the largest Pacific dance festival in the world



# Homestay

We have caring host families who are keen to welcome a student into their homes and provide a warm, friendly and authentic kiwi experience.

We carefully select and monitor our home stay families to ensure the highest possible standards. They will act as your parents while you are in New Zealand. All homestay carers and their family members over the age of 18 have been vetted by the New Zealand Police. Our International Student Leader has lived in

the Alfriston community for thirty years and will hand-pick a family just for you.

From families who enjoy sports and sailing, to shopping, movies and sunbathing at the beach, we will always try to match our lovely families to your specific needs and wants. Our host families are keen to share New Zealand with you.

Our International Student Leader will always be there for you and your family, should you need her.

## HANNES'S STORY

Emailed to our International Student Leader from Hannes, Germany

*I just wanted to say thank you very much for all you have done for me while I was in New Zealand. Whenever I had a question I could come to you and ask you about it. You also organized my player pass for the soccer club so I could play for the club. I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you very much! Everything was so great!!!*



## TATJANA'S STORY

*I just can't believe that my time here passed so fast I actually had "the time of my life". Even though I was a bit nervous at the beginning I felt welcome from the first day on. Staff and students, both were always there for me when I needed help or was lost. One thing I didn't expect was that everybody was just so open. People just came to me, started a conversation, and were interested in my background and culture. One of the highlights was Outdoor Education. I got the chance to explore the beauty of New Zealand's nature, trying out new things I've never done before, like sailing on a racing yacht and surfing, and quickly building new and strong friendships with my classmates which is what you definitely do because of the 3 or 4 day trips. I really enjoyed our different Whanaus, because here at AC, school isn't just a duty, but also family. And special events like sports day, cross country or choir*

*just strengthens this connection. I loved getting to know so many new cultures. Learning the haka gave me an even bigger connection to this country and its culture. At Alfriston College I built such good friendships that it felt like I'd known these people forever. Even though I don't like to categorize, I would count these people as some of my best friends. Not only that, I count New Zealand now as my second home, I actually have a second family here now. My host parents treated me like a family member, their daughter, from day one. I just really felt at home and I knew if I have problems I could always go and talk to them, because that is what a family does. I am just so thankful for everybody and everything that made my stay here so perfect and unforgettable. If I could plan my exchange again, I would chose the exact same things because there is really nothing I would like to change. Thank you Alfriston College, I will never forget this time!*



# Why choose Alfriston College for your New Zealand study experience?

- Small International Student numbers
- Caring Homestay families
- Superb pastoral care
- Full orientation
- Cultural diversity
- Project-based learning and individualized timetables
- Exceptional Outdoor Education programme
- Strong Arts programme – dance, music, photography, painting
- Small ESOL classes
- Chrome books and or iPads in all classes
- Modern sporting facilities
- Exciting Enrichment programme

Live on the edge of New Zealand's largest city and the beautiful countryside – the BEST of both worlds at Alfriston College.



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