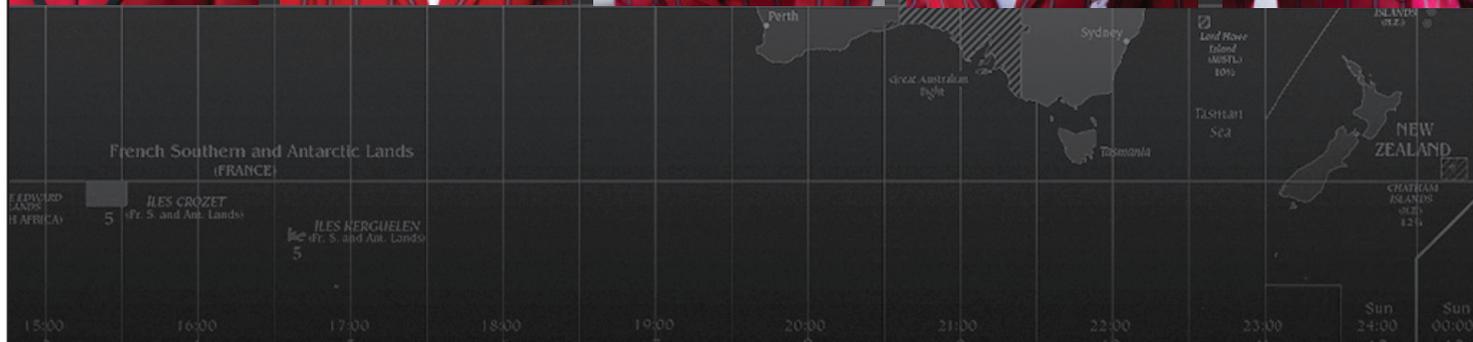




# International Information

Westlake Girls High School  
New Zealand

# WG HS



# Welcome to Westlake Girls High School

Thank you for considering Westlake Girls High School for your daughter's education.

Our vision is to grow confident, optimistic, robust young women who are equipped for global success. Whether your daughter is with us for a term, or all of her high school years, she will learn in an environment where students are encouraged and assisted to discover their strengths and reach their potential.

Our school was established in 1962 and is now a leading secular state girls' school in New Zealand. Academic achievement is our top priority, and we have a reputation for high-quality teaching and a well-developed culture of excellence. Our academic results consistently track above national outcomes, both nationally and against comparative schools. We provide ourselves on providing a dynamic and stimulating learning environment that engages our students and inspires them to achieve academically.

Through our vision, we aspire to be a leading educator of young women. Our alumni have excelled in a wide range of careers from politics, law and business, to sport and the creative arts.

While she is with us, your daughter's academic achievements will be enhanced through participating in our school's co-curricular activities. We want to ensure her time in New Zealand is successful and enjoyable, and will help equip her for the next stage of her academic journey.

We look forward to welcoming your daughter to Westlake Girls High School and providing her with an education and memories that will last a life-time.



Jane Stanley - Principal



Lyn Swan  
Director of International Students

To see students arrive with big dreams at the start of the adventure, and to work alongside them to turn those dreams into reality, is a great privilege. Whether they join at Year 9, or complete just their senior years with us, it is always a pleasure to watch them grow and flourish academically and socially.

We love hearing our student's success stories - whether it's gaining entry into a prestigious university, or achieving a personal goal. As part of the Westlake family, our international students are a source of great pride.

The International team are a special group of people dedicated to assisting our international students. They come from different parts of the world, bringing unique cultures together to make our students feel welcome and supported. We offer 24/7 emergency telephone support - so our students have the comfort of knowing someone is always available to them.

Our International Dean, Mrs Jenny Young, is dedicated to ensuring students are on the right path academically. However, we know that academic achievement is only one measure of a successful overseas learning experience. We have staff dedicated solely to student wellbeing and pastoral care, including Mrs Lotta Strachan who provides pastoral care, attendance and homestay support. Miss Shona Batty is our Homestay Co-ordinator, and she is assisted by Mrs Owen, who supervises the students who live with hosts designated by their own families.

First-language support is offered to our Chinese students by Mrs Lilly Lee. Korean students are supported by Mrs Sam Hee Moon, while Mrs Prapatsara Limpapath looks after our Thai students. In addition, Mrs Siew Lee Foo is available for confidential guidance and support to any International student during their time with us.

Everyone on my team is dedicated to assisting our International students in any way they can, whether it be during their high school journey, or helping students settle in with their homestay family.

We very much look forward to meeting you or your students here in New Zealand, or around the world.

# Location

Westlake Girls High School is a state secondary school for girls with approximately 2,200 students situated on the North Shore of Auckland City. The school is near vibrant shopping centres, beaches and within 15 minutes by bus from the heart of Auckland City, where the University of Auckland and other tertiary institutions are located. A major bus station is adjacent to the school.

## New Zealand Statistics

New Zealand ranks as one of the top countries for Maths, Science, English and Wellbeing in the OECD Pisa Index.

Population of 4.7 million

One of the highest ranked countries for living conditions and the quality of life in the Better Life Index



# Academic Programme

Westlake Girls High School offers NCEA as an academic pathway to University Entrance.

Westlake is recognised both nationally and internationally as a school with an outstanding level of achievement in academic studies, music and sports.

As well as academic programmes, we have many other programmes of interest for international students wishing to broaden their skills in: hospitality, tourism, media studies, child development and outdoor education.

# Facilities

The school has state of the art audio visual interactive facilities. There is high speed internet access in all classrooms. Students use computers for studying and emailing home. The library is open from 8.00am - 5.00pm daily and at specific times during the school holidays. Classrooms and learning areas are modern and well equipped and the grounds are attractively landscaped. Canteen facilities are available for students providing a variety of hot and cold nutritious food.





## Sport

Westlake Girls is one of New Zealand's leading sporting schools, with a strong commitment to sporting excellence. All our students are encouraged to participate in a school sport during their time at Westlake. We have over 30 sports ranging from Athletics to Yachting with opportunities both for the committed athlete to develop their potential, and also for others to play at social or beginner level.

### ROWING

Over the past 30 years, Westlake Girls High School has developed an enviable reputation in the rowing world. Our teams compete and achieve strong results regionally, and nationally in the New Zealand Championships. We have won many gold, silver and bronze medals in a wide range of competitions.

### TENNIS

Westlake Girls offers tennis from beginners to competitive level. A comprehensive coaching programme makes use of our outstanding covered courts. The Westlake Girls High School Premier Tennis team has been New Zealand Secondary School champs four years in a row.

### VOLLEYBALL

We offer junior and senior volleyball and our teams have achieved well nationally. We have won the New Zealand Secondary Schools Volleyball Championships, and team members have represented the country at international events.

### SPORTING FACILITIES

The largest artificial turf development in Australasia encompassing hockey, football, cricket, tennis and netball.

The first installation of London Blue poly grass Olympia hockey turf in the world (as used for Hockey at the London Olympics). The only purpose built football fields in NZ designed to meet the FIFA 2 star rating (the highest rating possible).

A covered 'cloud' complex which consists of six tennis and four netball courts with floodlights for night use.

## Music

Our highly acclaimed music department, often joining with Westlake Boys High School, enables students to learn or carry on with a wide selection of musical instruments of their choice or they can sing in one of our award winning choirs. Westlake Girls High School has achieved numerous Gold Awards at the annual Secondary Schools Music Festival.

## Outdoor Education Programme

Westlake Girls Outdoor Education offers exciting outdoor experiences for students, to equip them with the tools to participate in outdoor activities in future, including: bush craft, tramping, rock climbing, a trip to Mount Ruapehu and high and low ropes, one day skiing/snowboarding and other fun filled activities.



## Additional Student Support

- International students are provided with:
- Specialised language help and assistance
- An orientation programme and continued support
- Chinese Adviser
- Korean Adviser
- First language assistance (French, German, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Indonesian, Malay, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish and Thai)
- Safe, caring homestays
- Online student visa renewal service
- 24 hour emergency phone contact

## Accommodation

All students are required to live in approved homestay accommodation. Westlake Girls has an experienced Homestay Coordinator who checks and approves all our homestay families (We also have an experienced designated caregiver support person who supports families designated by the parents).

## Insurance

Students are required under The Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016 to have full Medical and Travel Insurance. This can be arranged by the school.

## On-Line Visa Applications

The International Department is able to renew visas on-line for students once they are a student of the school.

## Welfare

International students' welfare is supervised by the International Director and caring International Department staff. A signatory to The Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016, Westlake Girls High School considers the students' welfare to be of paramount importance. We are close to North Shore Hospital and Shorecare Medical Centre and have a registered school nurse on site.

## Careers Advice

Careers Advisors are able to offer up to date information on careers and university pathways.

## For Further Information

You can find out more about Westlake Girls High School by visiting our website: [www.westlakegirls.school.nz](http://www.westlakegirls.school.nz)  
Email: [international@westlakegirls.school.nz](mailto:international@westlakegirls.school.nz)

# Academic Pathways

## YEAR 9

All 8 learning areas are covered to create a broad and balanced curriculum. All students have a core set of compulsory subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Physical Education/Health
- Science
- Social Studies

Students will also select options from:

- Art
- Art & Music of the Pacific Rim
- Citizenship Journalism
- Dance
- Drama
- Enterprise and Advertising
- Global Development
- Introductory Design
- Money, Wealth & Wellbeing
- Music
- Languages
  - French
  - German
  - Japanese
  - Chinese
- Spanish
- Te Reo Maori
- Performing Arts
- Technology
  - Design & Visual Communication
  - Digital Design
  - Digital Technology
  - Food
  - Fabric
  - Hard Materials
- Visual Arts

## YEAR 10

All students study the compulsory core of subjects of:

- English
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science
- Physical Education/Health

Students choose 3 other full year option subjects from:

- Art Design
- Art & Music of the Pacific Rim
- Business Studies
- Dance
- Drama
- Languages:
  - Chinese
  - French
  - German
  - Japanese
  - Spanish
  - Te Reo Maori
- Media Studies
- Music Contemporary
- Music Extension
- Technology
  - Design & Visual Communication
  - Digital Design
  - Digital Technology
  - Food
  - Fabric
  - Hard Materials
- Visual Arts

## YEAR 11

All students must choose an English, Mathematics and Science option. They are then to choose 3 options of their choice from:

- Accounting
- Art & Design
- Business Studies
- Chinese
- Dance
- Design & Visual Communication
- Digital Technology
- Drama
- Economics
- Fabric Technology
- Food Technology
- French
- Geography
- German
- Hard Materials Technology
- Health
- History
- Japanese
- Music
- Music Contemporary
- Physical Education
- Social Studies
- Spanish
- Te Reo Maori
- Visual Arts



## YEAR 12

All students must choose an English option and choose 5 options of their choice from:

- Accounting
- Accounting - Introduction
- Art - Design
- Art - History
- Art - Photography
- Art - Visual
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Child Development
- Chinese
- Classical Studies
- Dance
- Design & Visual Communication
- Digital Technology
- Drama
- Earth & Space Science
- Economics
- Fabric Technology
- Fashion & Design
- Financial Management
- Food Technology
- French
- Geography
- German
- Hard Materials Technology
- Health
- History
- Hospitality
- Japanese
- Mathematics & Calculus
- Mathematics & Statistics
- Media Studies
- Music Contemporary
- Music Extension
- Outdoor Education
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Social Studies
- Spanish
- Te Reo Maori
- Travel & Tourism

## YEAR 13

All students must choose 5 options of their choice from:

- Accounting
- Art - Design
- Art - History
- Art - Painting
- Art - Photography
- Art - Printmaking
- Art - Sculpture
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Calculus
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Classical Studies
- Dance
- Design & Visual Communication
- Digital Technology
- Drama
- Economics
- English
- English Visual
- Fabric Technology
- Food Technology
- French
- Geography
- German
- Hard Materials Technology
- Health
- History
- Japanese
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Music Contemporary
- Music Extension
- Outdoor Education
- Physical Education
- Physical Education for Life
- Physics
- Practical Statistics
- Social Studies
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Te Reo Maori
- Travel & Tourism





## International Prefects

In 2013 Westlake Girls introduced a house system and every student belongs to one of five houses named after significant local areas. The house colours – black, gold, red, blue and green – reflect the Olympic rings to encourage the pursuit of excellence and relate to the meaning of each of the house names.

The house system offers leadership opportunities for senior students and allows all students to feel connected to a smaller community within the school. Throughout the year the houses compete in a variety of events and select a house charity to support.

Each House has a House Captain, Academic Prefect, Arts Prefect, Cultural Prefect, Environmental Prefect, International Student Prefect, Service Prefect, Sport & Wellbeing Prefect, and Junior House Prefects overseeing the Junior School.

The International Prefects are chosen from within our cohort of current International students. They are nominated for the position of Prefect, and voted in by students at the school. International Prefects play an important role in organising and promoting internationally-themed events, supporting other international students and advocating for the International student body.

## ERO Report

The Education Review Office (ERO) carries out an independent review of every school on a regular basis. Our most recent review commented:

“Westlake Girls High School is a high-performing school in regard to its academic achievement and its focus on the positive development of young women. The school offers many enriching educational opportunities and experiences.”

“Through its vision, the school aspires to be a leading educator of young women. It has a culture and legacy of high expectations for academic achievement balanced with a caring focus on student wellbeing. Students report a strong sense of belonging and pride in their school and they appreciate the school’s inclusive and supportive culture.”

“Teachers are increasingly focused on engaging students in programmes that encourage creative learning, as well as success in qualifications.

\*Decile 10 schools have the highest proportion of students from high socio-economic families. Decile 1 schools have the highest proportion of students from low socio-economic families.



## 2018 Academic Results

NCEA	WESTLAKE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL	NATIONAL AVERAGE
<b>Level 1</b>	93.8%	70.1%
Endorsed with Merit	47.1%	35.4%
Endorsed with Excellence	34.6%	20.9%
<b>Level 2</b>	93.9%	76.1%
Endorsed with Merit	47.0%	26.1%
Endorsed with Excellence	22.8%	16.4%
<b>Level 3</b>	92.3%	63.7%
Endorsed with Merit	37.7%	28.09%
Endorsed with Excellence	18.8%	15.1%
University Entrance	83.4%	59.9%

*NB: At Level 1 students take 6 subjects including English, Mathematics and Science. At Level 2 students take English plus 5 other subjects of their choice. At Level 3 students take 5 subjects of their choice.*



## Graduate Destinations

In 2017 our graduating Year 13 class totalled around 400 students. Each year the majority of our graduates go on to attend prestigious universities in New Zealand and overseas.

UNIVERSITIES OUR STUDENTS HAVE ATTENDED RECENTLY	
<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	
Auckland University of Technology (AUT)	University of Canterbury
Lincoln University	University of Otago
Massey University	University of Waikato
University of Auckland	Victoria University of Wellington
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>	
Australian National University	University of Houston
California Institute of the Arts	University of Miami
Ewha Women's University of Korea	University of New South Wales
Fordham University	University of Northern Colorado
LMU Munich	University of Queensland
McGill University, Canada	University of Southern California
Miami University	University of Sydney
Monash University	University of Western Australia
New York University, Abu Dhabi	William and Mary College, Virginia
Princeton University	Yale University
University of Bristol	Yonsei University, Korea

# Student Reflections

## MIKU – JAPAN

When I first came to WGHS my English wasn't very good, but since I've been here it has improved a lot. I love that I have so many friends from different countries and I can learn about their culture through our conversations. By the time I leave I will have been at Westlake Girls for three years. I will miss my homestay family – I love talking with them in English.

Being away from home I have become more independent and learnt lots of things about myself. I have become a more positive person.

One of my memories I will take home was when I had trouble studying biology because my English was poor. My homestay mother encouraged me and told me that my English was improving day by day. She cheered me up and made me feel confident again. I feel so grateful to have had her as my homestay mother.

## MARIE – GERMANY

My favourite thing about WGHS is that you get so many opportunities to do lots of different things like sports and are able to choose subjects you like. I enjoy playing hockey and tennis in school and the weather.

I also like the people in school. The teachers are funny and very kind and it's so much fun to learn in class. If you've got an issue and go to the International Department they will help you as fast as they can.

While I've been here I've got another view of school and people. It's much easier for me to speak to people now and I know school can be fun if you are taught by nice teachers and have nice classmates.

My one key memory I will take back home after my time here is the fun I had playing hockey. I've tried to make every day a special one in New Zealand. My time here has been unequalled and it's a special thing to have had the chance to live this adventure.

## SIRATIKA – THAILAND

The teachers are my favourite thing about Westlake Girls High School. They are always kind to me and happy to answer my questions if I don't understand something.

I've learnt lots of things at Westlake and had some good experiences. I am also more responsible and self-motivated because I have been living away from home.

Over my two years here I have created many happy memories. New Zealand has the most beautiful nature in the world and I like travelling the country. It's been good to learn about another culture and everyone has been really kind. But it's the teachers and my friends that have been the best part of my time at Westlake Girls. I will remember them when I go home to Thailand.

## YIMAN – CHINA

I have been to Westlake Girls High School for three years. I think the best thing is that we can choose our favourite subjects to learn, so we are always interested in the topics.

Arriving in New Zealand everything was strange to me, and I was a little nervous. At the airport I saw a Westlake Girls High School teacher waiting for me with my name on a piece of paper. It was six in the morning and I was very happy to see her. She talked with me and listened even though my English wasn't very good. I didn't feel nervous after that.

I was a little shy when I came to WGHS, but now I have many friends. My classmates and teachers are very helpful and make me relaxed and happy.

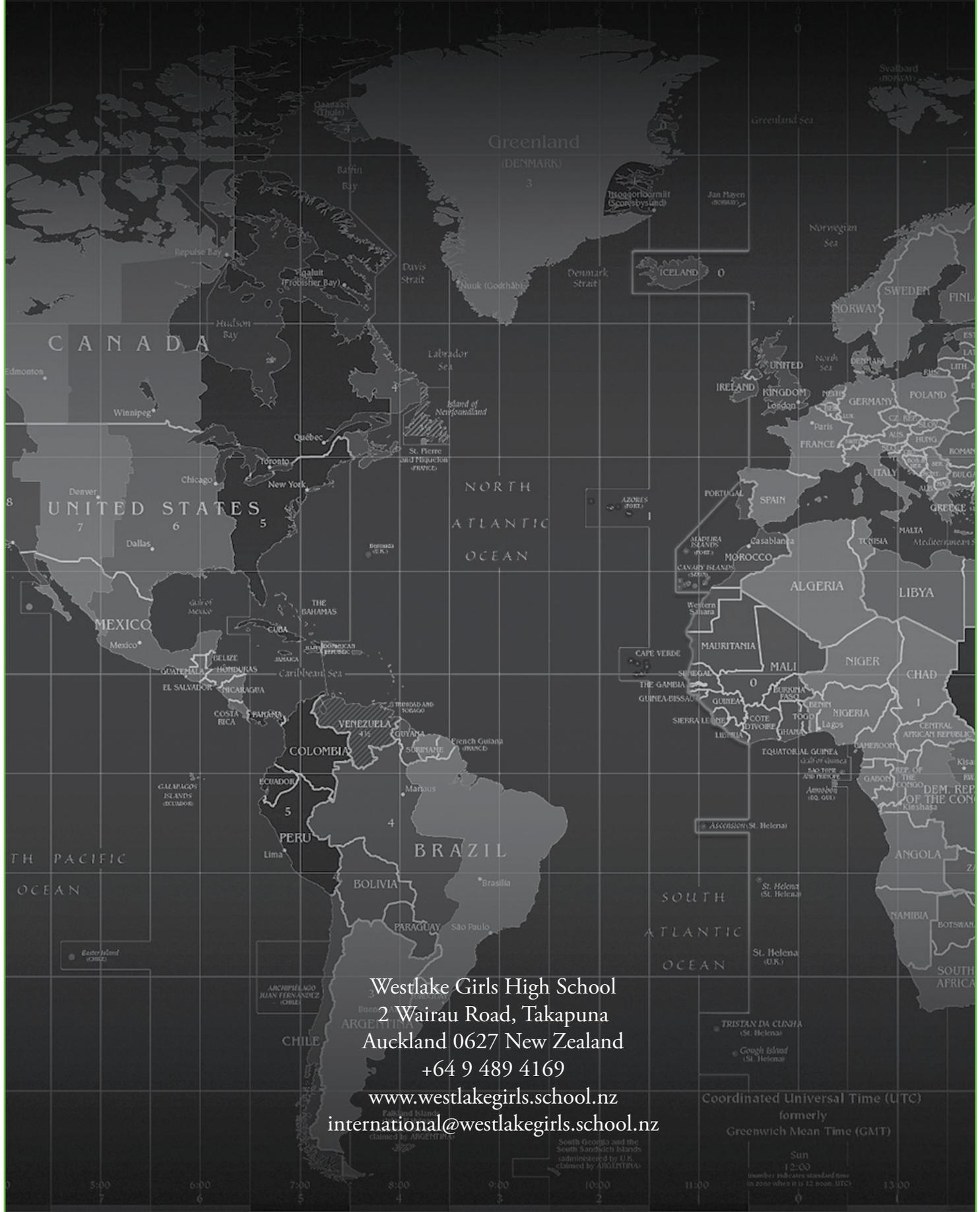
I enjoy life in New Zealand very much. We finish school earlier than in China, so I have time to do sports and other interesting things after class. New Zealand is a very clean and beautiful country with fresh air and clean sea. I often take a walk with my friends to the beach. It is a very friendly country and everyone is willing to help you when you encounter problems – like the runner who stopped to help me when I didn't know how to get to the supermarket. I really like New Zealand and enjoy learning and living here.



## How to Enrol

1. The easiest way to enrol is online  
Visit [www.wghs.enrol.school.nz](http://www.wghs.enrol.school.nz) to get started.  
OR
2. Apply to the school with a completed enrolment form, signed tuition contract/document. Include copies of most recent school reports and a copy of Bio Passport I.D. page.
3. If accepted, the students will be offered a place by letter which will show course commencement date, course duration, fees schedule and date by which the fees should be paid.
4. Pay fees to the school by due date.
5. The School issues a receipt of payment which should be combined with the Offer of Place and presented to New Zealand Embassy for the student visa application.
6. The School Homestay Co-ordinator will contact students for details of accommodation requirements. Students who will not be living with a parent are required to have school approved accommodation. The School will advise parents/students of what is required.
7. It is compulsory for all International Students to have Medical and Travel insurance. The School can arrange for insurance through a New Zealand provider if requested.
8. The School is notified of arrival times and can arrange for pick-up at airport if required and arrange introduction to host parents.

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