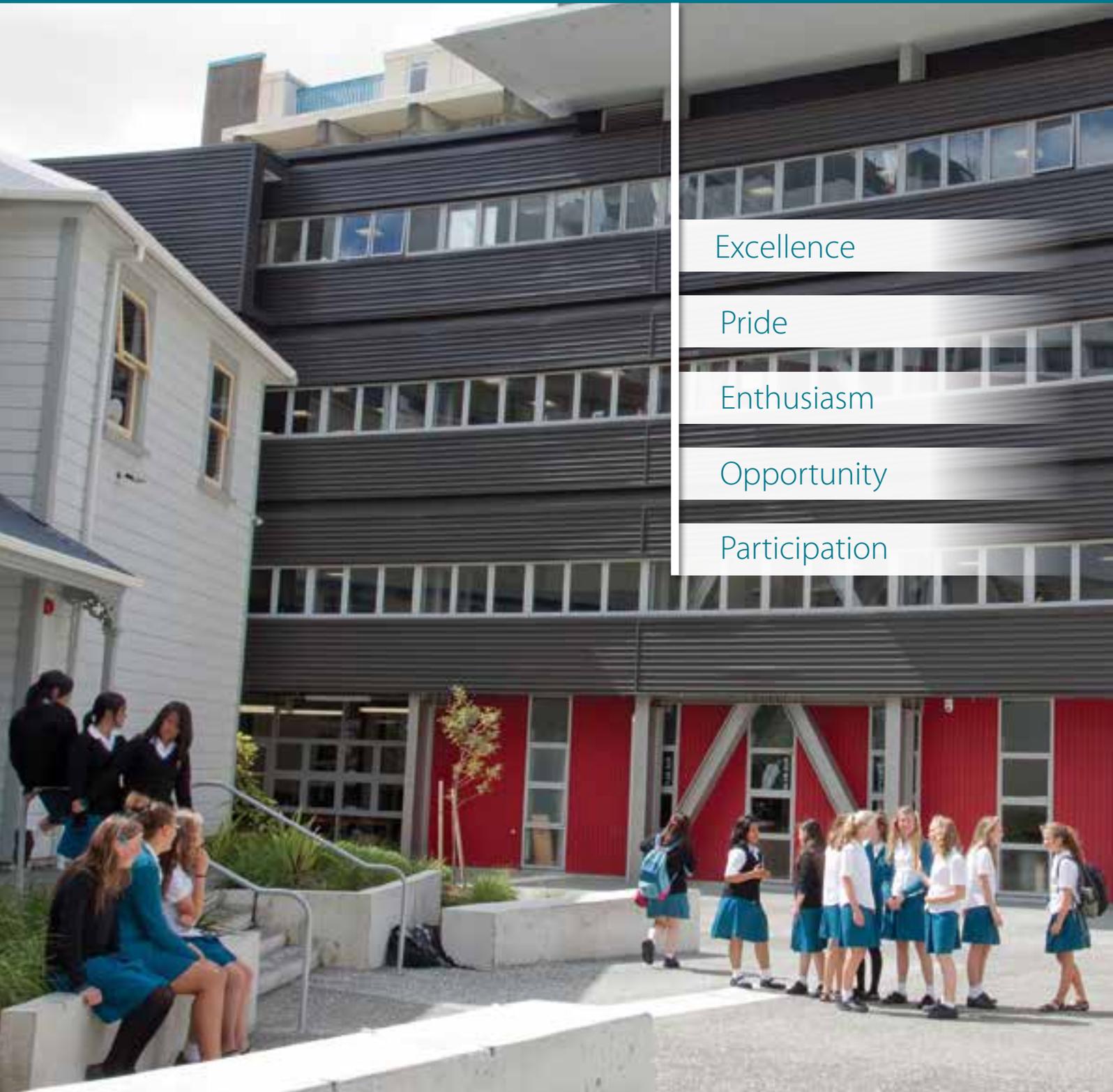




WELLINGTON GIRLS' COLLEGE

TE KĀRETI KŌTIRO O TE WHANGA-NUI-A-TARA



Excellence

Pride

Enthusiasm

Opportunity

Participation

QUALITY EDUCATION FOR GIRLS IN THE HEART OF NEW ZEALAND'S CAPITAL CITY



Take this opportunity to attend one of New Zealand's leading girls' high schools, ideally located in the heart of Wellington



Wellington Girls' College is a modern school with a long tradition (established in 1883) and a fine reputation in NZ and abroad. WGC is a Decile 10 school and this is reflected in consistently high national academic results and sporting successes along with high levels of student participation and motivation in all areas of school life.

We offer you a special experience as one of just a small number of German students enrolled each year. There are 1300 students at WGC, in Years 9 – 13, with a school roll of 74% NZ European, 15% Asian, 7% Maori and 4% Polynesian. You have the opportunity to study for one term (3 months) or longer and you may even consider a university entrance course of 18 months. Enrolments are taken at the beginning of Terms 1, 2, 3 (January, April, July). Only students entering Year 10 may start at the beginning of Term 4.

Wellington Girls' College enrolls 60 students from overseas each year including 5-10 girls from Germany. We have four experienced International staff who oversee academic and English language programmes and provide a high level of care for students at school and in homestay.

You have a wide range of subjects to choose from.

You have the opportunity to select courses you enjoy, are good at and that meet your German high school requirements. Subjects offered include English and ESOL (English Language), French, Latin, German, Chinese, Maori, Mathematics, Calculus, Statistics, Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, History, Classical Studies, Psychology, Accounting, Economics, Physical Education, Technology, IT, Design Materials, Visual Art, Art Design, Photography, History of Art, Drama, Dance, Music, Media Studies. Full subject details are available under 'Curriculum' on our school website.

NCEA

WGC teaches NCEA qualifications leading to University Entrance. NCEA is internationally recognized including in Germany and with the right course selection it is possible for you to achieve entry to German universities following an 18 month course of study at WGC (starting in July).

Why consider an all girls school?

Girls' schools are a well established part of the NZ education system and a popular choice for many New Zealanders. One reason for WGC's popularity is that WGC academic results are amongst the top in NZ. Another reason is the high levels of participation in the wide range of activities available outside of the classroom – sports, clubs, music, drama and cultural groups – all activities cater for girls.

Although there are no boys in our classrooms, we have a strong partnership with our brother school, Wellington College, and there are numerous opportunities for joint activities with boys, in and out of school.

WGC encourages and supports participation – for the pursuit of excellence or just for fun and social interaction. This high level of participation provide numerous opportunities for leadership, for community service, for personal development and ensures a positive, up-beat and "can do" attitude throughout the school.

Wellington Girls' College is located close to Wellington city centre.

WGC is just three minutes walk from the train and bus centre, a five minute walk from downtown shops and cafes, ten minutes from the sea and Wellington's beautiful waterfront. Our campus is modern, with WIFI and ICT throughout, a sports field, two gyms, numerous specialist classrooms and laboratories, a future-focussed library and e-books. The campus is compact and well located to take advantage of the city's wonderful resources.

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Te Kōwhiri Kōwhiri o Te Whāngā-nui-a-Tara



Wellington Girls' College International School Staff



Left to right: Julia Davidson, Principal; Jo Charlton-Kelly, International Dean; Lynda Ford, Homestay Manager; Barbara Falconer (back), Head of ESOL; Heather Twigg, International Director.

What others say

Hallo ich bin Elisabeth und bin schon seit über sieben Monaten hier in Neuseeland. Es gefällt mir wahnsinnig gut! Die Natur ist atemberaubend, unberührt und sehr vielfältig. Ich bin schon viel in Neuseeland gereist und habe viel erlebt. Die Schule ist sehr offen, freundlich und es gibt eine riesige Auswahl an Wahlfächern. Aber auch an Aktivitäten außerhalb des Unterrichts mangelt es nicht. Es gibt eine Menge Angebote an Sport, Outdooraktivitäten, aber auch musikalisch und kulturell ist für jeden etwas dabei. Es ist alles sehr praxisorientiert, was viel Spaß macht und niemand kommt im Unterricht zu kurz. Ich liebe die Schule hier, es macht mir sehr viel Spaß!

Elisabeth Stork



Für mich war mein halbes Jahr in Neuseeland eine tolle Zeit, in der ich super viele neue Dinge kennen gelernt habe und ganz viel Spaß hatte. Die Menschen dort sind total freundlich und offen und die Landschaft ist einfach umwerfend. Meine Zeit in Neuseeland hat mir wirklich gut gefallen und ich kann jedem, der ein Auslandsjahr machen möchte nur Neuseeland empfehlen!

Anna Losem

Wellington is easy to get to, easy to get around, with friendly welcoming people.

It is a leading ECO city with wilderness areas in the city boundaries, a clean harbour you can actually swim in and the great outdoors right at our doorstep. Wellington is a cultural and creative city with many people involved in the arts, theatre, film industry, design and sports, along with great shops and cafes. The weather is cool in winter (no snow) and warm (not hot) in summer. It can be windy in spring and autumn which ensures a pollution-free city. Wellington is a vibrant compact city with all the attractions of a big city - on a small city scale.

The following sports are available at WGC: Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Cross Country, Football, Futsal, Handball, Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Rowing, Swimming, Tennis, Touch Rugby, Underwater Hockey, Volleyball, Waterpolo.

Additionally a wide range of cultural and club opportunities are offered: Choirs, Concert Band, Music lessons, Debating, Drama, Stage Challenge, Orchestra, Polynesian Club, Rock Band, Kapa Haka, Amnesty International, Environmental club, Tech Angels, Video Demons, International club, Writers club and more. It is also possible to take a range of music tuition at school, from Voice to Guitar to orchestral instruments.

"The Coolest Little Capital City in the World" – Lonely Planet

Homestay

You will live with a NZ Homestay family where you can experience NZ lifestyle and culture. You will have your own room and be welcomed as a family member. Families are selected and supported by WGC International staff and are vetted by the NZ Police. If you have relatives or close family (adult) friends living in Wellington you may live with them as your Designated Caregivers. We do not have a hostel.

Join in

Sport is a big part of life at WGC with 70% of students involved. If you are keen to play sport it is important to check the sports details found on our web site under 'Student Life' as most NZ school sport is seasonal.

Lessons cater from beginner to advanced and some instruments are available for hire. Music tuition does incur a fee. See Music details on our web site under "Student Life".

Uniform

Students wear uniform in Year 9 – 12, Year 13 students do not wear uniform.





Wellington Girls' College opportunities

During your time at WGC you will have the opportunity to join school-organised activities in and out of Wellington, including outdoor education trips, cultural trips and a Wellington outdoor adventure programme during November exams. For a number of these activities we are joined by the boys from our brother school, Wellington College. Examples of what is on offer:

- Learn to Sail – 3 day course on Wellington harbour, Term 1 or 4
- Three day Geography trip to explore the volcanic region of NZ, Term 1
- School Dances
- Stage Challenge – a student dance production, Terms 1& 2, competing with schools around NZ
- Trip to the Taupo region during school exams in August
- Attend the World of Wearable Arts awards, September
- Wellington Adventures while others sit NCEA exams in November – 1 to 2 weeks of outdoor activities in and around the Wellington region including keeler sailing, kayaking, hiking, Kapiti Island, Zealandia...
- WGC Physical Education programmes include outdoor recreation courses (mostly during Term 1)

There are also a number of reputable commercial tour operators providing one and two week tours of the North Island or South Island for international students. We can assist with arrangements if you want to join one of these tours.

New Zealand school year

The school year consists of four ten week terms with two weeks vacation between terms. Summer vacation is December and January. With senior exams in Term 4 there are fewer sporting and cultural activities available at this time of year. Students from Germany have the option of sitting NCEA exams or not.

- Term 1 Late January – April
- Term 2 May – July (most school sport is played Terms 2 and 3 with teams selected in Term 1)
- Term 3 July – September
- Term 4 October to early December (NCEA exams in November for Year 11-13 students)

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What others say

Wellington Girls' College – eine Schule voller netter Mädchen, hilfsbereiter Lehrer, School spirit und vor allem jeder Menge Spaß!!! Auch wenn am Anfang alles anders ist, haben wir uns sehr schnell eingelebt und fühlen uns wie ein richtiges 'Girls Girl'. Super sind die vielen Sportteams fuer jede Sportart, die nicht nur Spaß machen, sondern auch helfen schnell viele 'Kiwifreunde' zu finden. Ausserdem ist die Schule im Stadtzentrum vom wunderschönen Wellington platziert.

Unser Tipp: Auf zu Wellington Girls!
Wir wollen hier gar nicht mehr weg!

Leah Keltsch; Charlotte Rheinhardt



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