



# WELLINGTON GIRLS' COLLEGE

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







Wellington Girls' College is an all girls government school of 1450 students with 60 international students from many different countries. Located in the heart of Wellington, Wellington Girls' has educated young women since 1883 and has an excellent academic and sporting tradition.

*'Adorn the bird with feathers, let it fly, let it soar'*  
*Mā te kahukura ka rere te manu, ka rere runga rawa*

## Why choose Wellington Girls' College?

- **Our girls achieve top exam results with a 90% pass rate for NZ University Entrance.**

Level	1	2	3
2019	95%	92%	96%
2020	98%	96%	90%
2021	97%	95%	95%
2022	90%	95%	95%

Girls also achieve very high levels of Merit and Excellence endorsements in NCEA.

<https://wgc.school.nz/our-school/school-performance/>

- **Wellington Girls' College is 5 minutes walk to everywhere** – the central train and bus station, New Zealand's government buildings like the Beehive, many embassies, the waterfront, the top shopping streets and many cafes. It's easy for girls to travel to school and easy for teachers to plan interesting lessons outside the classroom.
- **Wellington Girls' College is the only Decile 10 state girls' school in New Zealand.** This means the girls who come to the school come from families where education is valued and girls are highly motivated to succeed.
- **The international students at Wellington Girls' College have a staff of seven to help them.** This includes two English Language teachers, a Homestay Manager and a Chinese speaking Support Person. They are based in International House with dedicated facilities for the students. There is also a careers advisor who spends time each week with the international students helping them develop their career aspirations, work out their

study pathways and apply for university placements and scholarships.

- **Wellington Girls' College has a strong focus on Student Wellbeing for all the girls.** Girls belong to a house where they mix with girls from Year 9 to Year 13. Wananga (Form) teachers and Year Level Deans also check on all students, including the international students, to monitor their health, happiness and progress. There is a team of six experts including a school nurse, school physiotherapist and two guidance counsellors.
- **All students are encouraged to join in co-curricular activities.** It could be one or more of over 100 sports teams at the school, any number of student run clubs or cultural groups such as the orchestra, jazz bands and school choirs. Sports like hockey, rowing, netball basketball, cross country, football and waterpolo are strong at WGC.
- **Wellington Girls' College has excellent facilities.** These include two high tech Technology spaces with 3D printers, WIFI and computer pods throughout the school, modern Science laboratories, specialist drama, music, art and media suites, two gymnasias, an artificial multi-sport turf and a purpose built International House at the front of the school.
- **Our homestays are experienced and caring.** Our international students generally live with homestay families who come from all over the city area. Many have been with Wellington Girls' for a long time and are well informed as to how to care for international students.



## Why Choose Wellington – New Zealand's capital city?

- **Wellington has an excellent quality of life.** In 2017 and 2018 the city was named the best place in the world to live by Deutsche Bank. People who live in Wellington rate their own quality of life very highly, with 87% of residents reporting a good quality of life.
- **Wellington is a safe city.** It's the only capital city in the world accredited as a 'Safe Community' a ranking endorsed by the World Health Organisation. It's also ranked as the 10th best city for personal safety in the world (Mercer Quality of Life Survey).
- **Wellington is a diverse, smart city** – About 30% of people who live in Wellington come from another country. Wellington has the most highly educated population in New Zealand with 28% of people holding Bachelor's degrees or higher over the age of 15 years old.
- **Wellington is a clean, green city.** The green belt which fringes downtown Wellington is filled with walking and mountainbiking tracks, and the waterfront precinct is the ultimate spot for a lunchtime walk. Wellington gets over 2100 sunshine hours each year, and there is nearly 500km of coastline and beautiful regional parks.
- **Wellington is a compact city which is easy to get around.** Wellington has a clean and efficient bus and train network and the highest use of public transport in the country. Most of downtown is easily walkable.
- **Wellington is the festival city and culinary capital of New Zealand.** There are more restaurants per head of population than in New York City and many ethnic food markets as well. There are frequent, often free, events on in Wellington all year round.



## Why choose New Zealand?

- **New Zealand's high quality education system.** It was ranked number one in the world for educating students for the future, by The Economist Intelligence Unit in 2017. New Zealand's education system teaches collaboration, critical thinking, creativity and independence in learning.
- **New Zealand's excellent pathways for study.** All of New Zealand's universities rank in the top 3% of the TMS world rankings.
- **New Zealand's secondary qualifications are recognised world wide.** NCEA (National Certificate in Educational Achievement) has equivalency in countries as diverse as Thailand, the United States and Germany.
- **New Zealand is a peaceful, safe country.** New Zealand is ranked second most peaceful country in the world by the World Peace Index with some of the world's lowest levels of corruption.
- **International Students in New Zealand are looked after by a special government Code of Practice.** New Zealand is the only country to have these government regulations to make sure international students are looked after properly. It was introduced in 2001 and is regularly updated to make sure it's still doing the job, most recently in July 2019.  
<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/education-code-of-practice/code-of-practice-resources-languages/>



## Student Profile



Auf das Wellington Girls College zu gehen war für mich auf jeden Fall die richtige Entscheidung. Es gibt eine große Auswahl an Fächern, sowie Sport- und Musikaktivitäten und Clubs außerhalb der Schulzeit. Ich selbst spiele im ersten Hockeyteam und kann sagen, dass es eine unglaubliche Erfahrung ist in einem Team mit so großem Teamgeist und Talent zu spielen. Wellington ist außerdem eine superschöne kleine Hauptstadt und die Waterfront und die Shoppingstraße sind in wenigen

Minuten zu Fuß erreichbar. Die anderen Schülerinnen zeigen ein großes Interesse an fremden Kulturen und sind sehr offen und hilfsbereit, was besonders den Start vereinfacht und dafür sorgt, dass man schnell Anschluss findet. Man findet sich schnell in seinem Alltag zurecht und lernt jeden Tag neue Leute kennen. Die Hälfte meiner Zeit hier ist jetzt vorbei und ich freue mich schon auf jeden Tag meiner nächsten vier Monate hier.



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