



# 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 80 international students from different countries. Located in the heart of Wellington, Wellington Girls' College 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.**  
 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.
- **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. Wānanga (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 experts, including a school nurse, school physiotherapist and 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 students 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 multisport turf and a purpose built International House at the front of the school.



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

- **Wellington is a safe city.** It's the first 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.
- **Wellington is a clean, green city.** The green belt that fringes downtown Wellington is filled with walking and mountain biking 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 that 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 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 10% of the Times Higher Education report world rankings 2024.
- **New Zealand's secondary qualification 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 first country to have these government regulations to make sure international students are looked after properly. <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/tertiary/quality-assurance/the-code/>



## Student Profile

### JASMINE YIP - WGC ALUMNUS 2020 - 2022

- 2021** Top international student - received the International Scholarship for Year 13.
- 2021** Won the Community Service award at the Wellington International Students' Excellence Awards.
- 2022** Won the Anna P Stout Cup for All-Round Excellence at Wellington Girls' College.  
Won the Carlien Calvert Prize first in Digital Technologies.  
Distinction in Statistics, Physics and English.
- 2022** Won the New Zealand Girl Boss award for Community Service.
- 2023** Studied at Sydney University.
- 2024** Now studying Computer Science at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, on a four year half fee scholarship living at the MacCarthy Honors College.



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