



## Study at **ACG** in New Zealand

Your complete  
education pathway  
from kindergarten  
to university



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# New Zealand welcomes YOU

## Welcome to New Zealand where an exciting new study life awaits!

New Zealand is a modern country with a rich cultural heritage. Comparable in size and shape to Great Britain or Japan, it is a stable English-speaking democracy with a population of approximately 4.4 million people.

New Zealand consists of two main islands in the South Pacific, three hours east of Australia by plane or nine to ten hours direct flight from Singapore. Internationally, the country is known for the beauty of the landscape. The cities are clean, open and lively, with Auckland in particular showing many cultural influences.

New Zealanders are a famously hospitable people with a lively interest in other cultures. An education here is frequently the beginning of lifelong friendships.

New Zealand is a rich mix of cultures - including European, Maori, Asian and Pacific peoples. New Zealanders have made significant contributions to the world of science and technology, the arts, medicine, conservation, food, wine, sports and fashion.

Beyond the warm welcome, you will find a place where safety and security are valued.

New Zealand is ranked 2nd on the Global Peace Index for the most peaceful nation on earth.

*For more information please visit:*

**[www.visionofhumanity.org](http://www.visionofhumanity.org).**

New Zealand is also one of the world's five best countries to live in according to the latest United Nations' index aimed at measuring development.

*For more information please visit:*

**<http://hdr.undp.org/en/statistics>**

New Zealand's education system is based on the prestigious British system. We offer world-class facilities, resources and teaching staff. Our qualifications are valued and are transferable throughout the world.

New Zealand's universities perform very highly on a global level. Many feature in international university rankings like the Times Higher Education Supplement Top 500 and the Shanghai Jiao Tong Top 500.

In New Zealand, every student enjoys a supportive learning environment. With relatively small class sizes, students receive more personalised attention from their teachers than they do in other parts of the world.



Students are treated as individuals - you are encouraged to learn from others but also to think for yourself. You will learn how to harness your unique strengths and original ideas and channel them into an exciting career.

For international students, this personalised treatment extends beyond the classroom. New Zealand was the first country to adopt a strict code of practice that sets out standards for the care of international students, in and out of the classroom.

*For more information please visit:*

**[www.newzealandeducated.com/int/en/institutions\\_courses/code\\_of\\_practice](http://www.newzealandeducated.com/int/en/institutions_courses/code_of_practice)**

As an international student in New Zealand, you will enjoy a sophisticated lifestyle and high quality, affordable accommodation.

**For more information please visit:**

**[www.newzealandeducated.com](http://www.newzealandeducated.com)**

**[www.newzealand.com/International](http://www.newzealand.com/International)**

**[www.stats.govt.nz](http://www.stats.govt.nz)**

**[www.newzealandnow.govt.nz](http://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz)**

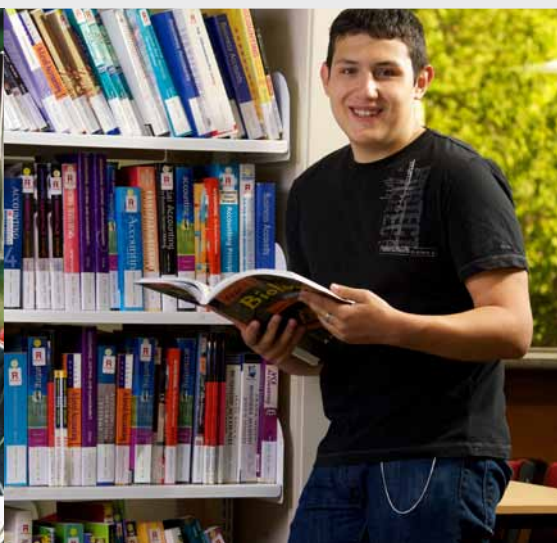
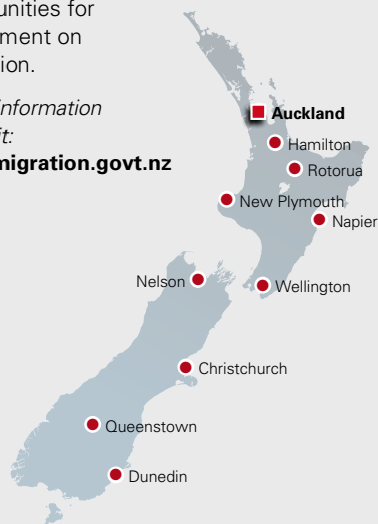
**[www.minedu.govt.nz](http://www.minedu.govt.nz)**

## What are the benefits of studying in New Zealand?

- As a safe, tolerant and politically-stable country with a high standard of living, New Zealand is an ideal place to study
- New Zealand qualifications are internationally respected and recognized
- Living and studying in New Zealand offers excellent value for money with favourable tuition fees and living expenses compared to other English-speaking destinations
- Opportunities for employment on graduation.

*For more information please visit:*

**[www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)**





## Study in Auckland, one of the world's top three cities:\*

Auckland is New Zealand's largest city and is home to 1.5 million people.

It is also the country's economic and education hub with campuses of three of New Zealand's eight universities: The University of Auckland, AUT University and Massey University.

Auckland is ranked third out of 221 world cities for quality of life by the Mercer annual Worldwide Quality of Living Survey\*.

Rank 2011	City	Country
1	Vienna	Austria
2	Zurich	Switzerland
<b>3</b>	<b>Auckland</b>	<b>New Zealand</b>
4	Munich	Germany
5	Düsseldorf	Germany
5	Vancouver	Canada
7	Frankfurt	Germany
8	Geneva	Switzerland
9	Bern	Switzerland
9	Copenhagen	Denmark

Auckland is a modern and vibrant city, well known for its mild climate, glorious scenery and very friendly people. The excellent beaches, swimming and sailing are popular pastimes for Aucklanders and when you see the number of yachts in the harbours you will understand why Auckland is known as 'The City of Sails'.

In comparison to other major cities, Auckland has a relatively low population density, making it cleaner and less polluted. Throughout the city, there is an abundance of scenic parks,

some of which provide some excellent views of the city. There are great cafes and restaurants, excellent theatres, galleries and museums and plenty of shopping on offer.

Auckland enjoys a warm coastal climate without extremes of temperature.

The mean daily temperature during January and February is 23 degrees Celsius (74 Fahrenheit), and during July and August, the mean daily maximum is 14 degrees Celsius (57 Fahrenheit).

It is one of the sunniest spots in the country, with annual sunshine hours of 2060.

It also has a high rainfall, which ensures the lushness of its rainforests, with a mean annual rainfall of 1240mm.

Summer is from December to February; Autumn or Fall is from March to May; Winter is from June to August; and Spring is from September to November.

Aucklanders enjoy high quality living conditions and international students can choose from an array of accommodation options. You can be part of a local family with 'homestay' style accommodation where you will learn how New Zealanders live. Or you may prefer the independence of a student apartment.

**For more information please visit:**

**[www.aucklandnz.com](http://www.aucklandnz.com)**

**[www.aucklandcity.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandcity.govt.nz)**

\*[www.mercer.com/qualityofliving](http://www.mercer.com/qualityofliving)



## Living Costs

Auckland is an affordable study destination, with a high standard of living but lower costs than Sydney or London. International students should allow approximately NZ\$15,000 per year and NZ\$1,250 per month for living costs. Many students are eligible for working visas for part-time work during their stay.

What does it cost?	Approximate cost (NZ\$)
Coffee, cappuccino or latte:	\$3.50 to \$5.00
McDonald's Big Mac burger:	\$5
Weekly accommodation:	\$150 to \$300
Single ride bus ticket (one stage):	\$1.90
To post a letter within New Zealand:	\$0.70
Local phone calls from a home phone:	FREE
Local calls made from a cell-phone (peak/off-peak per minute):	\$0.22 to \$0.89
International phone calls: (per minute)	from \$0.44
Major international music event/concert:	\$45 to \$175
Lunch from food hall or campus cafe:	\$5 to \$10
Main meal at restaurant (off campus):	\$15 to \$40
Pair of jeans:	\$60 to \$200
Petrol (unleaded) per litre:	\$2.20
Parking per hour rate:	\$2 to \$6
Parking per day rate:	\$7.50 to \$25
Visit to doctor:	\$60 - \$85
Groceries per week (if not in homestay)	\$150

## Auckland Public Holidays

### 2013:

1 - 2 January, 28 January,  
6 February, 29 March -  
1 April, 25 April,  
3 June, 28 October,  
25 - 26 December

### 2014:

1 - 2 January, 27 January,  
6 February, 18 - 21 April,  
25 April, 2 June,  
27 October,  
25 - 26 December

### 2015:

1 - 2 January, 26 January,  
6 February, 3 - 6 April,  
25 April, 1 June,  
26 October,  
25 - 28 December



## ACG provides for the educational needs and welfare of each student.

### The tutor system

In all programmes, each student is assigned a tutor.

The tutor supervises the study programme and provides personalised support to ensure that each student's academic potential is maximised.

The tutor meets regularly with each student, monitors progress and gives valuable advice to encourage good study habits.

### myACG parent website and community portal

ACG's online portal provides a wide range of information to help parents keep in touch with student learning and with the wider ACG school community.

Parents are given a unique login and password which allows them constant access to specific information that relates to their child/ren, through a secure database.

This includes:

- Accommodation details
- Course details and daily timetable
- Attendance records for each lesson

- Assessment marks
- Student academic reports
- Medical and travel insurance policy and expiry date
- Student visa permit number and expiry date

### Orientation

A thorough orientation programme helps students to settle into school life and their new environment.

Students receive a handbook that includes homestay and accommodation guidelines

### Student Care Plus / Guardianship Service

An optional support and supervision service for young students is available. The service has been developed in consultation with parents who want their children to be closely supervised and supported by a professional adult caregiver.

The service is recommended for students under 15 years of age.



# Your new Home

## Homestay

To get the most out of experiencing New Zealand life, ACG recommends homestay accommodation. ACG students under the age of 18 are required to live with an ACG homestay family, a parent or a designated caregiver.

Accommodation arrangements for students under 18 years of age must meet ACG's approval.

Each homestay family is visited, interviewed and the home inspected before any student placement is made. Homestays must sign a contract that details specific rules and standards. In addition, ACG homestay providers must undergo a vetting procedure by the New Zealand Police. ACG provides training and on-going support for its approved homestays.

All students under the age of 18 are visited in their accommodation a minimum of three times per year by a friendly ACG assessor.

All payments are made directly to the homestay provider from the ACG Charitable Trust.

## ACG Homestay

Standard homestay includes the student's own room with a bed, desk, adequate heating and, where possible, reasonable internet usage. Meals include breakfast and dinner, Monday

to Friday and breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, Sunday and public/school holidays. Laundry is also included.

Most students travel to school by bus each day.

## ACG Homestay Plus

ACG Homestay Plus families accommodate no more than two international students at a time. A bathroom is available for the student to share with one other student.

## Student Apartments

Unilodge and Princeton Apartments are available for students aged 18 years and older who seek independent living with a full range of facilities in the Auckland city centre.



Princeton Apartments:  
[www.princeton.co.nz](http://www.princeton.co.nz)



Unilodge:  
[www.unilodge.com.au/auckland](http://www.unilodge.com.au/auckland)





# ACG in Auckland



## Our convenient locations in Auckland

With five ACG campuses strategically located around Auckland, there is one within easy reach for students in any area. From the dynamic city centre to the peaceful countryside, each school has its own personality which reflects its environment.



### ACG Sunderland

Located in Henderson, 15 minutes west of Auckland City.

Primary to senior school.

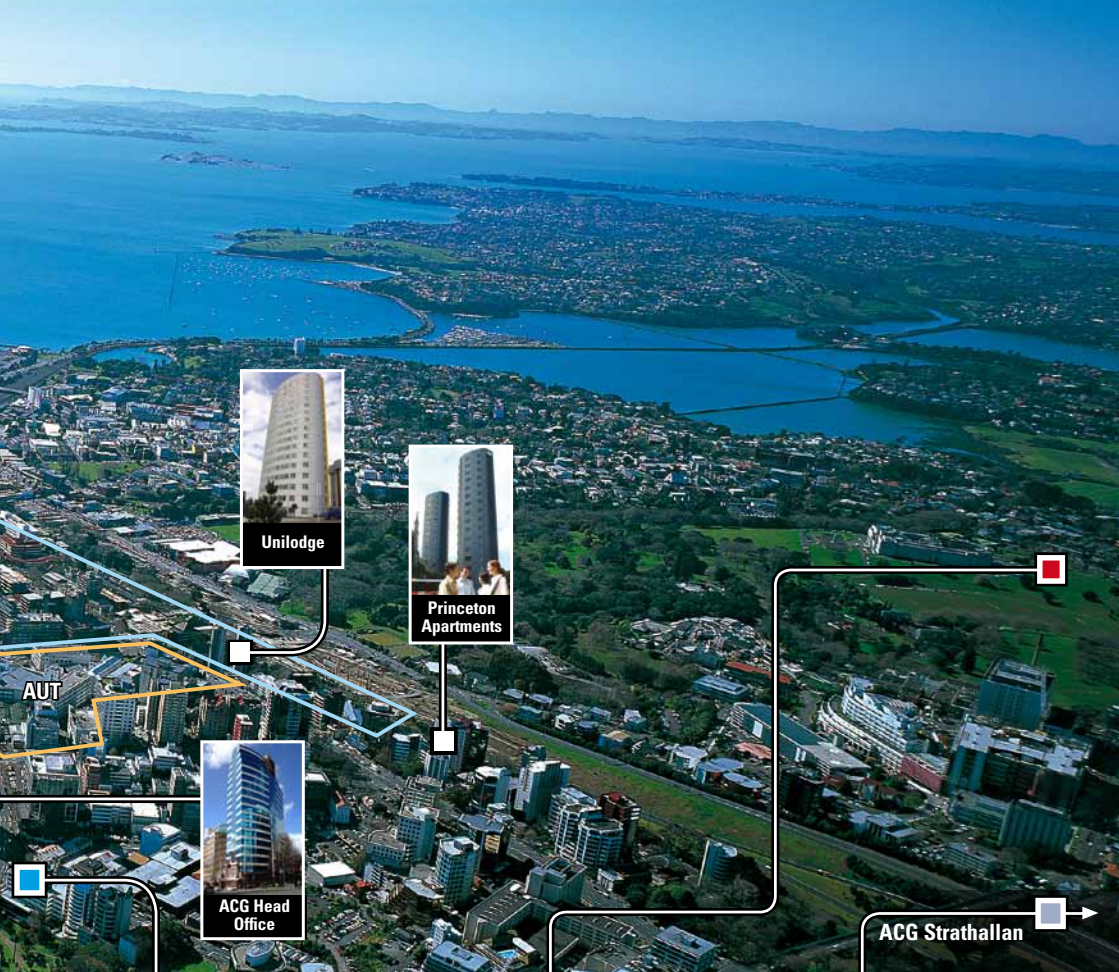


### ACG Senior College

Located in the heart of the city, close to The University of Auckland and AUT University.

Senior school, Years 11 to 13.





### ACG City Campus

Situated at 345 Queen Street, Auckland City.

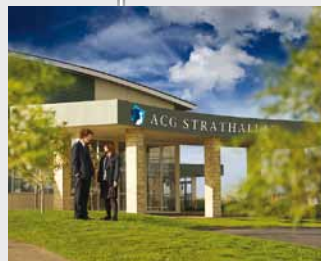
ACG English School and University Foundation Studies.



### ACG Parnell College

Located in Parnell/Newmarket, a popular inner-city area of Auckland.

Primary to senior school.



### ACG Strathallan

Located in Karaka, 30 minutes south of Auckland City.

Kindergarten to senior school.

# Study options with ACG

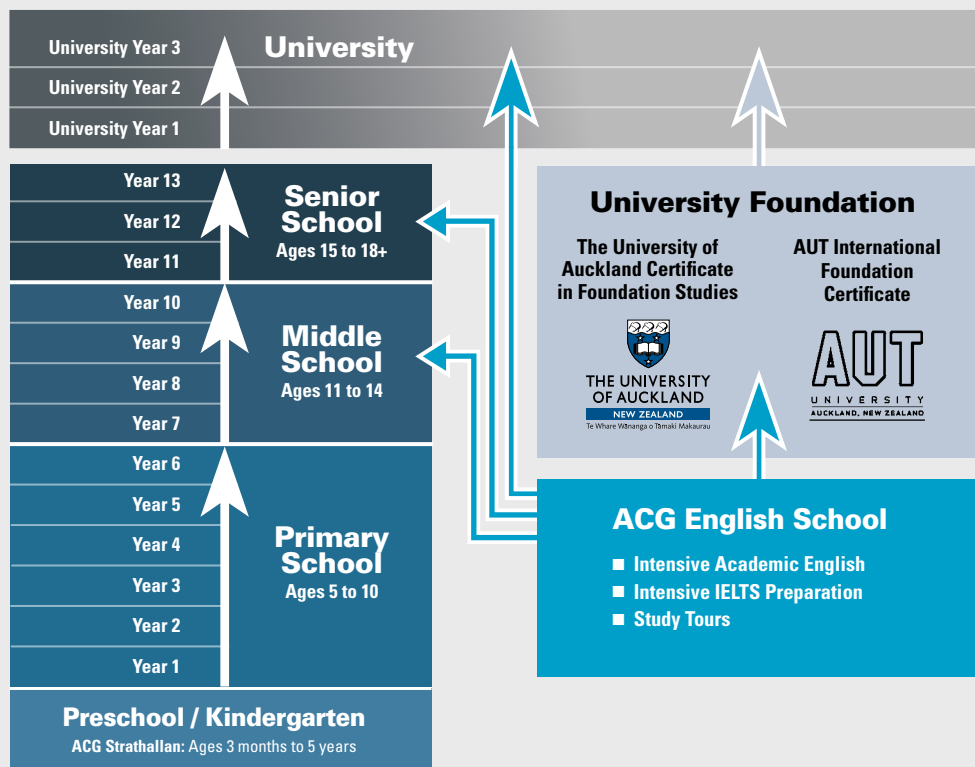
At ACG, our efforts to cater for the needs of the individual have seen us develop a range of schools for young people and their families

who have put their trust in us to provide a first-class education. They offer the best educational pathways leading to respected universities.

## ACG offers the following study programmes in New Zealand:

- Pre-school/Kindergarten, primary, middle and senior school education
- English language courses: Intensive Academic English and Intensive IELTS preparation
- University Foundation Studies for The University of Auckland and AUT University.

## ACG - Your complete education pathway from kindergarten to university



## Intensive Academic English and IELTS Preparation

One of New Zealand's leading language schools, situated in the heart of Auckland, with a focus on English language preparation for academic study.

### The School offers year-round courses:

- Intensive Academic English
- Intensive IELTS Preparation

ACG English School students have guaranteed entry to The University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies, AUT International Foundation Certificate and all ACG high schools.

In addition to lessons, tutorials and coaching sessions are available to support learning, while the tutor system ensures that each student is given close individual attention. ACG English School provides specialised support in developing writing skills - essential for success at university.

### 2013 ACG English School Tuition Fees (NZ\$)

1 to 40 weeks	\$395 per week
41 weeks and longer	\$350 per week
12-Week Block Course	\$4,740

### Intensive Academic English

Entry dates	Every Monday, the School operates year round
Course length	2 - 48 weeks
Levels	Elementary to Advanced
Ages	12 years and over

### Intensive Academic English Block Courses and Intensive IELTS Preparation

Entry dates 2013	7 January, 3 April, 25 June, 17 September
Entry dates 2014	6 January, 1 April, 24 June, 16 September
Course length	12 weeks (one cycle)
Hours of tuition	24 hours per week
Entry requirements	12 years and over For Intensive IELTS Preparation only: Successful completion of ACG English School's Academic Level 3, IELTS 5.0 or equivalent.





# The University of Auckland

## Certificate in Foundation Studies



### Delivered by ACG New Zealand International College

The Certificate in Foundation Studies guarantees entry into The University of Auckland and is accepted by all New Zealand and Australian universities.

The programme offers a choice of subjects, including Accounting, Economics, Calculus, Statistics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Geography, Design, Photography, Painting and Music.

A special programme of English for Academic Purposes and Study & Information Skills prepares students for study at university.



**THE UNIVERSITY  
OF AUCKLAND**

NEW ZEALAND

Te Whare Wānanga o Tāmaki Makaurau

### Academic Entry Requirements

Successful academic experience and qualifications at Year 12 (NZ) or Grade 12/11 (Asia), Senior High School 3rd/2nd year, or equivalent plus English proficiency as listed below.

2013 Annual Tuition Fees	(NZ\$)
Standard: 1 year - IELTS 5.0	\$21,520
Fast-track: 8/9 months - IELTS 5.5	\$21,520
Extended: 18 months - IELTS 4.5	\$32,280
Post-Foundation Course: 6-months	\$10,800

### 2013 Starting Dates

Monday 21 January (standard & extended)  
Monday 4 February (post-foundation)  
Monday 6 May (fast-track)  
Monday 22 July (standard, extended & post-foundation)  
Monday 14 October (fast-track)

### 2014 Starting Dates

Thursday 23 January (standard & extended)  
Monday 10 February (post-foundation)  
Monday 5 May (fast-track)  
Monday 28 July (standard, extended & post-foundation)  
Monday 13 October (fast-track)

The starting dates above are inclusive of orientation.  
Attendance at orientation is required.

# AUT International Foundation Certificate

## Delivered by ACG Norton College

The AUT International Foundation Certificate provides focus in four specialist areas and offers a wide range of subjects, including English, Tertiary Study Skills, Introduction to New Zealand Culture and Society, Accounting, Economics, Design, Drawing, Mathematics, Statistics, Chemistry, Biology and Electromechanics.

The Foundation Certificate guarantees entry into AUT University and is accepted by all New Zealand universities and Australian technology universities.

The curriculum includes core training in English and independent learning skills.



### Academic Entry Requirements

Successful academic experience and qualifications at Year 12 (NZ) or Grade 12/11 (Asia), Senior High School 3rd/2nd year, or equivalent plus English proficiency as listed below.

2013 Annual Tuition Fee	(NZ\$)
Standard: 2 trimesters - IELTS 5.5	\$16,000
Extended: 3 trimesters - IELTS 5.0	\$24,000
Extended: 4 trimesters - IELTS 4.5	\$32,000

### 2013 Trimester Dates - Courses start every trimester

**Trimester 1:** Monday 21 January - Friday 19 April

**Trimester 2:** Monday 6 May - Friday 23 August  
(Including a three-week study break 29/6/2013 - 21/7/2013)

**Trimester 3:** Monday 26 August - Friday 6 December  
(Including a two-week study break 28/9/2013 - 13/10/2013)

### 2014 Trimester Dates - Courses start every trimester

**Trimester 1:** Thursday 23 January - Thursday 17 April

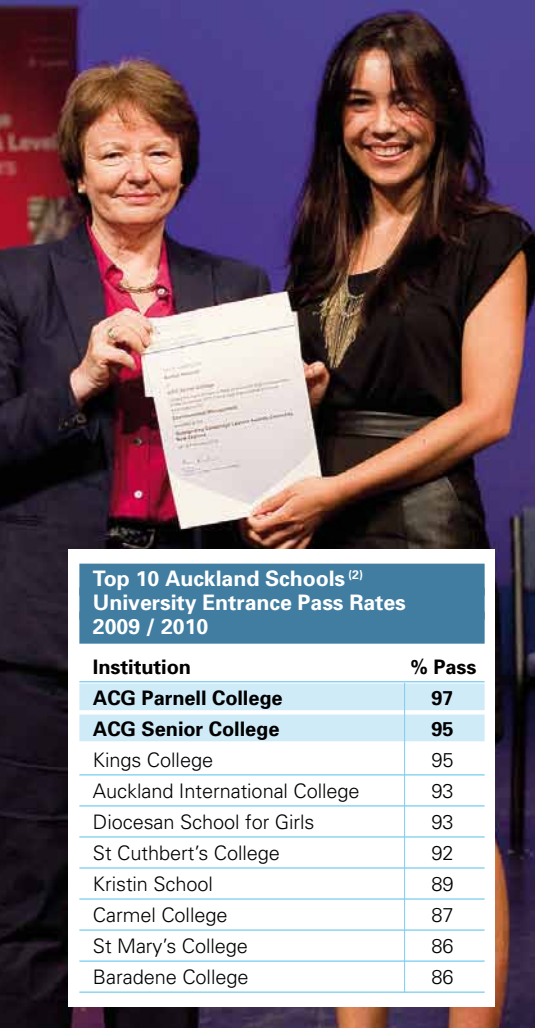
**Trimester 2:** Monday 5 May - Friday 22 August  
(Including a three-week study break 05/7/2014 - 27/7/2014)

**Trimester 3:** Tuesday 26 August - Friday 5 December  
(Including a two-week study break 27/9/2014 - 12/10/2014)

The starting dates above are inclusive of orientation.  
Attendance at orientation is required.



# Primary, Middle and Senior School Programmes



## Top 10 Auckland Schools<sup>(2)</sup> University Entrance Pass Rates 2009 / 2010

Institution	% Pass
<b>ACG Parnell College</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>ACG Senior College</b>	<b>95</b>
Kings College	95
Auckland International College	93
Diocesan School for Girls	93
St Cuthbert's College	92
Kristin School	89
Carmel College	87
St Mary's College	86
Baradene College	86

## Personal Achievement, Examination Success, Proven Quality

ACG is New Zealand's largest provider of quality private school education. In Auckland, almost 20% of all private school students attend an ACG School.

All ACG Schools offer the University of Cambridge International Examinations: IGCSE, AS and A-Levels. These qualifications are internationally recognised and accepted by respected universities worldwide.

A clear focus on academic outcomes has enabled ACG students to achieve over 185 Top in the World and Top in New Zealand Cambridge International Examination awards.

ACG students have achieved more Cambridge International awards than those of any other school in New Zealand<sup>(1)</sup>. In the last two years, approximately one-in-three of all of the awards were earned by ACG students.

A higher proportion of ACG students gained University Entrance (UE) than any other school in Auckland<sup>(2)</sup>.

ACG was the winner of STM Star High Schools 2011 and is a shortlisted candidate for 2012.

English language support is available at all ACG Schools.



UNIVERSITY of CAMBRIDGE  
International Examinations

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP CENTRE

## Cambridge Candidate Grades

ACG Schools vs World totals grade A or above and C or above\*

Cambridge Examinations	% achieving A or above		% achieving C or above	
	ACG Schools	World	ACG Schools	World
IGCSE	<b>41.23%</b>	26.25%	<b>85.90%</b>	75.64%
AS Level	<b>30.38%</b>	21.29%	<b>67.03%</b>	53.42%
A Level	<b>39.36%</b>	15.54%	<b>86.17%</b>	44.25%

### Source:

- (1) University of Cambridge International Examinations.
- (2) Metro magazine, July 2012.

\* Based on November 2010 examination results.



## ACG Primary, Middle and Senior Schools

### 2013 Term Dates

<b>Term 1</b>	Monday 21 January - Friday 19 April
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 6 May - Friday 5 July
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 29 July - Friday 27 September
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 14 October - Friday 6 December

### 2014 Term Dates

<b>Term 1</b>	Tuesday 28 January - Thursday 17 April
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 5 May - Friday 4 July
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 28 July - Friday 26 September
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 13 October - Friday 5 December

ACG Schools offer a number of benefits to students:

#### **Internationally recognised qualifications**

Accepted, respected and understood by schools and universities worldwide.

#### **A clear focus on academic achievement**

In a learning environment where each student is nurtured and challenged by ACG's experienced and committed staff.

#### **A personalised learning experience**

Where each student is valued and each student's accomplishments are recognised.

#### **A personal tutor system**

Where each student receives assistance and encouragement to set goals and evaluate achievements.

#### **More teaching time**

ACG Schools have longer lessons (70 to 85 minutes), to ensure individual attention and a variety of learning experiences.

#### **An online learning system**

ACG Schools use Blackboard online learning, through which unique and specific course and subject resources support the development of each student while allowing for parent access and oversight.

#### **Convenient locations in Auckland**

With four ACG Schools strategically located around the city, there is one within easy reach for students in any area.

Where Auckland transport services are limited, ACG Schools offer dedicated bus services to make access safe and convenient.

#### **ACG Schools' key facts:**

- All ACG Schools are co-educational
- ACG Schools cater for all ages, from Kindergarten to Year 13
- A strong focus on academic achievement in each school
- Participation in extra-curricular activities is encouraged and sporting success celebrated
- The school year runs from late January to early December and is divided into four terms with 2 to 3-week holidays between each and a longer break of 8 weeks over the New Zealand summer
- Uniforms are worn by all ACG students except at Year 13 and those enrolled at ACG Senior College.



## ACG Strathallan ■ Kindergarten to Senior School



One of the largest independent school complexes in New Zealand, ACG Strathallan consists of Kindergarten (ages 3 months to 5 years), Primary School (Years 1 to 6; ages 5 to 10) and College (Years 7 to 13; ages 11 & over).

ACG Strathallan is a top quality educational facility, located on the beautiful Hingaia Peninsula, 30 minutes south of Auckland City. The spacious campus area provides a green and healthy environment with excellent premises, sports facilities and playing fields. The blend of modern, high-tech learning centres and beautiful coastal countryside creates the perfect environment for young people to develop to their full potential.

Tuition scholarships are available.

2013 Annual Tuition Fee	(NZ\$)
<b>ACG Strathallan School</b> Years 1 to 6 (ages 5 to 10)	<b>\$18,000</b>
<b>ACG Strathallan College</b> Years 7 to 13 (age 11 and over)	<b>\$21,800</b>

## ACG Parnell College ■ Primary to Senior School



ACG Parnell College is located in Parnell, an inner-city area of Auckland. The stunning purpose-built campus lies next to the Domain, Auckland's largest park. The premises include a wide range of specialist facilities, including a gymnasium, a large library and cafeteria, sophisticated art, technology and computer rooms, drama and music rooms and laboratories.

The School makes full use of its excellent location with nearby facilities, such as the Parnell Tennis Club and Newmarket Olympic Swimming Pools. A wide range of team sports are offered, including basketball, cricket, waterpolo, soccer, netball and tennis.

2013 Annual Tuition Fee	(NZ\$)
<b>ACG Parnell College Primary School</b> Years 1 to 6 (ages 5 to 10)	<b>\$18,000</b>
<b>ACG Parnell College</b> Years 7 to 13 (age 11 and over*)	<b>\$22,200</b>

\*Students in Year 9 to Year 13 will be offered places at ACG New Zealand International College, delivered by ACG Parnell College.

## ACG Senior College ■ Senior School: Years 11 to 13

ACG Senior College is among New Zealand's top academic schools. From its beginning in 1995 as New Zealand's only specialist pre-university centre, the School has become a focus for exceptional educational success.

The School is located in the heart of Auckland, where our students enjoy the vibrancy of city life. The School is housed in an historic building adjacent to AUT University and within a short walk to the University of Auckland.

### Cambridge International Examinations

Results	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>IGCSE</b> Pass rate	99%	99%	99%	99%
<b>AS Level</b> Pass rate	92%	95%	94%	91%
<b>A Level</b> Pass rate	99%	99%	100%	99%

### 2013 Annual Tuition Fee

(NZ\$)

#### ACG Senior College

Years 11 to 13 (age 15 and over)

\$24,800



## ACG Sunderland ■ Primary to Senior School

ACG Sunderland is West Auckland's only private co-educational school (Years 1 to 13). Conveniently located 5 minutes from the north-western motorway.

ACG Sunderland's campus comprises architecturally designed premises and nine acres of landscaped grounds.

ACG Sunderland is a small school which offers close individual attention to each student. Individual learning needs are identified from the start and programmes put in place to provide the best possible learning environment for each student.

### 2013 Annual Tuition Fee

(NZ\$)

#### ACG Sunderland School

Years 1 to 6 (ages 5 to 10)

\$17,500

#### ACG Sunderland College

Years 7 to 13 (age 11 and over)

\$20,000





# New Zealand Universities

New Zealand provides opportunities to study under internationally recognised academics and researchers in a wide range of disciplines.

Qualifications from New Zealand universities rank with the world's best and have a reputation for being practical and modern. In some niche areas, such as biotechnology, forensic science and marine engineering, New Zealand degrees are acknowledged as world-leading.

Students educated in New Zealand are earning a reputation as innovative thinkers, and are enjoying success the world over.

New Zealand has eight universities all of excellent quality. Each university has strengths in research and teaching across a range of disciplines.

The University of Auckland, AUT University and Massey University have campuses in Auckland.

For detailed information, please visit the websites listed on this page or contact the international offices of each of the universities.

*For more information please visit:*

**[www.universitiesnz.ac.nz](http://www.universitiesnz.ac.nz)**



The University of Auckland  
**[www.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.auckland.ac.nz)**



AUT University  
**[www.aut.ac.nz](http://www.aut.ac.nz)**



Massey University  
**[www.massey.ac.nz](http://www.massey.ac.nz)**



The University of Waikato  
**[www.waikato.ac.nz](http://www.waikato.ac.nz)**



Victoria University of Wellington  
**[www.victoria.ac.nz](http://www.victoria.ac.nz)**



The University of Canterbury  
**[www.canterbury.ac.nz](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz)**



Lincoln University  
**[www.lincoln.ac.nz](http://www.lincoln.ac.nz)**



The University of Otago  
**[www.otago.ac.nz](http://www.otago.ac.nz)**

# Entry Requirements for New Zealand Universities\*

Successful completion of high school equivalent to New Zealand Year 13, Cambridge AS/A Levels, International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or a university foundation studies programme, plus English proficiency as below:

## Undergraduate degree level:

### IELTS (Academic) score:

Overall score of 6.0 with no band less than 5.5

### TOEFL score:

#### Paper-based

Total score of 550 with minimum of 4.0 in Test of Written English (TWE) *or*

#### Computer-based

Total score of 213 with minimum Essay rating of 4.0 *or*

#### Internet-based

Total score of 80

## Minimum English proficiency at postgraduate level:

### IELTS (Academic) score

Overall score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0

### TOEFL score:

#### Paper-based

Total score of 575 with minimum of 4.5 in Test of Written English (TWE) *or*

#### Computer-based

Total score of 223 with minimum Essay rating of 4.5 *or*

#### Internet-based

Total score of 90

\*These are average requirements which may differ slightly depending on the university/course.

## Scholarships

New Zealand International Scholarships are funded by the New Zealand Government and administered by Education New Zealand.

For more information please visit:

[www.newzealandeducated.com](http://www.newzealandeducated.com)

[www.universitiesnz.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.universitiesnz.ac.nz/scholarships)

ACG offers a limited number of partial tuition scholarships to excellent students.

To apply, please contact:

[admissions@acgedu.com](mailto:admissions@acgedu.com)

## Working in NZ upon completing your studies

If you have finished a New Zealand course that has a minimum completion time of three years, you can apply for a temporary work visa. Alternatively, you may qualify for points under the Skilled Migrant Category.

If you don't have an offer of employment, you may apply for a Graduate Job Search Work Visa which will allow you to work for up to 12 months. Please be aware that if you want to be eligible for a Graduate Job Search Work Visa, you have to apply no later than three

months after the end date of your student visa for that qualification.

You will also have to show evidence of having sufficient funds available to maintain yourself during your 12 month stay in New Zealand.

If you have an offer of employment, relevant to your qualifications, you may apply for a 2-year\* Study to Work Visa.

For more information please visit:

[www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/working-in-nz](http://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/working-in-nz)

\* This work visa may be granted for 3 years if you are working towards obtaining membership or registration from a New Zealand professional association which requires more than two years of relevant practical work experience.

# Visa requirements to study in New Zealand

Immigration New Zealand is the government authority responsible for issuing visas and permits to enter New Zealand. Please note that it normally takes a minimum of three weeks to process a student visa application. Detailed student visa and visitor visa application checklists for each country are available on the Immigration New Zealand website.

**[www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)**

## Application requirements

To obtain a student visa, you have to be enrolled in an approved course at an educational institution that has been accredited to offer that course.

Your application will need:

- A recent passport-size photograph
- Payment of a non-refundable application fee
- An offer of place from an educational institution, which states that you have been accepted by the institution, the name of the course, the minimum time required to complete the course, and whether a course fee must be paid or the student is exempt from the fee (e.g. scholarship students). This will be sent to you by the institution confirming your enrolment.

- Evidence of sufficient funds to live on while you are studying (currently NZ\$15,000 per year or NZ\$1,250 per month)
- A return air ticket to your country, or evidence of sufficient funds to buy one
- A valid passport. If your application is approved, your passport must be valid for 3 months after your planned date of departure from New Zealand.
- Financial documents
- Educational certificates
- Evidence of having a comprehensive medical, travel and contents insurance policy which meets ACG's approval.

## Medical checks

For courses longer than 24 months, you will also need to provide medical and x-ray certificates that are less than 3 months old.

If you are over 17, you will need a police certificate from your home country, to show that you are of good character.

## ACG online visa service

ACG offers an online visa service for student visa variations and extensions once you arrive in New Zealand and commence your studies.

# Medical and travel insurance

ACG arranges your medical and travel insurance to help you with your transition to living in New Zealand. A health nurse is employed by ACG and a medical doctor is available by appointment.

All international students in New Zealand are required to have comprehensive medical and travel insurance. This will be arranged by ACG. We use the Southern Cross Travel International Student Policy, which has been specifically developed for international students by New Zealand's largest health insurer.

*For more information please visit:*

**[www.southerncross.co.nz/travel-insurance-new-zealand.aspx](http://www.southerncross.co.nz/travel-insurance-new-zealand.aspx)**

**[www.health.govt.nz](http://www.health.govt.nz)**

The policy will cover you on your journey to and from New Zealand and for the time you spend in New Zealand. You may claim for baggage damage or loss, travel delay, loss of deposits, documents and money, medical costs and many other incidents.

The annual international student insurance policy fee is currently NZ\$456.



## Banking and currency

New Zealand money is in dollars and cents. All banks offer phone and internet banking.

### Opening a bank account

Setting up a bank account in New Zealand is important because you will need an account to safely keep your money, pay for living expenses and for your employers to pay you if you decide to work.

Some banks let you open an account before you arrive in New Zealand.

### Bank fees

There's usually a fee for every transaction, including EFTPOS. Make sure you get advice from your bank about which account and fee structure will be best for you. Most banks offer special packages for full-time students.

### Foreign currency

You can bring as much foreign currency as you like into New Zealand, but if it is more than

NZ\$10,000 you need to declare it to Customs on arrival in New Zealand. Most overseas currencies are easily exchanged at New Zealand banks. Check out the latest exchange rates.

At ACG City Campus, a representative from the National Bank comes in every starting date to assist students and provide information about their banking services.

*For more information please visit:*

**[www.nationalbank.co.nz](http://www.nationalbank.co.nz)**

Also, ANZ (Asian Banking, New Zealand) and ASB Bank offer specialist packages for students studying overseas.

*For more information please visit:*

**[www.anz.co.nz](http://www.anz.co.nz)**

**[www.asb.co.nz](http://www.asb.co.nz)**

You will be able to use internationally recognised credit cards, such as Visa and Mastercard for purchases.

## Education loans

Education loans are available from some banks in certain countries to finance overseas education.

Please contact your nearest Immigration New Zealand office, or go to

**[www.immigration.co.nz](http://www.immigration.co.nz)**

## Finding your food in Auckland

Auckland is a multi-cultural city offering food from around the world.

There are plenty of food options which cater for students from any country. Major supermarkets offer a variety of Western and Asian foods as well as independent food stores.

There are also a range of ethnic restaurants throughout the city which can be found on

**[www.viewauckland.co.nz/restaurants-by-cuisine.aspx](http://www.viewauckland.co.nz/restaurants-by-cuisine.aspx)**

**[www.time2dine.co.nz](http://www.time2dine.co.nz)**

**[www.menumania.co.nz](http://www.menumania.co.nz)**



# Checklist

- ☐ Have I found the right education programme?
- ☐ Have I applied and been accepted?
- ☐ Do I have a Student Visa?
- ☐ Do I have international student medical and travel insurance?
- ☐ Have I organised accommodation?
- ☐ Have I been to the doctor for an overall checkup?
- ☐ Have I been to the dentist?
- ☐ Do I have copies of academic results?
- ☐ Have I made copies of my passport and visas?
- ☐ Have I arranged funds for my tuition fee?
- ☐ Have I opened a NZ bank account?
- ☐ Have I packed for warm and cold weather?
- ☐ Have I practised my English?
- ☐ Have I booked my flight?



## Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students

**CODE:** ACG and its schools have agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students published by the Minister of Education. Copies of the Code are available on request from this institution or from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at [www.minedu.govt.nz/goto/international](http://www.minedu.govt.nz/goto/international).

**IMMIGRATION:** Full details of visa and permit requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available through Immigration New Zealand, and can be viewed on their website at [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz).

**ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH SERVICES:** Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you may be liable for the full costs of that treatment. Full details on entitlements to publicly-funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health, and can be viewed on their website at [www.moh.govt.nz](http://www.moh.govt.nz).

**ACCIDENT INSURANCE:** The Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website at [www.acc.co.nz](http://www.acc.co.nz).

**MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE:** International students must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance while studying in New Zealand.

It is a requirement for all international students studying with ACG to have comprehensive medical and travel insurance cover. Students can either have the cover arranged by ACG or produce evidence at the time of application that they have insurance cover from another company that meets the approval of ACG.

As at August 2012, every attempt was made to present accurate information in this prospectus. ACG reserves the right to change without notice programmes, terms and conditions both before and after students' admission. For the most up to date course information, please refer to [www.acgedu.com](http://www.acgedu.com)

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\* These benefits must be read in conjunction with the policy wording.

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