



# Taradale High School

## International Student Prospectus



*Prime Minister of New Zealand, the Right Honourable John Key, visiting Taradale High School accompanied by school leaders*

**“The degree to which we cultivate the talents of those who pass through this school will be the gauge by which we are judged”**

R. B. Twaddle (Founding Principal)

# NEW ZEALAND



# New Zealand

New Zealand is a land of great natural beauty and friendly people. Recently voted the Lonely Planet's top destination in the world, New Zealand is a wonderful environment in which to live and study.  
[www.newzealand.com](http://www.newzealand.com)



## Napier

This beautiful provincial city, famous for its architecture, is known as the Art Deco capital of the world.

With a population of approximately 55,000 people, Napier is situated on the East Coast of the North Island and enjoys a pleasant, sunny climate.

Close to the sea, yet only two hours away from the mountains, this vibrant region provides excellent recreational and sightseeing opportunities.

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



## Taradale

The school is located in the suburb of Taradale. It is an easy five-minute walk to a convenient shopping centre, and to a new sports arena with a modern gymnasium and indoor sports facilities.

Taradale has tennis courts, extensive sports grounds and a picturesque golf course nearby.

A regular bus service runs into Napier's city centre.



# A Warm Welcome

***“To prepare students for life  
by providing a quality education  
responsive to individual needs.”***

*Stephen Hensman (Principal)*



We have been welcoming international students for approximately forty years. Taradale High School values international students and the contribution they make to the culture of our school. We do our best to ensure that the experience of each student is both memorable and academically worthwhile.

## **Taradale High School**

Taradale High School is a co-educational secondary school of approximately 1000 students. It offers a combination of academic, cultural and sporting excellence. Student leadership and acknowledging student success are important features of the school. The wide modern curriculum prepares students well for tertiary study.

## **Arrival In New Zealand**

International students will arrive at Auckland International Airport. A transfer to the domestic terminal is a free 3 minute bus ride. The direct flight to Napier is one hour. On arrival at Napier Airport, students are met by the International Coordinator and their own host family. If required students can also be met at Auckland Airport.

## **School Orientation**

Students do not attend classes for the first day or two. Orientation is ongoing. Assistance and support is provided for the following programme:

- \* Tour of the school
- \* Meeting staff
- \* Information on school routines
- \* English assessment
- \* Choosing a suitable course of study
- \* Buying school uniform & stationery
- \* Opening bank account
- \* Tour of Napier
- \* Joining activities (music/sports teams)

## **School Uniform**

School uniform is worn at all levels. During the first week the International Coordinator will assist students to purchase their uniform.

The school uniform is bought at the School Uniform Shop online at [www.ths.school.nz/uniform.html](http://www.ths.school.nz/uniform.html). All items of clothing, except shoes, are available there. After arrival students can also order stationery online at [www.myschool.co.nz](http://www.myschool.co.nz).



# Support Services



## Course Advice and Support

The International Dean and the International Coordinator are available to all students who have enquiries, concerns or problems. The services provided include:

- \* Enrolment enquiries
- \* Assistance with visas and insurance
- \* Arranging accommodation
- \* Social events, extra curricular activities
- \* Holiday arrangements and tours



**Course Selection.** Guidance is given to students in selecting an appropriate course of study. Taradale High School provides the opportunity for multiple level study. This means that subjects can be studied at different levels suited to the ability of the student. Sometimes students will be advised to study a subject at an easier level.

**In Class Support.** Teacher Aides often provide help to students in their mainstream classes. This improves understanding and gives students more opportunity of achieving success.

**Transition to University.** Information about qualifications and entry into University courses is provided by careers advisors at School. All students take part in an interview process to assist with career decisions.



**Health Concerns.** New Zealand has an excellent health system. Visits to the Doctor or Dentist will usually be covered by insurance. Translators are available if required. A complete medical check is advised before coming to New Zealand. We request that a medical certificate be completed by your doctor. The pdf form can be downloaded from [www.ths.school.nz](http://www.ths.school.nz)

**Insurance.** Students are required to have travel and medical insurance which can be arranged through the school. Our preferred provider is [www.uni-care.org](http://www.uni-care.org)

**Visas.** Tuition and Accommodation fees must be paid before a visa is granted. The school can assist with applications and renewal of visas.

**Holidays and Social Events.** The International Staff provides assistance with travel arrangements.

Many students like to take advantage of the wonderful student tours available during school holidays. Written permission from parents and approval from the school are required for all travel arrangements. [www.nzet.com](http://www.nzet.com) [www.flyingkiwi.com](http://www.flyingkiwi.com)

**Managing Money.** The host family or the International Coordinator will assist students to open a local bank account. Parents may then transfer funds on a regular basis. Students are required to pay for phone calls, entertainment costs and personal expenses.

**Problems.** Staff are always available to assist with any student problems or queries. Out of school hours there is a 24 hour cell phone number that can be used in the event of an emergency.





# School Facilities

## International Students

Taradale High School has approximately 30 international students. They come from Japan, Korea, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Thailand, Brazil, Germany and other European countries. Some students come to study for just one or two terms, some for one year, and some stay for several years until they graduate and go on to university.

## International Office

The Dean of International Students, the International Coordinator and other members of the international department are available to students for support and assistance. There is an adjoining room available for student use and study.

## Library

The library staff have a special understanding of international students and will assist with any queries. Computers are available for students use.

## Technology Suite

This specialised building incorporates a computer suite and modern workshops. All technology subjects including nutrition, textiles, wood, metal, electronics and graphics are taught in specially designed areas of this modern complex.

## Canteen

A wide selection of hot and cold food, drinks and snacks are available for staff and students. The canteen is open every day during interval and lunchtime.

## Music & Drama Suite

This suite caters for musical groups and individuals. The orchestra, various rock bands, jazz bands, chamber groups and several choirs make full use of the music suite. Individual music lessons are available to students at a very reasonable cost.

## Sports Facilities

The school has its own extensive sports grounds. There are also tennis courts, a gymnasium and an outdoor covered all-weather turf.



# Course Planner



Design



Junior Art class



Textiles Technology



Wearable Arts (Textiles)



Hard Material Technology (Wood)

	YEAR 9 (Form 3)	YEAR 10 (Form 4)
<b>ENGLISH</b>	English	English
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	Mathematics	Mathematics
<b>PE &amp; HEALTH</b>	PE & Health	PE & Health
<b>SCIENCES</b>	Science	Science
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES</b>	Horticulture Social Science	Horticulture Social Science Enterprise Studies
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	Understanding Tech Trade Skills	Hard Materials Tech Trade Skills
<b>COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY</b>	Food & Nutrition Graphics Textiles Technology	Food & Nutrition Graphics Textiles Technology Electronics
<b>ARTS</b>	ICT: Introductory Information Technology	Information Technology Information Science
<b>LANGUAGES</b>	Performance Music Drama Dance Art	Performance Music Drama Dance Art
	ESOL French Japanese Te Reo Maori	ESOL French Japanese Te Reo Maori

\* The course structure may be subject to minor alterations



# Course Planner

YEAR 11 (Form 5)	YEAR 12 (Form 6)	YEAR 13 (Form 7)
English 1.1	English 2.1	
English 1.2	English 2.2	English
	Media Journalism	Media Journalism
Mathematics 1.1	Mathematics 2.1	
Mathematics 1.2	Mathematics 2.2	Statistics & Modelling
Mathematics 1.3	Mathematics 2.3	Calculus
PE - Core	PE - Core	
PE Studies	PE Studies	PE Studies
Institute Of Sport	Institute of Sport	Institute of Sport
Science 1.1	Science 2.1	
Science 1.2	Science 2.2	Science
Science 1.3	Biology	Biology
	Chemistry	Chemistry
	Physics	Physics
Horticulture	Horticulture	Horticulture
Social Studies	Social Studies	
Geography	Geography	Geography
History	History	History
Economics	Economics	Economics
Accounting	Accounting	Accounting
		Classical Studies
Hard Materials Tech	Hard Materials Tech	Hard Materials Tech
Trade Skills	Trade Skills	Trade Skills
	Motorcycle Construction	Motorcycle Construction
Food & Nutrition	Food & Nutrition	Food & Nutrition
	Hospitality	Hospitality
Graphics	Graphics	Graphics
Textiles Technology	Textiles Technology	Textiles Technology
	Electronics	Electronics
Digital Media & Info	Computer Studies	Computer Studies
Information Science	Information Science	Information Science
Performance Music	Performance Music	Performance Music
Drama	Drama	Drama
Dance	Dance	
Visual Art	Art	Painting
		Design
		Sculpture
		Printmaking
	Photography	Photography
	Art History	Art History
ESOL	ESOL	ESOL
French	French	French
Japanese	Japanese	Japanese
Te Reo Maori	Te Reo Maori	Te Reo Maori



Economics



English with ITC



Food and Nutrition



Graphics



Orchestra

# Sport, Culture & Lifestyle



## Sports

International students are encouraged to participate in extra curricular activities to develop personal and social skills.

Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Canoe Polo, Cricket, Cross Country, Dancing, Equestrian, Hockey, Golf, Netball, Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, Triathlon, Multi Sports, Volleyball.

Sports Events provide opportunities for competition outside Hawke's Bay and a chance to experience a different cultural environment.



## Culture

Participation of international students in the areas of performing and visual arts is very high at Taradale High School. It includes the following:

- \* Bi-annual major Drama Productions
- \* Bi-annual Regional Stage Challenge
- \* Musical Groups - Orchestra, Jazz Bands, Rock Bands, Chamber Groups, Choirs
- \* Dance - Modern, Jazz, Hip Hop
- \* Creative Writing and Poetry Groups
- \* Debating



## Lifestyle and Activities

Many of our students make wonderful friendships during their period of study. Students enjoy the company of Kiwi students and other international students. The good facilities available in Taradale village are just within a short walking distance of the school. McDonalds Restaurant and the gymnasium are favourite meeting places.

A wonderful range of activities and sports clubs are available to students. Providing lessons/classes at reasonable costs these include:

**Sailing** - Sailing lessons available at the Napier Sailing Club.  
[www.napiersailingclub.org.nz](http://www.napiersailingclub.org.nz)

**Soccer** - Talented Soccer players can be referred to the local National league club.  
[www.cityrovers.co.nz](http://www.cityrovers.co.nz)

**Swimming Clubs** - There are a variety of excellent swimming clubs in the region.

**Golf** - Professional Coaching and Club Membership are available at nearby golf courses.  
[www.napiergolf.co.nz](http://www.napiergolf.co.nz)

**Sports Arena** - A new sports arena with excellent gym facilities is a 5 minute walk from school.  
[www.pgarena.co.nz](http://www.pgarena.co.nz)

**Dancing** - Dancing schools that offer a range of different styles from ballet, ballroom to hiphop.

**Music** - Individual and group lessons are available at school to students at low cost. A wide variety of musical opportunities from orchestra to rock bands are available.

Every year, two leaders are chosen to represent the international students. They help students to adjust to school life and introduce them to the New Zealand lifestyle.





# Accommodation



The school arranges homestay accommodation for students. Living with a New Zealand family helps to improve English and real friendships are formed. Many of our students return to New Zealand just to visit their homestay families. All families are carefully selected and have undergone a police vetting procedure.

Most host families live within walking distance of the school. Some families are large (4-5 children) and some are small (1 host mother). Nearly all families have pets (usually a dog or cat). Families do not live in apartments but in detached houses with a garden.

The International Coordinator will give consideration to student preferences and requests where possible. All students will have their own fully furnished bedroom and share the other facilities with their host family.



*My host family is lovely. When I have trouble with friendships or school life they advise me. My host family is like my real family to me.*

(Erika from Japan)

*I have a wonderful host family and enjoy the time at home and many trips during the weekend. Just after a few days I feel like a member of their family and I'm really happy to be with them.*

*I have lovely moments together with my host family and when the boys are home (host brothers) we have a lot of fun with a big barbeque. They are always ready to help me and make me feel happy even if I'm away from home.*

(Beatriz from Brazil)

*My host family has lots of children so I talk a lot and they make me feel like part of the family. I really like the food!*

(Christina from Korea)

*I like my host family a lot. They do activities with me like tennis and take me with them to different places. So they really make sure I feel at home and part of the family.*

(Frederik from Denmark)





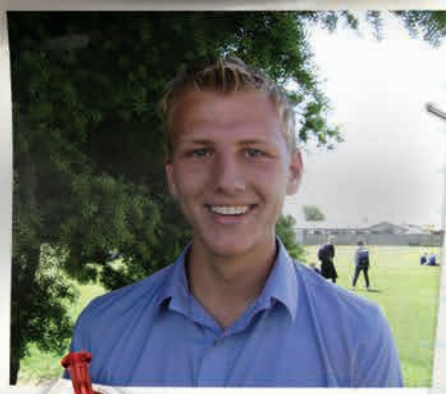
# STUDENT COMMENTS



โรงเรียนไฮสคูลที่ดี  
คุณครูช่วยเหลือนักเรียนและแนะนำ  
~ มากมาย ~

我来自广东省深圳市,在THS我度过了  
到愉快的一年,在学习的同时,参加了很多活  
动,并交到了许多新朋友,这对我的英语有很  
大的帮助,同学们都很友好而且乐于助人,老  
师们也帮助了我很多。

安齐吉南



Taradale High School ist eine Schule  
mit ausgezeichneten und freundlichen  
Schülern. Sie bietet mir viele Möglichkeiten  
und ich bin froh an solch einer Schule sein  
zu dürfen.

Eu tive uma experiência  
incrível aqui, de crescimento,  
amadurecimento e diversão.  
TARADALE High School estará  
pra sempre nas minhas melhores  
lembranças!

Luiza

私はもう一度ここに帰  
きたいです。お世話なりました  
ホストファミリー、先生、学校  
が恋しくなるからです。  
私はTaradaleが大好きです!

SKI TRIP



Taradale High school의  
친구들과 자상한 선생님들 덕분에  
잘 적응하고 좋은 추억만들것 같아요!

-이예나-





# How to Enrol

## Three Easy Steps

Read this prospectus thoroughly. If you require more information then contact the International Dean or Co-ordinator [international@ths.school.nz](mailto:international@ths.school.nz)

Once you have decided that you wish to apply for study at Taradale High School:

- \* Download the pdf Application Form from the school website [www.ths.school.nz](http://www.ths.school.nz)
- \* Email the completed Application Form to [international@ths.school.nz](mailto:international@ths.school.nz) or Post to Taradale High School, PO Box 7109, Taradale 4141, Napier, New Zealand

### Step one



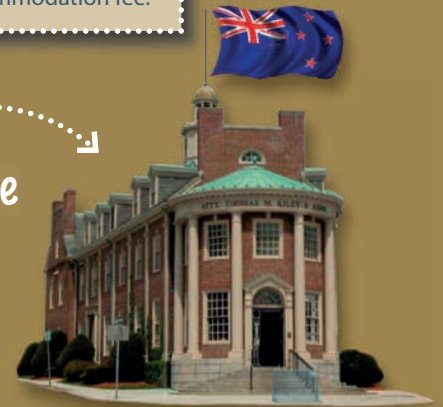
### Step two

If your application is accepted you will be sent:

- \* An Offer of Place.
- \* A Tuition Agreement which must be signed and returned to the school.
- \* An Invoice for the tuition and accommodation fee.

- \* Tuition and accommodation fees must be paid before a visa can be granted. Fees are usually paid directly by bank transfer into the Taradale High School bank account.
- \* Once your payment is received we will issue a receipt. This receipt is required before a visa can be issued for study in New Zealand.
- \* Take the Offer of Place and your Receipt to your nearest New Zealand Embassy to apply for your visa.

### Step three



**CODE OF PRACTICE:** Taradale High School has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students published by the Ministry of Education. Copies of the code are available on request from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at: [www.minedu.govt.nz/international](http://www.minedu.govt.nz/international)

**IMMIGRATION:** Full details of immigration requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available from 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 (including group students) must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance while in New Zealand.



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*Enabling students to reach their potential*

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