



# AUCKLAND GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

PER ANGUSTA AD AUGUSTA



INFORMATION  
BOOKLET

# Welcome to Auckland Girls' Grammar School

*Ngāti Whātua, Tainui waka,  
Ngā pou tūtei o ngā maunga kawē kōrero,  
o ngā wai tuku kīri o rātou mā  
Rāhiri mai rā, whakatau mai rā, mihi mai rā*

## Tēnā rā koutou katoa

Auckland Girls' is an exciting and vibrant school. It is hugely diverse with students representing over 60 different cultures. Our 1100 students have access to a wide-range of subjects, co-curricular experiences and excellent facilities.

Our teachers are highly qualified and committed to providing the best possible education to all of our students. We work hard to ensure that our students gain the highest qualifications.

We encourage our students to develop a love of learning and a zest for living, and prepare them to fit comfortably into our bicultural, multi-ethnic society.

We offer a balanced academic, social, physical and cultural education so that all our students can grow into strong, skilled, caring and self-reliant young women.

Our students will leave school knowing that they have been offered the best possible opportunities to succeed in whatever field they choose. They will continue to live by our school values: Pride, Respect, Integrity, Diligence and Empathy.

Ngā mihi maioha

**Ngaire Ashmore**  
Principal



## Our promise to you

- A focus on academic, sporting and cultural excellence;
- A commitment to upholding our nation's bi-cultural heritage;
- Providing personal learning experiences which value identity, culture and inclusion;
- Fostering independent thinkers and a life-long love of learning;
- Creating leadership opportunities to contribute to a more equitable and just society;
- Talented, committed teachers, an innovative curriculum and modern learning resources;
- A safe and supportive environment where students are expected to work hard, respect themselves and others, to make life-long friends, and have fun.

## OUR VISION AND VALUES

### OUR MOTTO

Per Angusta Ad Augusta – Through Trials to Triumph.

### A HISTORY OF INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE

Auckland Girls' Grammar School has a reputation steeped in tradition, of providing excellent and innovative educational opportunities for all our learners.

As one of New Zealand's first secondary schools, Auckland Girls' Grammar School has been educating young women since 1888. Our tradition of academic, sporting and cultural excellence, where students aim high and find success, has continued for more than a century.

Auckland Girls' overlooks Auckland's Waitemata Harbour. It is adjacent to the city's oldest park, Western Park, and is surrounded by beautiful historic trees and gardens. As an inner city school, students are well placed to take advantage of cultural resources including libraries, art galleries, museums and major tertiary institutions.

More than a hundred years after the founding of the school, Auckland Girls' Grammar School remains at the forefront of educating young women to make a meaningful and significant contribution to their communities, society and the world.

### OUR VALUES

- Pride
- Respect
- Integrity
- Diligence
- Empathy





# Ngā Tūmanako o Kahurangi

## IDENTITY, LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Ngā Tūmanako o Kahurangi is a whanau unit established in 1986. It is based on the principles of te reo and tikanga Māori, developing te taha hinengaro, tinana and wairua, mana wahine, and striving for excellence in all aspects of school life.

### Celebrating our culture, language and identity

Through Ngā Tūmanako o Kahurangi, we acknowledge and celebrate the potential and uniqueness that comes from being Māori. We equip our kōhine with the cultural knowledge to stand strong in their taha Māori, and cloak them with experiences that equip them for Te Ao Hurihuri.

*Poipoia te kākano kia puawai*

### Whanaungatanga – Power of collaboration

Ngā Tūmanako o Kahurangi understands our role as kaitiaki of your kōhine. We prioritise collaboration between our kura and your whānau to develop reciprocal relationships. We acknowledge whānau as the backbone to our kōhine, and look forward to you being active members of our school community.

*Me uru kahikātea*



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# A FOCUS

## ON LEARNING AND HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

In Years 9 and 10 our students experience a broad range of subjects in order to develop their individual interests. Our students in Years 11, 12 and 13 pursue a more specialised course of study which recognises individual strengths and career aspirations.

**Productive Partnerships** – Our Year Level Deans and Tutor Teachers provide support with mentoring programme on careers education, study skills and leadership.

**Health and Wellbeing** – We offer on-site access to health professionals including a doctor, psychologist, full time guidance counsellors, nurses, a social worker and physiotherapist.

**Personalised Learning** – Accelerated programmes of study are available to our academically advanced learners including enrichment, acceleration and scholarship courses.

**Gateway Programmes** – Support for students to transition into the workplace through structured workplace and school-based learning programmes.

**Learning Support** – Our Learning Centre staff support and work closely with students who may experience difficulty with their learning by offering additional assistance and individually tailored learning programmes.

### 2023 NCEA Results

	AGGS (%)	National (%)	Equity Index Band (%)
Level 1	84.0	60.1	62.7
Level 2	91.2	71.8	71.9
Level 3	86.0	64.8	60.4
University Entrance	81.4	44.0	33.1

## TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2023 our students were awarded Tertiary Scholarships with a value of \$523,000. These include scholarships awarded by the **University of Auckland**, **AUT University**, **University of Otago**, **University of Waikato** and **Victoria University of Wellington**. Our **Old Girls Trust** awards \$10,000 worth of scholarships each year and **The Louise Gardner Trust** awards a scholarship of \$24,000 over three years to a Year 13 student.

International students can apply for an Auckland Girls' Grammar School Scholarship up to \$3000 when enrolling.

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## OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

Auckland Girls' Grammar School prepares students for study at Universities and other tertiary institutions. Our wide range of academic and vocational courses enable our students to achieve excellent results in national qualification assessments and examinations.

We offer a wide range of courses from the following learning areas:

- The Arts (Music, Drama, Visual Arts, Design Photography and Dance)
- English and ESOL
- Languages (French, Japanese, Samoan, Tongan and Māori)
- Mathematics, Calculus and Statistics
- Science (Chemistry, Biology & Physics)
- Social Sciences (Business, History, Geography, Social Studies, Tourism, Economics and Classical Studies – as well as pathways to employment)
- Physical Education (Health Studies and Health Lifestyles)
- Technology (Design & Visual Communication, Digital Design Technology, Technology Programming, Hospitality, Constructions and Textiles)

### English Language Assistance (ESOL)

We can offer a full range of English classes at every level from beginners to those considering progression to reading and writing as part of University study. This is included in the tuition fee.

### Student Support Services

The Dean of International Students and the International Director are available to help with any problems students may have at school or at home. The school also employs two fully-trained guidance counsellors, 3 registered nurses, a doctor and a careers advisor.

### Extra-curricular activities

We offer a wide range of cultural activities:

- Debating
- Drama
- Choir
- Cultural Groups – from most cultures represented at our school
- Sports – We offer a full range of team and individual sporting activities (Auckland Girls' Grammar School holds New Zealand and Auckland titles in several sports)

## OUR GIRLS





## ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

### Academic Programmes:

**Full Year Studies** (47 weeks) Year 9 – Year 12 (around 13–17 years of age)

**Term Studies** (min 5–max 10 weeks/term) Year 9 – Year 12

**Short-Term Individual Buddies Programme** (min 2 weeks – max 4 weeks)

**Short-Term Group Programme** (min 2 weeks – max 4 weeks)

### Full Year Studies:

- Students will complete a programme of study across the full school academic year
- Students typically start their programmes at the beginning of the year
- Students will follow our academic programmes and sit all the exams/assessments set by the school/NZQA

### Term Studies:

- Students will study one term or more with us
- Minimum 5 weeks and maximum 10 weeks/term
- Students can start their studies at the beginning of each term
- Students will follow our academic programmes and sit for all the exams/assessments set by the school

*\* Please check our website for term dates*



### Short-Term Individual Buddies Programme

- Students can start their programme at anytime within the academic calendar year
- Minimum duration of study is 2 weeks and maximum 4 weeks
- Students will join their buddies (2 buddies will be allocated for each student) classes
- Students are not required to sit any exams or assessments

### Short-Term Groups Programme

- The group can start their programme at anytime within the academic calendar year
- Advance booking needed to guarantee your place with us
- We offer three study options under this programme:

**Option 1: Buddies Programme**

**Option 2: Buddies Programme + ESOL Classes**

**Option 3: Buddies Programme + ESOL Classes + Special Courses / Learning Activities**  
(requested by your school for us to deliver)



## SERVICE

### Community and culture

At Auckland Girls' we hold a rich appreciation for the arts and celebrate our girls' creativity and cultural diversity.

Participating and contributing to our wider community provides our girls with important opportunities to assist and support others in creating a more equitable, sustainable and just society.



## SPORT

### Something for everyone

Auckland Girls' has an outstanding sporting history and reputation. We promote participation in co-curricular activities to develop well-being, discipline, commitment and a healthy outlook on life.

We support the health and wellbeing of our girls by providing an extensive range of sporting activities for all levels of abilities and interests – both competitive and participative. Our most popular sports include, badminton, football, netball, rugby league, rugby, tag, touch and waka ama.



## INTERNATIONAL

### Inclusion and diversity

We strive to ensure our international students achieve excellent academic outcomes while enjoying learning within our culturally diverse and dynamic environment. Students are encouraged to take part in the full range of activities and opportunities outside the classroom. This allows them to complement their studies, build confidence, and create friendship groups. Activities include artistic, cultural and environmental clubs, community service groups, and sports. Immersion at Auckland Girls' means international students leave with a progressive education, ready to make their mark on the world.

### At Auckland Girls Grammar School we offer international students:

- Both short and long term stays;
- Programmes organised for groups and individuals;
- Supportive staff who work closely with students;
- Individual learning programmes and support within our English for Second Language Learners classes;
- Regular academic and pastoral mentoring;
- Maintenance of global connections through our International Student Alumnae;
- A network of International Sister Schools;
- Activities after school, including volunteering.



Further enrolment details can be found on our website: [www.aggs.school.nz/international](http://www.aggs.school.nz/international)

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## NOTABLE ALUMNAE



The Honourable  
Kiri Allan  
Politician



Golriz Ghahraman  
Politician



Rose Matafeo  
Actress, Comedian,  
TV presenter



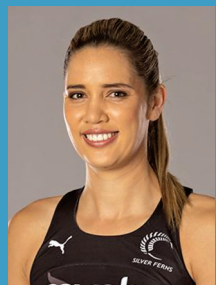
Kahurangi Taylor  
Miss New Zealand



The Honourable  
Poto Williams  
Politician



Tammi Wilson  
Former Rugby Player  
(Black Fern)



Kayla Johnson  
Netball Player  
(Silver Fern)



Ros Noonan  
Chief Human Rights  
Commissioner



Miriama Smith  
Actress



Dorothy Butler  
Author and founder of Dorothy  
Butler Children's Bookshop

## IMMIGRATION MATTERS

- Full Year students must apply for a student visa through Immigration New Zealand
- One Term students do not need to apply for a student visa but must obtain a general visitor visa from Immigration New Zealand
- Short-term students who are studying for less than 12 weeks do not need to apply for a student visa but must do to obtain a general visitor visa from Immigration New Zealand
- Group students do not need to apply students visa if the programme is less than 12 weeks but must apply for a visitor visa

- Only full-time/ Full Year, Years 12 and 13 students can apply for a variation of conditions to their current student visa which would then allow them to work for up to 20 hours/week and full-time during the Christmas/New Year vacation period
- The student needs to provide both written permission from the school and parental consent to Immigration New Zealand in order to apply for the variation of conditions

- Only one legal guardian of the holder of a student visa will be granted a Guardian Visa
- Guardians who wish to work may apply for a variation of conditions to their Guardian Visa to allow for part-time work between 9.30am – 2.30pm Monday–Friday (inclusive)





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