

HILLMORTON



INSPIRING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE,
LEADERSHIP AND A LOVE OF LEARNING

WELCOME TO HILLMORTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Hillmorton High School is a Year 7–13 co-educational state high school. We are a smaller city school, with approximately 950 students, including 30 – 35 international students. Located in the south-west of Christchurch, we are about 10 minutes from the city centre, close to several sporting and shopping amenities and the Port Hills.

WE OFFER:

- a wide range of subjects
- extensive sporting and cultural activities
- generous, unrestricted, park-like grounds
- excellent facilities to support students' learning
- individualised learning programmes to suit students' needs
- Wi-Fi throughout the school

Along with all of our staff, our dedicated international staff know our students well; we provide superb pastoral care - each student receives personal support on a regular basis.

Our homestays are part of our community - integral to our students' experiences.

We celebrate our diversity. Our students come from over 40 ethnic backgrounds contributing to a rich and vibrant multi-cultural experience within the day-to-day life of the school.





KIA ORA, WELCOME

TO HILLMORTON HIGH SCHOOL

Hillmorton High School is a medium sized school of 950 students situated close to the centre of Christchurch.

One of our school values is "whanaungatanga" which means 'a caring community'.

We are well known for our inclusive culture where we actively embrace diversity. Our students come from a wide range of backgrounds in terms of ethnicity, nationality, ability and disability, prior learning and socio economic status.

As our international students you bring your own cultures and languages to our school and learn alongside our diverse student population. You are made to feel welcome by our staff and students and lasting friendships are made. We all learn from and with each other in an inclusive environment where "personal best, nothing less" is expected from everyone.

We look forward to welcoming you to Hillmorton High School where our mission of "Inspiring academic excellence, leadership and a love of learning" will become an opportunity for you to explore your future.

Ann Brokenshire,
Principal.



LEARNING

At Hillmorton High School you can learn the following subjects*

LEARNING AREAS	SUBJECT	YEARS 9-10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
ENGLISH	English	•	•	•	•
	English Language (EL/ESOL)	•	•	•	•
HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Food & Nutrition	•	•	•	•
	Health		•	•	•
	Health & Physical Education	•			
	Outdoor Education		•	•	
	Physical Education		•	•	•
	Sports Studies	•			
LANGUAGES	Japanese	•	•	•	•
	Spanish	•	•	•	•
	Te Reo Māori	•	•	•	•
MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS	Mathematics & Statistics	•	•	•	•
	Mathematics with Calculus				•
SCIENCE	Biology			•	•
	Chemistry			•	•
	Physics			•	•
	Psychology			•	
	Science	•	•	•	
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Classical Studies			•	•
	Commerce: Accounting & Business Studies		•	•	•
	Economics		•	•	•
	Enterprise Studies	•			
	Geography		•	•	•
	History		•	•	•
	Social Enterprise		•		
	Social Studies	•			
	Taha Māori	•			
	Tourism			•	•
THE ARTS	Dance	•	•	•	•
	Drama	•	•	•	•
	Music	•	•	•	•
	Photography & Design			•	•
	Visual Arts	•	•	•	•
TECHNOLOGY	Automotive Engineering		•	•	
	Computer Applications		•	•	•
	Design & Visual Communication	•	•	•	•
	Hospitality		•	•	•
	Technology - Digital	•	•	•	•
	Technology - Engineering	•	•	•	•
	Technology - Textiles	•	•	•	•
	Technology - Wood & Furniture Making	•	•	•	•

* Course choice is subject to English language requirements and availability.

Years 7 and 8 have a learning programme that covers all aspects of the New Zealand Curriculum and associated Learning Areas. Further detailed course information is available on the school website www.hillmorton.school.nz



THE CURRICULUM

YEARS 7–8

17 hours a week in Base Camp with specialist Year 7 and 8 teachers. 8 hours a week in Languages, Physical Education and Health, Science, the Arts and Technology with specialist subject teachers.

YEARS 9–10

English / English Language (EL), Mathematics, Physical Education, Science, Social Studies in a form class. Up to four subjects from Languages, the Arts, and Technology Learning Areas.

YEARS 11–13

Six subjects (including English or English Language)

- Course work is aligned with National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA)
- Personalised courses to suit individual needs
- Multi-level learning (NCEA Level 1-3)
- Alternative end-of-year programme in November for those students not doing NCEA

ENGLISH LANGUAGE (EL)

Hillmorton High School has an excellent English Language programme designed to support the students' life in New Zealand along with their academic goals. Students can study up to eight hours a week of English Language.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Experience New Zealand's great outdoors and stunning scenery with Outdoor Education Levels 1 and 2. The adventure based learning utilises best practice risk management. Activities include: abseiling, camping, climbing, mountain biking, orienteering, rock climbing, sea kayaking, skiing, snowboarding, surfing and tramping (hiking) and involves multi-day trips. Associated course fees apply.

SPORT IN EDUCATION (SIE)

Students in Years 9 and 10 may study English, Mathematics and Physical Education in a sports-based cross-curricular learning context.



ORIENTATION

To support your transition, you will participate in an orientation programme on your arrival at Hillmorton High School.

ORIENTATION INCLUDES:

- airport meeting and transfer to your homestay family
- an introduction to life at Hillmorton High School, including study, services, activities and rules
- an introduction to life in New Zealand
- an introduction to the New Zealand Education System
- English Language testing to help decide your course selection and English Language support
- academic counselling and personalised course selection
- an overview of the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016



MISSION, MOTTO, STRATEGIC GOALS, VALUES & VISION

MISSION

Inspiring academic excellence, leadership and a love of learning.

MOTTO

Personal Best - Nothing Less
Whāia te iti kahurangi

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Accelerating progress in learning
- Involving our communities
- Developing our environment

VALUES

Turangawaewae - Belonging, a place to stand

Whanaungatanga - Interconnectedness, positive relationships

Ako - Learning, with and from each other

Mana - Respect, strength of character

VISION

With our communities, we nurture well-rounded and accomplished young people, prepared and ready for life.



THE INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

We have a dedicated team to support you before, during and after your time at Hillmorton High School. As a small team, in a smaller city school, we know our students well. We take pride in our individualised knowledge of you along with the pastoral care we provide.



PAM HUNT
International Director

Kia ora

I have been at Hillmorton High School for many years and enjoy the school and its environment. I look forward to welcoming you to Hillmorton and supporting you throughout your association with us. I am passionate about my job and use my experience of language teaching and learning, and living and studying overseas to guide me in my work.

I get pleasure from travelling and learning about new cultures, and in my spare time I like to walk, cycle, read, watch movies, and spend time with family and friends.



HEIDI CAYFORD
International Student Assistant (with homestay responsibilities)

My role is to find suitable host families for our international students, along with providing support to students and families.

I emigrated 12 years ago from England with my husband and two sons and love New Zealand. I enjoy travelling and meeting people from different countries with Europe being so close to us back then we spent many holidays discovering different countries, we particularly loved the Greek Islands. Nowadays we enjoy exploring all that New Zealand has to offer.

I enjoy watching movies, being out on the water and spending time with my family and friends.



KATHERINE BENNETT
Teacher-in-Charge of English Language (EL/ESOL)

I enjoy teaching and meeting students here at Hillmorton High School. During the 17 years I have been at the school, I have taught Senior and Junior English and English as a second language.

When I am not at school, I enjoy watching movies, biking, working in the garden and spending time with my family and friends. I also like travelling and learning about other countries so it is a pleasure to have students come here and share their culture with us.

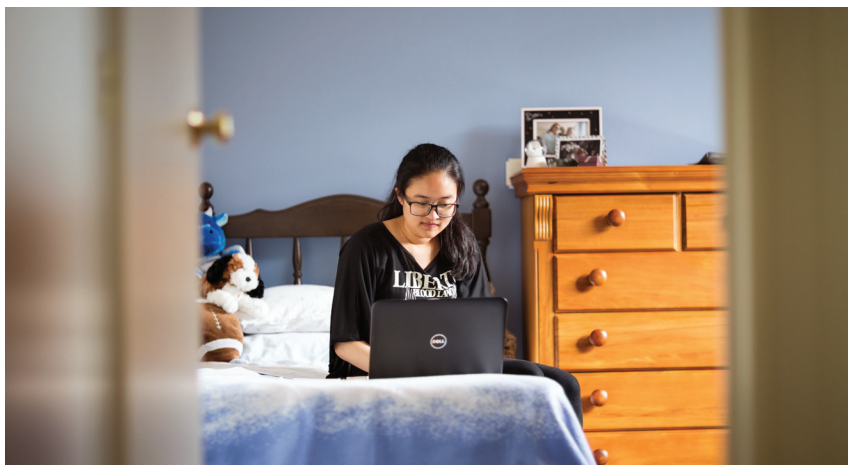


CAROLYN O'BYRNE
English Language Teacher (EL / ESOL)

My role as an English Language teacher at Hillmorton High School gives me a wonderful opportunity to engage with students from a wide variety of cultures and I so much appreciate all that they contribute to our school.

In my spare time I like to walk, read and spend time with family and friends. I also enjoy travelling and meeting new people.





HOMESTAYS

Immerse yourself in kiwi culture, become part of a kiwi family and use your English everyday by staying with one of our friendly and caring homestays. All of our host families live in our community; they are selected to provide you with the best experience possible.

Homestay accommodation includes all your meals, your own furnished bedroom (bed, desk, chair, linen), Wi-Fi and much more.

Our designated International Student Assistant with homestay responsibilities is an integral part of our team, providing support to you, our students, and our families.

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

KURUMI MORI

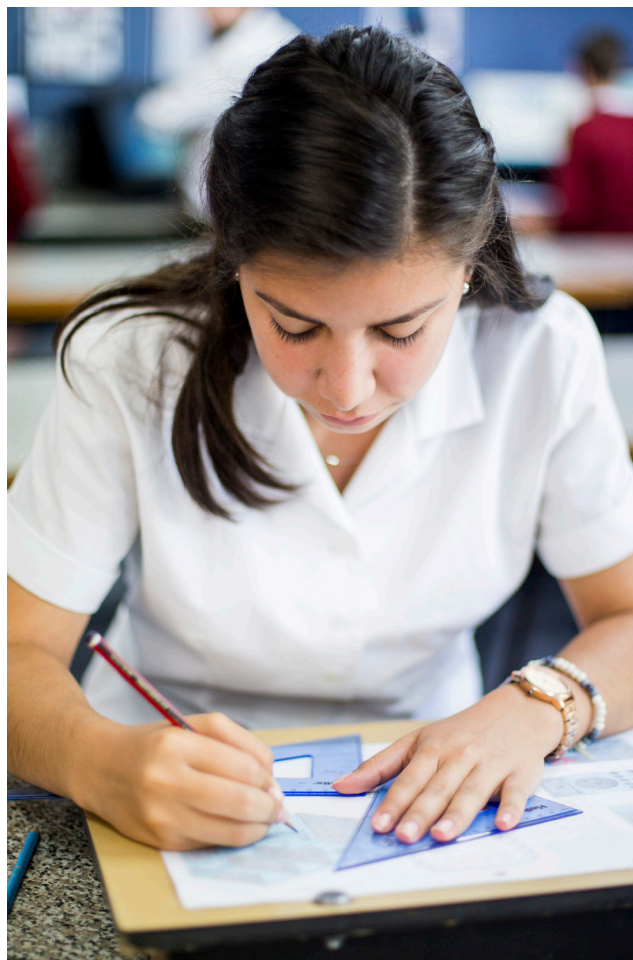
Japan

I am so appreciative that I came to Hillmorton High School because the teachers and students here are very kind and friendly. I was so nervous on my first school day, however, I felt like that I would be okay. That was because the teachers supported me and some students were nice to me even though we had just met each other for the first time.

I am pretty sure that Hillmorton High School is the only school which provides international students with so many opportunities. Amongst others, we have a welcome party, swimming sports, athletics sports, Stage Challenge, school formal and the international trip to Tekapo.

I can develop what I want to do as well. The teachers introduced me to an orchestra and some concert bands once I told them that I can play the piano and the saxophone. They ordered some professional teachers for me to learn my instruments more. I am really enjoying performing with other people in bands. I am doing well academically. I study a range of subjects across different levels and am on track to meet my goal of Level 3 NCEA.

I also really enjoy living with my homestay family. They understand what I want to do and are supportive of my musical activities; they are always nice to me and I always feel comfortable - it is like my real home. My family helps me with my English as we have a lot of conversations together.



THANIA ZAGAL FERNÁNDEZ

Chile

It has been an amazing experience. You can choose your subjects and meet other people from all over the world. The host families have been awesome - it's really cool to spend time with them.



ELIAS RANNOCH

Germany

My experience in Christchurch at Hillmorton has been amazing so far. I've met a variety of different nice people who I've become good friends with. With the school and the subjects I'm studying I've visited a lot of different places and gathered a lot of good memories.



SPORTS

Sports are an integral part of our life at Hillmorton High School - students are encouraged to become involved.

With the assistance of our Sports Coordinator, our sports teams play in weekly Christchurch school teams' competitions. Some teams have the opportunity to attend regional tournaments. We also provide support for individualised or community-based sporting opportunities.

*Minimum number required to run these events

ANNUAL

- Athletics
- Ballet
- Disability Sports
- Mountain Biking
- Swimming
- Triathlon
- Cross Country
- Equestrian
- Gymnastics
- Golf
- Road Race
- Ski and Snowboarding

SUMMER SPORTS*

- Archery
- Lawn Bowls
- Cricket
- Indoor Netball
- Indoor Soccer
- Softball
- Summer Hockey
- Surfing
- Tennis
- Touch (Rugby)
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball

WINTER SPORTS*

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cycling
- Football
- Hockey
- Netball
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Squash
- Table Tennis



ARTS, CLUBS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Arts, Clubs & Culture are valued at Hillmorton High School.

We provide you with many and varied opportunities to join clubs and participate in events throughout the year.

Arts, Clubs & Cultural activities include:

- Kapa Haka
- Pasifika group
- Stage Challenge & J-Rock / Show Quest
- Instrument and voice tuition
- Speech competitions
- Drama productions
- Talent Quest
- Glee competition
- Music groups and bands
- Art and Photography Exhibition
- Choir / a Cappella
- Art
- Ballet
- Debating
- Environment
- Events
- International
- Librarian
- Robotics / Coding
- Sewing
- Theatre Sports
- Tech Crew
- Whānau House Committees



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