

Welcome to Waimea Intermediate!

Pre-departure Information



Kia Ora and congratulations on your decision to study at Waimea Intermediate, Nelson, New Zealand. We know you'll love your time as a Waimea student and we're looking forward to meeting you at the Intermediate soon. To help you best prepare for your imminent arrival in New Zealand, we've put together some helpful hints for you to consider before jumping on the plane.



The great Kiwi outdoors

Many families in New Zealand like to camp or walk through parts of our beautiful country. We do recommend you bring comfortable sneakers and a waterproof jacket if you have one. Thermal underwear for camps will also be useful although this is not very expensive to buy in New Zealand if you can't fit it in your suitcase.

Uniform

Waimea will provide you with the main items of uniform that you require. You will however need to supply your own shoes, socks and tights to wear with your school uniform. A plain black puffer jacket may also be worn during the cooler months.

Musical Instruments

If you own a musical instrument and plan on taking lessons while you're here, consider bringing your instrument with you (depending on how big it is). In many cases, the cost of hiring an instrument in New Zealand is similar to the cost of paying a little extra to fly with it, and the instrument you hire may not be of the same quality you are used to.



Homestay Families

Our students are accommodated with real Kiwi families who are arranged through Waimea College who are housed on the same campus as the Intermediate. We recommend contacting your homestay family before departing for New Zealand. They are excited about meeting you and often appreciate the opportunity to connect with you and your family.



Laptops & Devices

If you have a suitable device at home, you may bring it along to school. The Intermediate provides students with free access to our primary software (Office 365) which works best on a PC operating programme.

Sports & Clubs

A friendly reminder to families that for most Waimea Intermediate sports and clubs, an additional charge will apply. The amount of this varies considerably and covers things like uniform, usage fees and competition entry. Please contact Andy at andrea.colley@waimeaint.school.nz about this if you require specific details for your son or daughter.



Emergency Contact

In the unlikely event you face difficulties during your travel to New Zealand, support is available to you from Waimea Intermediate and Waimea College. In an emergency, please contact either Andrea Colley +64 27 2288 361 (Waimea Intermediate International Co-ordinator) or Hayley Roper (Waimea College International Manager) on +64 3 544 6099 ext 867. If your flight is delayed or you require assistance at the Airport, please contact Megan Wright (Homestay Co-ordinator Waimea College) on ++64 27 544 7927.

See You Soon!