



Te Kura Tuarua o Horomaka
Hillmorton High School

INSPIRING ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE, LEADERSHIP
AND A LOVE OF LEARNING

INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS

WELCOME TO HILLMORTON HIGH SCHOOL

Hillmorton High School is a Year 7 – 13, co-educational, state high school. We are a medium-sized city school, with approximately 1,450 students, including 50 - 55 international students. Located in the south-west of Christchurch, we are about 10 minutes from the city centre, close to several sporting, cultural and shopping amenities, and the Port Hills.

WE OFFER:

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

Along with all our staff, our dedicated international team 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 welcome and celebrate our diversity. Our students come from over 50 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 growing school of 1,450 students situated close to the centre of Christchurch.

Our school values guide us in all we do at Hillmorton High School.

THEY ARE:

- Tūrangawaewae: Belonging
- Whanaungatanga: Community
- Ako: Learning
- Mana: Respect

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 an international student, you bring your own culture and language 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 ensure an opportunity for you to explore your potential.

Ann Brokenshire
Principal



LEARNING

At Hillmorton High School you can learn the following subjects*

LEARNING AREAS	SUBJECT	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
ARTS	Art	•	•	•	•	•
	Backstage Production			•		
	Dance	•	•	•	•	•
	Digital Art	•	•			
	Digital Music	•				
	Drama	•	•	•	•	•
	Music	•	•	•	•	•
	Photography & Design				•	•
	Printmaking		•			
ENGLISH	English	•	•	•	•	•
	English Language Learning (ELL)	•	•	•	•	•
	Media Studies					•
HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Athlete Development	•	•			
	Child Development			•	•	
	Growing Coaches					•
	Health Studies			•	•	•
	Health & Physical Education	•	•			
	Leadership in the Outdoors					•
	Outdoor Education		•	•	•	
	Physical Education			•	•	•
	Sport and Recreation				•	
LANGUAGES	Japanese	•	•	•	•	•
	Spanish	•	•	•	•	•
	TAPĀ – Pasifika Culture & Language Studies	•	•	•	•	•
	Te Poutama – Māori Cultural Knowledge	•	•	•	•	•
	Te Reo Māori	•	•	•	•	•
MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS	Mathematics & Statistics	•	•	•	•	•
	Mathematics with Calculus				•	•
SCIENCE	Astronomy				•	
	Biology				•	•
	Chemistry				•	•
	Physics				•	•
	Psychology				•	•
	Science	•	•	•		
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Accounting				•	•
	Classics		•	•	•	•
	Commerce			•	•	•
	Economics				•	•
	Enterprise		•			
	Geography			•	•	•
	History			•	•	•
	Social Studies	•	•	•	•	
	Sustainability	•	•			
	Tourism				•	•
TECHNOLOGY	App Development		•			
	Automotive Engineering			•	•	
	Design & Visual Communication	•	•	•	•	•
	Building & Construction				•	
	Food & Nutrition	•	•	•	•	
	Hospitality			•	•	•
	Digital Skills			•	•	•
	Digital Technology	•	•	•	•	•
	Robotics	•	•			
	Technology Engineering		•	•	•	•
	Technology Hard Materials	•				
	Technology Wood	•	•	•	•	•
	Textiles Technology	•	•	•	•	•

* 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 - 18 hours a week in Base Camp with specialist Year 7 and 8 teachers
- 7 - 8 hours a week in Arts, Languages, Health and Physical Education, Science, and Technology with specialist subject teachers

YEARS 9-10

- English, Mathematics, Health and Physical Education, Science, Social Studies in a Whānau (form) class
- Up to six option subjects in Arts, ELL, Health and Physical Education, Languages, Social Sciences and Technology Learning Areas

YEARS 11-13

- Six subjects (including English or ELL)
- Course work is aligned with National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA)
- Personalised courses to suit individual needs
- Multi-level learning (NCEA Levels 1 - 3)
- Alternative end-of-year programme in November for senior students not doing NCEA



ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING (ELL)

Hillmorton High School has an excellent ELL programme designed to support your life in New Zealand along with your academic goals. You can study English Language for up to eight hours a week.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Experience New Zealand's great outdoors and stunning scenery with Outdoor Education in Year 10 and at 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.



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 host family
- An introduction to life at Hillmorton High School, including study, services, activities and regulations
- An introduction to life in New Zealand
- An introduction to the New Zealand Education System
- English testing to help decide your course selection and English Language Learning support
- Academic counselling and personalised course selection
- An overview of the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Students) Code of Practice 2021



MISSION, MOTTO, GOALS & VALUES

Your time at Hillmorton High School is guided and enriched by our school Mission, Motto, Values and Vision.

MISSION

Inspiring academic excellence, leadership and a love of learning

MOTTO

Personal Best - Nothing Less

Whāia te iti Kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe me maunga teitei

VALUES

Tūrangawaewae: Belonging, a place to stand

Whanaungatanga: Community, 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

UNIFORM

If you are in Years 7 – 12 you wear school uniform. If you are in Year 13 you can wear non-uniform with a dress code.

We support you to buy your uniform. We have some second-hand items available for sale.



THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM

We have a dedicated team to support you before, during and after your time at Hillmorton High School. As a committed team, in a medium-sized 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 experiences of language teaching and learning, along with living and studying internationally 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.



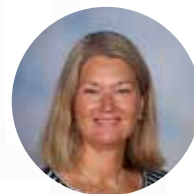
HEIDI CAYFORD
International Student Assistant
(with homestay responsibilities)

Kia ora

My role is to find the best host families for you, along with providing support to you and families. I love my job as it gives me the opportunity to engage with students from around the world and I get to meet many wonderful host families along the way.

I emigrated in 2007 from England with my husband and two sons and really enjoy life in New Zealand. As an immigrant, I can fully relate to the ups and downs our students may experience.

In my spare time, I enjoy gardening, watching movies, and spending time with my family and friends. I also enjoy travelling and meeting new people and learning about their different cultures.



ANITA WILLIAMSON
International Administration
Assistant

Kia ora

My role supports the International Director and International Student Assistant in their daily work.

I have enjoyed travelling to many countries in my life and love meeting and engaging with students from around the world. I enjoy being a member of this school's community and am a former Hillmorton High School student.

I have two teenage sons and a dog, who I spend a lot of my free time walking with. I enjoy reading, gardening, being active, and spending time with my family.



HOMESTAYS

Immerse yourself in kiwi culture, become part of a kiwi family and use your English every day by staying with one of our friendly, caring homestays. All 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.

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



STUDENT TESTIMONIALS



RYOTA TEZUKA

Japan

I chose to study at Hillmorton High School because initially I wanted to study English and Automotive Engineering - I can do both at Hillmorton. My dream now is to study aerodynamics at university and my subjects support this. It is challenging, but the students and teachers here are very kind. If I have a problem, they help me so I can work towards my goal.

I play several sports at school, and I've made friends - it is important for international life. Hillmorton has many sports so there is always something you want to do. Being a beginner is no problem. I had never played hockey or rowed, but I could do both - they're fun and I made new friends through them.



CARLA HELLER

Germany

Studying at Hillmorton was a great experience for me. At first, I was a bit scared, going alone to a strange country. But my host family was so lovely, and I was part of their family immediately. School in New Zealand is very different to Germany; it took me a little bit to get used to it, but people were helpful. I found really good friends at Hillmorton, and because of that I was really sad when I had to go home.



NGAN DANG

Viet Nam

During my time at Hillmorton High School, I made great friends and memories. I relished the various events and extracurricular activities at school such as the Cultural Day and sports.

The school provides great opportunities for students to get involved in the community and take on leadership roles. Everyone is so supportive, and they inspired me to strive for my personal best. With the help of my teachers, I achieved great results in my NCEA assessments, and I embedded myself well within the school community.

Overall, I really enjoyed being a student at Hillmorton High School. I gained many valuable skills that I can apply in real life, and I am using my learned knowledge and skills to pursue my tertiary studies in New Zealand.



CHAMABADEE SUPHAKIT

Thailand

Going to Hillmorton was the biggest change in my life, with the most welcoming experience as an international student. Both the fun times and the challenges I faced were important in my personal development to shape me to be who I am and where I am today.

The academic success and opportunities I had at Hillmorton meant I was able to pathway to university study in New Zealand and continue with my successes. I am forever grateful for the experiences I had there.



SPORTS

Sports are an integral part of our life at Hillmorton High School - you are encouraged to become involved. With the assistance of our Sports Director and Sports Coordinators, 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.

SPORTS AVAILABLE INCLUDE*:

SUMMER SPORTS

- Canoe Polo
- Cricket
- Futsal
- Indoor Netball
- Ki O Rahi
- Korfball
- Mountain Biking
- Road Cycling
- Rock Climbing
- Rowing
- Running / Athletics Club
- Softball
- Swimming Club
- Tennis
- Touch Rugby
- Volleyball
- Weights Club

WINTER SPORTS

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Dodgeball
- Football
- Hockey
- Indoor Rock Climbing
- Netball
- Rugby Union
- Rugby League
- Table Tennis

*Minimum number required to run these events



ARTS, CLUBS, CULTURE & LEADERSHIP

Arts, clubs, culture and leadership are valued at Hillmorton High School. We provide you with many and varied opportunities to participate in events throughout the year.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Art Club
- Arts Committee
- Chamber Group
- Chess Club
- Code Club
- Cosplay / Costume Club
- Cultural Committee
- Dance
- Debating Club
- Environment Committee
- EPro8
- Esports
- Events Crew
- Glee competition
- Hip Hop
- Japan Club
- Kapa Haka
- Korean Club
- Library Assistants
- Minecraft
- Mix ensemble
- Musical Instrument and Voice Tuition
- Pasifika Group
- QSA – Queer Straight Alliance
- RAD – Recycle a Device
- Robotics Club
- Science Club
- Showquest
- Sign Language Club
- Speech Competition
- String Group
- Talent Quest
- Theatresports
- Visual Communication Club
- Vocal Group
- Wearable Arts
- Wellbeing Committee
- Writers' Club
- Yarners' Club



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