



WAIKATO DIOCESAN School for Girls

Starting at Waikato Diocesan School for Girls

Reception and Student Services are located in the Sports Education Centre via our Martin Street entrance.

Detailed information is available on our school's [website](#). The Parent tab provides access to your Parent Portal, and caregivers will receive login details early in the year. All reporting and finance information will be available through the Parent Portal.

Student information is available through students@dio (the student portal), including our school calendar, daily notices and Everyday at Waikato Dio links. For our new Year 9 students, there is a [noticeboard](#) containing relevant notices.

School and Boarding Handbooks

Please take time to read the [School Handbook](#) and the [Boarding Handbook](#) and discuss the contents with your daughter(s).

School Absences

Day students need to notify the school office before 8.20 am by either:

- Email: absent@wdschool.nz
- Phone: 07 981 5555 (please leave a message)

Please state your name, your daughter's name, class, and the reason for the absence. Please advise if the absence is for more than one day.

Timetable

Waikato Dio operates on a 10-day timetable. Each period is one hour long. Morning tea runs from 10.30 am – 10.55 am, and lunch begins at 12.55 pm, with the duration varying depending on the day.

Students can access their timetable through their Student Portal. Parents can access this information through the [Parent Portal](#).

Daily Bell Times

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Start time: 8.30 am End Time: 3.20 pm

Wednesday

Start time: 8.30 am End Time: 2.30 pm

Uniform

Waikato Dio expects all students to maintain a high standard of appearance both within the school and in public. Full and correct school uniform must be worn at all times, both within and outside the school grounds.

All items of clothing must be in good repair, clearly named, and freshly laundered. Breaches of the Uniform Policy (detailed in our Student Handbook) will result in incorrect items being confiscated and available for collection from Student Services at the end of the day.

Uniform items can be purchased from the [Uniform Shop](#). There is also a Facebook group titled "Dio Second-hand Uniforms."

Stationery

Waikato Dio uses the OfficeMax MySchool.co.nz online ordering system for stationery requirements. Stationery lists for each year level are available on the website.

The school receives a rebate from sales made through this system, which supports student teaching and learning. Year 9 students will be issued a school diary.

<p><i>BYOD and Mobile Phones</i></p>	<p>Students are required to bring their own laptop to school for educational use in the classroom. All laptops are able to automatically connect to the internet. Year 9 students will be guided through this process during orientation. For recommendations please see our BYOD Information.</p> <p>Waikato Dio does not permit mobile phones or smart devices to be used or visible on campus between 8.30 am and 3.30 pm.</p> <p>Phones will be confiscated if students ignore this rule. For a first offence, students may collect their phone from Student Services at the end of the day. Any further offences will require a parent or caregiver to collect the phone from Student Services. Please refer to our Appropriate Phone Use Guide.</p>
<p><i>Reporting and Parent Teacher Interviews</i></p>	<p>Twice each term, parents will receive an engagement report via email that provides a brief overview of their daughter's participation and effort in class.</p> <p>A full written report will be issued at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. Parents will receive invitations for parent-teacher interviews at various times throughout the year, depending on their daughter's year level.</p>
<p><i>Sport</i></p>	<p>Waikato Dio has a strong reputation for excellence in sport. A wide range of individual and team sports allows every student to find an activity she enjoys and supports physical wellbeing.</p> <p>We cater for students of all ages, abilities, and levels of experience. Our Co-Curricular Sports Guide is available here, going live in late January for sign up and registrations.</p>
<p><i>Arts & Culture</i></p>	<p>Arts and culture are integral to school life at Waikato Dio. Whether students are performing, exhibiting work publicly, or creating for personal fulfilment, we believe creativity is vital to education.</p> <p>Our Co-Curricular Arts and Culture Guide is available here with the guide live in late January.</p>
<p><i>Consent2Go</i></p>	<p>Parental consent for Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) trips and events is emailed to caregivers when required. Permissions are completed through Consent2Go, our safety management system.</p> <p>If you are unsure about any communication, please email jsutton@wdsg.school.nz</p>
<p><i>Finance</i></p>	<p>As a state-integrated school, Waikato Dio has two payment structures: Attendance Dues and Donations.</p> <p>Alongside Attendance Dues, voluntary donations are essential to maintaining the standard of education provided at Waikato Dio and to supporting the ongoing development of the school site.</p> <p>Please read the Financial Information for Parents 2026 to familiarise yourself with the financial commitment while enrolled at Waikato Dio.</p>
<p><i>Canteen - Mr Goodfellow</i></p>	<p>Canteen food is made fresh to order each day, with additional daily meals prepared in our catering kitchen. A wide range of options is available.</p> <p>Some items can be made gluten-free, dairy-free, or vegetarian. These are the only alterations available. Orders can be made online or via the Mr Goodfellow app.</p>
<p><i>Parents' Association</i></p>	<p>All parents and caregivers are welcome to be involved in the Parents' Association. We understand families are busy, so there is no expectation or pressure to participate.</p> <p>You may choose to be involved by attending meetings, contributing specialist skills, or helping at events. To register your interest, please follow the in this letter.</p>

<i>Buses</i>	There are several bus routes available for families who live in areas where public transport is unavailable to transport their daughter/s to school. For further information please refer to our website and the Ministry of Education eligibility criteria .
<i>Library</i>	The library is open daily from 8:00 am, during morning tea and lunchtime and after school until 4:30 pm from Monday to Thursday. It closes at 3:30 pm on Fridays. A quiet atmosphere must be maintained at all times. Food and drink are not allowed inside the library. The library is on Instagram @waikatodiolibrary. The library catalogue can be found here .
<i>ID Cards</i>	Current students are asked to retain their current ID card for use at the start of the new school year. Photos will be taken early in the school year, and new ID cards will be distributed through form teachers. New students will be issued ID cards as quickly as possible. School ID cards are used for photocopying and printing.
<i>School Diary</i>	A school diary will be issued to all Year 9 students on the first day of school. The cost will be charged to the school account. As mobile phones are not permitted, Year 9-11 students are encouraged to use their diary to record homework and other important information.
<i>Lockers</i>	Student lockers will be allocated during orientation. Students must bring a combination lock to secure their locker. These are available from hardware stores.
<i>School Houses</i>	Blake: Black Hillary: White Ross: Yellow Scott: Blue Shackleton: Red Wilson: Green Students are assigned to a house, with families placed in the same house where possible. Form classes are organised by year level within house groups. Students earn house points throughout the year through participation and affirmations.
<i>Important Dates</i>	Thursday 22 January: Course confirmation for Year 13 students Wednesday 28 January: Year 9 Orientation Day & Year 13 leave for Camp Thursday 29 January: Year 10-12 start school Monday 2 February: Whole School Returns Please refer to our school calendar for important dates and scheduled events.
<i>Term Dates</i>	Term 1: 28 January – 2 April Term 2: 20 April – 3 July Term 3: 20 July – 25 September Term 4: 12 Oct – 11 December