



Palmerston North Boys' High School

Established 1902

INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS





PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Founded in 1902, Palmerston North Boys' High School is a traditional boys' school whose vision is to Develop Educated Men of Outstanding Character. Since 1902, we have grown to more than 1,700 young men.

The young men at PNBHS are encouraged to achieve in the classroom and to combine this with sporting and cultural activities. This balance will enable them to be challenged and extended in a range of areas, helping prepare them for life beyond our gates.

As a Boys' School, we firmly believe in the benefits of a single sex education. We focus on what works for boys, on how boys learn and on the importance of an all-round education.

In recent years, independent research reports into the achievement of boys in boys' schools compared to the achievement of boys in co-educational schools. The findings of this research were extremely convincing:

- *Boys in boys' schools consistently achieve above boys in co-educational schools at all levels of NCEA, including merit and excellence awards*
- *Boys in boys' schools have a higher rate of achieving scholarships and University Entrance*

We are very proud of the committed staff here at PNBHS: more than 100 classroom teachers, all of whom are involved in the school's co-curricular programme. The relationships built in cultural and sporting activities translate to positive relationships in the classroom, and we know that young men thrive in an educational setting where relationships are positive.

Mr David Bovey

Rector

'Nihil Boni Sine Labore'
Nothing Achieved Without Hard Work



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WHY PNBHS?

Palmerston North Boys' High School is a leading secondary school in New Zealand that develop boys into young men. We build opportunities to display and experience Courage, Humility, Industry, Integrity, Pride and Respect into our students' education and co-curricular activities.

PNBHS's strengths are the school's culture, inclusivity and our outstanding learning environment where young men reach their potential. International students have a freedom of choice in selecting subjects or activities that suit their individual strengths and passions. We value the student experience and support them with wonderful, caring homestays and adventures in Palmerston North and beyond.

International students at Palmy Boys' are looked after by a committed International Team. We know our students extremely well and report home to parents via the school's Parent Portal, Email, Zoom or social media.

PNBHS develop outstanding young men who can make a positive contribution as global citizens both here in New Zealand and abroad.

The school achieves this by:

- Offering young men a wide range of educational, vocational and recreational experiences
- Focusing on the skills of communication, literacy and numeracy
- Preparing young men for examinations, NCEA assessments and future career opportunities
- Presenting young men with standards for responsible behaviour
- Encouraging and developing the qualities of reliability, honesty, concern for others and leadership
- Offering young men a wide range of sporting and cultural opportunities

It is our purpose to develop outstanding young men who can make a positive contribution to New Zealand's future. We focus not only on academic achievement, but also character development.

"The school has good teachers, and they listen to you and give you help when you need it. The class size is small and I am able to follow my progress."

- Billy, South Korea

PALMERSTON NORTH | NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand

New Zealand is a unique country with a population of only 5 million. It has some of the world's most amazing scenery, from lush green farmlands to the snow-covered mountains and golden beaches, which sets it apart from any other country.

Its people, known as "Kiwis" are known for their friendliness and hospitality with a safe and relaxing lifestyle.

During your time with Palmerston North Boys' High School, you will have many opportunities to experience some of the amazing activities and scenery that we have here in New Zealand with the school, your homestay and the boarding hostel.

"I enjoy the fresh air, drinking water from the tap, nature and the Māori Culture"
– Panas, Thailand

Palmerston North

Palmerston North, often called "Palmy", has a population of 90,000 and is in the lower half of the North Island.

We are in the middle of New Zealand – quick and easy to get everywhere, it is a small community, inexpensive and has no traffic jams.

Palmerston North has a wide range of shops, malls, cinemas, theatres and sporting facilities - in fact, all the facilities of a big city, but without the major problems of big city life.

We have been awarded as an International Safe Community by WHO in 2013 and again in 2019.

"Palmerston North is a quiet city, it affects me positively because the environment isn't full of people and traffic. People are nice and it's safe to cross the road and go into the city"
– Chonlawat, Thailand



A photograph of three male students in a science laboratory. One student in the background is wearing safety goggles and looking down. Two students in the foreground are wearing gloves and working with a specimen on a table. The lab is filled with various equipment, including a fan, shelves with jars, and posters on the wall.

ACADEMIC

NCEA

Our academic results in NCEA Level Two, NCEA Level Three and University Entrance exceed the government target and are well above the achievement rates for both boys in the local region and boys nationally.

ACADEMIC ACCELERATE PROGRAMME

The Academic Accelerate Programme is offered at all year levels and challenges our top academic performers by providing them with courses of study in advance of their year level.

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship is the highest New Zealand qualification available to secondary school students. Young men from Palmerston North Boys' High School are consistently awarded the most Scholarships achieved by boys in the local region.

UNIVERSITY LEVEL STUDY

Palmerston North Boys' High School has developed a positive relationship with Massey, Canterbury, Victoria and Waikato Universities and university papers are taught in several subject areas at PNBHS by our staff members.

2021 ACADEMIC RESULTS

85% of Year 12 students gained NCEA Level 2 (National 79.1%)
79% of Year 13 students gained NCEA Level 3 (National 71.4%)
57% of Year 13 students gained University Entrance (National 51.7%)
32 NCEA Scholarship passes awarded.
93 University Papers: 36 A+, 16 A, and 14 A - results.

"My favorite subjects are music and painting. I get to be creative and the teachers are really helpful"
- Matthew, Hong Kong

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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The International Department at Palmerston North Boys' High School provides support and advice to all international students and helps you have a happy and successful time.

Palmerston North Boys' High School provides:

- High quality international education
- Dedicated international student support
- Academic tracking and reporting to parents
- Homestay placements in welcoming, devoted, and friendly families
- Hostel placements and management
- Orientation Programme
- Airport transfers to and from your accommodation
- Pastoral Care support – social, personal and cultural
- Online Visa renewal service
- Student insurance policies
- Regular school trips and activities throughout the year
- Careers and guidance support

“The International Staff are always there to help us with any problems at school, the homestay and finding activities for us to do. The International office is always open and they always smile when they see me”
– Rajan, India

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HOMESTAY

Our homestay programme is arranged with local New Zealand families. Homestay accommodation is a great way to learn about New Zealand culture and to practice your English in a friendly, supportive and relaxed environment while studying at PNBHS.

Close monitoring and regular homestay visits are conducted by our Accommodation Manager to ensure continuing suitability between the family and the student.

Regular student surveys are undertaken, and staff are always available for support, assistance and guidance.

Benefits of Homestay:

- Improve competency of English language
- Be part of New Zealand's cultures and traditions
- Opportunity to explore and visit places in NZ
- The best match up of the student and family
- A home away from home in a safe family environment
- Individual guidance, care and support
- Develop lifelong friendships
- Join in with family activities
- 24/7 support from PNBHS International Department

"My homestay is amazing, they are always really nice and kind. They make a special meal for me on my birthday and help me with problems when I have them"

– Richie, China

JUNIOR SUBJECT SELECTION

YEAR 9

Core Subjects:

English
Mathematics
Physical Education and Health
Sports Development Programme
Science
Social Studies

Core Modules:

Character Education
Drama
Information Communication Technology
Te Ao Māori

Options:

Students choose three from the following:

English Enrichment
English Language Tuition
French
German
Japanese
Te Reo Māori me ōna Tikanga
Design & Visual Communication (DVC)
Workshop Metal
Workshop Wood
Agriculture & Horticulture
Commerce Studies
Visual Art
Performance Music
Music Studies

YEAR 10

Core Subjects:

English
Mathematics
Physical Education and Health
Sports Development Programme
Science
Social Studies

Options:

Students choose four from the following:

English Enrichment
English Language Tuition
French
German
Japanese
Te Reo Māori/Hākinakina
Design & Visual Communication (DVC)
Digital Technology
Workshop Metal
Workshop Wood
New Zealand Studies
Agriculture & Horticulture
Commerce Studies
Sport Science Studies
Visual Art
Digital Art
Drama
Performance Music
Music Studies

YEAR 11

NCEA LEVEL 1

Compulsory Subjects:

English or English Language Tuition
Mathematics
Hāuora
Science

Options:

Students choose three from the following:

French
German
Japanese
Te Reo Māori
Joinery Construction
Mechanical Engineering
Design & Visual Communication (DVC)
Electronics
Technical Drawing
Digital Technology
Classical Studies
Geography
History
Agriculture & Horticulture
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Accounting
AgriBusiness
Business Studies
Economics
Health

Sport Science Studies
Digital Art
Visual Art
Drama
Performance Music
Māori Performing Arts

SENIOR SUBJECT SELECTION

YEAR 12

NCEA LEVEL 2

Compulsory Subjects:

English or English Language Tuition

Options:

Students choose four from the following:

French
German
Japanese
Te Reo Māori
Media Studies
Design & Visual Communication (DVC)
Digital Technology
Technical Drawing
Building Construction
Joinery Construction
Mechanical Engineering
Gateway and STAR
Trades Academy
Classical Studies
Geography
History
Electronics
Agriculture & Horticulture
General Science
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Accounting
AgriBusiness
Applied Commerce Studies
Business Studies
Economics

Calculus
Mathematics
Statistics
Health
High Performance Sport
Sport Science Studies
Sport and Exercise Studies
Art History
Design
Painting
Photography
Drama
Performance Music
Māori Performing Arts

YEAR 13

NCEA LEVEL 3

Students choose five from the following:

English or English Language Tuition
French
German
Japanese
Te Reo Māori
Media Studies
Building Construction
Joinery Construction
Mechanical Engineering
Digital Technology
Design and Visual Communication
Employment Pathways Programme
Gateway and STAR
Trades Academy
Classical Studies
Geography
History

Biology
Chemistry
Electronics
Agriculture & Horticulture
Physics
Accounting
AgriBusiness
Business Studies
Economics
Calculus
Mathematics
Statistics
Health
High Performance Sport
Sport Science Studies
Sport and Exercise Studies
Art History
Design
Painting
Photography
Drama
Performance Music
Māori Performing Arts



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At Palmerston North Boys' High School, we are proud that more than 90% of our young men are engaged in one or more of our 57 co-curricular activities. More than 160 teams and groups are available within the school to provide our young men with a full breadth of opportunities.

The school celebrates individual and team successes at assemblies, in newsletters, in the Palmerstonian and on honours boards around the school. We are proud of our achievers.

"I can do many activities at Palmy Boys'. I love music and sport and I can easily do both at school as well as concentrate on my studies"
– Michael, China

SPORT

Palmerston North Boys' High School offers students a wide range of sporting options.

We offer one of the most extensive sporting programmes in New Zealand. We are extremely proud of our first team results, the opportunity exists to compete at any level in the variety of sporting codes offered at our school.

There is equally a place for the boy who just wants to have fun whilst playing sport and those who wish to compete on the world stage. Whatever your chosen sport, the School will support your progression and development.

"There are lots of opportunities to play sport at Palmy Boys'. There are lots of social and enjoyable sports and teachers are our coaches.
It is also good that you get to play with your friends"
– Vu, Vietnam

PERFORMING ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

At Palmerston North Boys' High School, a wide range of Performing Arts and Cultural activities are available, and participation is strongly encouraged.

From Drama Classes to Major Stage Productions and Musicals, from the Symphonic, Stage and Concert Bands to the Pipe Band and Rock Groups, the opportunities in music and drama are extensive. Our school has a strong reputation for the quality and diversity of its music. Instrumental and choral groups cater for all levels of ability. Many young men start music tuition in Year 9 and then proceed to a very high level of competency in later years.

"I enjoyed being part of the Māori class where I learned Mau Rakau (sticks), the haka and many Māori songs and words"
– Rin, Japan



SPORTS

Badminton
 Basketball
 Boxing
 Canoe Polo
 Chess
 Clay Target Shooting
 Cricket
 Cross Country
 Cycling
 Football
 Golf
 Hockey
 Indoor Cricket
 Mountain Biking
 Rugby
 Rugby Sevens
 Skiing
 Smallbore Shooting
 Snowboarding
 Softball
 Squash
 Swimming
 Table Tennis
 Taekwondo
 Tennis
 Touch
 Triathlon
 Volleyball
 Water Polo
 Weight Training

CULTURAL

Bands
 Contemporary Music
 Choir
 Drama
 Debating
 Public Speaking
 Theatre Sports

GENERAL

Barrowclough Programme
 Maths Competition Teams
 Quiz Teams
 Science & Technology Fairs
 Leadership
 Vex Robotics



Most parents, including myself, want our children to receive an excellent education while also having fun at school. Palmerston North Boys' High School has provided a broad range of subjects, extra-curricular activities, and opportunities for them to pursue their personal goals. One thing I like about them is they have small classes to help your children if they are experiencing difficulties. Furthermore, my son informed me that teachers are always willing to help in any way. I am proud that my son has a great time at school, and as a parent, I am extremely delighted with how the school handles problems and looks after my son.

- Mr Chun Kit Tsang, Parent, Hong Kong

FACILITIES

Speirs Centre: 368-seat auditorium, central stage, two spacious dressing rooms, a lighting and sound control box, individual and group rehearsal spaces, two classrooms with keyboards, guitars, an instrument storage room and Apple Mac computer suite.

1800-seat Hall: stage, fully networked and used for daily assemblies, fairs, expos, indoor activities and competitions.

14 Specialised Science Laboratories: dedicated to Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Electronics and Horticulture.

Four Fully Equipped Technology Workshops: two planning rooms for woodwork, metalwork, engineering and construction.

Two Gymnasiums: each equipped with a sprung wooden floor, indoor basketball court and changing room facilities.

Two Dedicated Weight and Fitness Facilities: with an extensive array of cardio, machine and free weights equipment.

25m Indoor Swimming Pool: with wheelchair access and changing rooms.

NZCT Cricket Centre: New Zealand-first indoor, climate-controlled, natural grass cricket specific training facility.

Computer Suites: for classroom use and a computer network extending throughout the school.

Well-resourced Library: 26 computers and 16 Chromebooks for research and assignment purposes, 15,500 books, 20,000 annual book issues, 650 DVD's, board games, printing facilities, data projector and Chromecast TV.

Hostel: 190 Junior and Senior beds, two fitness suites, dining hall, music rehearsal room, recreation areas, BBQ area and Conference Room.

Sports Fields and Facilities: one rugby field, two grass training fields, covered grandstand, sports pavilion with two changing rooms, one football fields, tennis pavilion with eight courts, two outdoor basketball courts, eight cricket nets, two hard-surface wickets, one grass wicket, two artificial hockey courts, two indoor volleyball courts, badminton, water and canoe polo, electronic timing gates, heart rate monitors and taekwondo bags, pads, boards and gloves.



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"The school facilities are modern and massive, although the school has a traditional feel. Swimming pool, science laboratory and all the classrooms are especially for their subjects."

- Gordon, Hong Kong



COLLEGE HOUSE - BOARDING

The school hostel, College House, is an important part of Palmerston North Boys' High School. College House is located adjacent to the school fields, meaning that boarders can take advantage of school facilities after school hours and at weekends.

The hostel is well represented with students selected in the school's top cultural performance groups and sporting teams. Academically young men in the hostel thrive and generally, College House academic results are above those of the day school.

College House provides:

- A range of quality accommodation blocks

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- Strict guidelines and zero tolerance to anti-social behaviour, drugs, and alcohol

College House Video

- A family environment supported by hostel masters who are teachers at the school

- Daily study supervised by hostel masters

- A wide range of recreational, sporting and cultural activities

- The hostel is fully networked and high-speed wireless internet is available in all areas

- Dining hall, BBQ and courtyard area, cardio and weight training areas

- Recreation room featuring pool table, table tennis table, projection unit with SKY television, four pods of smaller televisions for small group use

- All-weather basketball & tennis courts

- Recently renovated dormitories

- A soundproof Music Room equipped with a piano, drum set, and a lockable storage cupboard for personal instruments



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"It was a great experience living in College House. I was in College House at the start of year 9 and it was quite tough to socialise with other people. However, the staff members were really helpful and also the boys too. We got to know each other better and better and that's how we created our brotherhood in College House"

– Jason, Hong Kong

FEES

2023 International Student Fees

Tuition: \$15800
Homestay over 14: \$290 per week
Homestay under 14: \$300 per week
Administration Fee: \$1500
Pastoral Care Fee: \$300
Insurance: \$600
Uniform: \$850
NCEA: \$384
Incidentals: \$1000
Chinese Language Support: \$2500 (optional)

Short Term Fees

3 Terms: \$12800
2 Terms: \$8800
1 Term: \$4800
Up to 9 weeks: \$475 per week

College House Fees (Boarding)

College House Uniform (includes school uniform): \$1000
Hostel Fees: \$13335
Pastoral Care: \$300
Holiday homestay: \$2800





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