



Palmerston North Boys' High School

Established 1902

I N T E R N A T I O N A L

Welcome to PNBHS

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.

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 develops boys into young men. We provide 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.

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 sizes are small which helps with my learning."

- Billy, South Korea



Palmerston North - New Zealand

New Zealand

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

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

During your time at 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.

Palmerston North

"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"

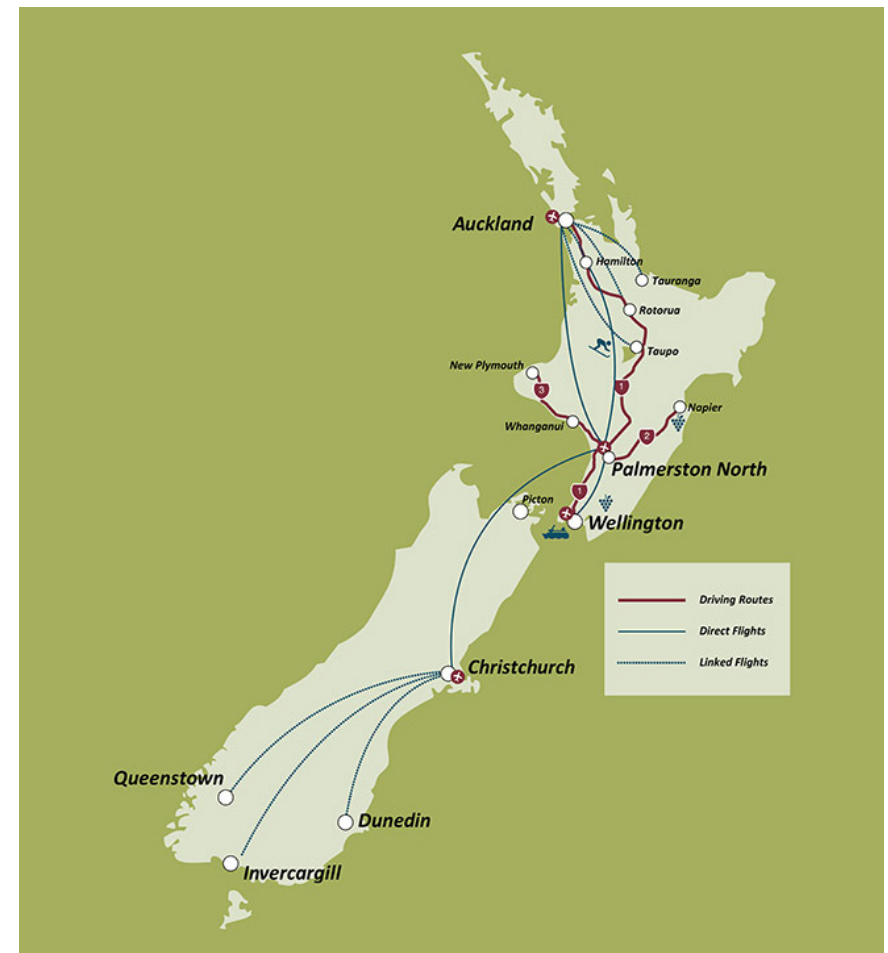
- Chonlawat, Thailand

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

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

Palmy 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.

Palmerston North has been named as an International Safe Community by WHO in 2013 and again in 2019.





Academic

NCEA

Our academic results in NCEA Level Two, NCEA Level Three and University Entrance 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.

2023 ACADEMIC RESULTS

14.1% of Year 11 students gained NCEA Level 2 (National 1.5%)

68.7% of Year 12 students gained NCEA Level 2 (National 73.2%)

12.5% of Year 12 students gained NCEA Level 3 (National 1.6%)

67.1% of Year 13 students gained NCEA Level 3 (National 67.7%)

11.9% of Year 12 students gained University Entrance (National 0.5%)

50.2% of Year 13 students gained University Entrance (National 49.7%)

UNIVERSITY RESULTS:

67 first-year papers - 10 A+, 16 A and 9 A- grades
- 53% of the total

"My favourite subjects are music and painting. I get to be creative and the teachers are really helpful"

- Matthew, Hong Kong

Subject Selection

Year 9

Core Subjects

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

Core Modules

Character Education
Drama
Information Communication Technology
Te Ao Māori

Options

Students choose three from the following:

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

Year 10

Core Subjects

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

Options

Students choose four from the following:

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

Year 11 - NCEA Level 1

Compulsory Subjects

English or English Language Tuition
Mathematics
Science
Hāuora (Health and Well-being)

Options

Students choose three from the following:

Accounting	Māori Performing Arts
Agriculture & Horticulture	Performance Music
Biology	Physics
Business Studies	Sport Science Studies
Chemistry	Te Reo Māori
Classical Studies	Technical Drawing
Design & Visual - Communication (DVC)	Visual Art
Digital Art	
Digital Technology	
Drama	
Economics	
Electronics	
French	
Geography	
Health	
History	
Japanese	
Joinery/Construction	
Mechanical Engineering	

Year 12 - NCEA Level 2

Compulsory Subjects

English or English Language Tuition

Options

Students choose five from the following:

Accounting	Media Studies
Agriculture & Horticulture	Māori Performing Arts
Applied Commerce Studies	Painting
Art History	Performance Music
Biology	Photography
Building Construction	Physics
Business Studies	Sport Science Studies
Calculus	Sport and Exercise Studies
Chemistry	Statistics
Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori
Design	Technical Drawing
Design & Visual - Communication (DVC)	Trades Academy
Digital Technology	
Drama	
Economics	
Electronics	
French	
Gateway and STAR	
General Science	
Geography	
German	
Health	
High Performance Sport	
Japanese	
Joinery/Construction	
Mathematics	
Mechanical Engineering	

Year 13 - NCEA Level 3

Options

Students choose five from the following:

Accounting	Mechanical Engineering
Agribusiness	Media Studies
Agriculture & Horticulture	Māori Performing Arts
Art History	Painting
Biology	Performance Music
Building Construction	Photography
Business Studies	Physics
Calculus	Sport Science Studies
Chemistry	Sport and Exercise Studies
Classical Studies	Statistics
Design	Te Reo Māori
Design & Visual - Communication (DVC)	Trades Academy
Digital Technology	
Drama	
Economics	
Electronics	
Employment Pathways - Programme	
English or English Language - Tuition	
French	
Gateway and STAR	
General Science	
Geography	
German	
Health	
High Performance Sport	
History	
Japanese	
Joinery/Construction	
Mathematics	



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.



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 all of our teams. 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.

Performing Arts & 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 Rākau (sticks), the haka and many Māori songs and words"

- Rín, Japan

Sport	Term I	Term II	Term III	Term IV
Badminton		✓	✓	
Basketball		✓	✓	
Boxing				✓
Canoe Polo	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chess	✓	✓	✓	✓
Clay Target Shooting		✓	✓	
Cricket	✓			✓
Cross Country	✓	✓		
Cycling		✓	✓	
Football		✓	✓	
Golf	✓			
Hockey		✓	✓	
Kī o Rahi	✓			✓
Mountain Biking	✓		✓	
Rugby		✓	✓	
Rugby Sevens				✓
Skiing		✓	✓	
Smallbore Shooting		✓	✓	
Snowboarding		✓	✓	
Softball	✓			✓
Sports Development Programme	✓	✓	✓	✓
Squash		✓	✓	
Swimming	✓			
Table Tennis		✓	✓	
Taekwon Do	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tennis	✓			✓
Touch	✓			✓
Triathlon	✓			
Volleyball	✓			✓
Water Polo	✓	✓		✓
Weight Training	✓	✓	✓	✓

Summer = Term I & IV

Winter = Term II & III

Performing Arts & Cultural
Bands
Contemporary Music
Choir
Drama
Debating
Public Speaking
Theatre Sports
Mau Rākau
Kapa Haka

General
Barrowclough Programme
Maths Competition Teams
Quiz Teams
Science & Technology Fairs
Vex Robotics
Senior Leadership Courses
Young Farmers Club





Facilities

- **Speirs Centre:** 368-seat auditorium, central stage, two spacious dressing rooms, a lighting & sound control box, bathrooms, a fully-equipped kitchen, individual & group rehearsal spaces, two classrooms with keyboards, instrument storage room & Apple Mac computer suite.
- **1800-seat Hall:** stage, fully networked & used for daily assemblies, fairs, expos, indoor activities and competitions.
- **Fourteen Specialised Science Laboratories:** dedicated to Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Electronics & Horticulture.
- **Four Fully Equipped Technology Workshops:** & two planning rooms for wood work, metal work, engineering, construction and joinery.
- **Two Gymnasiums:** each equipped with a sprung wooden floor, indoor basketball court & changing room facilities.
- **Two Dedicated Weight Training Facilities:** with an extensive array of cardio, machine & free weights equipment.
- **25m Indoor Swimming Pool:** with wheelchair access, tiered seating and changing rooms.
- **NZCT Cricket Centre:** New Zealand-first indoor, climate-controlled, natural grass cricket specific training facility.
- **Computer Suites:** for classroom use & a computer network extending throughout the school.
- **Well-resourced Library:** 26 computers & 16 Chromebooks for research & assignment purposes, 15,500 books, 20,000 annual book issues, 650 DVD's, board games, printing facilities, data projector & Chromecast TV.
- **Hostel:** 185 junior & senior beds, two weights rooms, dining hall, recreation areas, BBQ area & conference room.
- **Sports Fields & Facilities:** One rugby field, two grass training fields, covered grandstand, sports pavilion with two changing rooms, two 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 & canoe polo, electronic timing gates, heart rate monitors & Taekwondo bags, pads, boards & gloves.



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BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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



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 Co-ordinator 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

"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"

- Chonlawat, Thailand

International Department

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 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



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College House Boarding

The school hostel, College House, is a focus and strength of Palmerston North Boys' High School. The outstanding modern facilities and the camaraderie that develops amongst the young men who board there make College House an integral part of our school. College House is located adjacent to the school fields, meaning that boarders are able to take advantage of school facilities after school hours and at weekends.

The College House environment allows young men to develop and experience success. Annually 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. The parent community is kept informed of hostel news via social media, newsletters, written reports and regular communication from hostel staff.

College House provides:

- Firm guidelines and zero tolerance to anti-social behaviour, drugs and alcohol
- 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
- Opportunities for family involvement and support for hostel activities

- Networked and high speed wireless internet in all areas
- Newly constructed dining hall, BBQ and courtyard area, cardio and weights training areas
- All-weather basketball & tennis courts
- A soundproof music room equipped with a piano, drum set and a lockable storage cupboard for personal instruments.
- Recently renovated dormitories
- Conference room for College House and school functions.

College House and Palmerston North Boys' High School provide an opportunity for young men to grow and extend themselves in an environment that encourages participation, excellence and a sense of occasion. The bonds between men in the hostel are strong and the development of life-long friendships is a strength of the hostel experience.



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College House PNBHS



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2025 Fees

2025 International Student Fees

Tuition: \$16,200
Homestay: \$315 per week
Administration Fee: \$1700
Pastoral Care Fee: \$350
Insurance: \$650
Uniform: \$850 - \$1000
NCEA: \$384
Incidentals: (refundable) \$1000

Short Term Fees

3 Terms: \$13250
2 Terms: \$9250
1 Term: \$5250
Up to 9 weeks: \$525 per week

College House Fees (Boarding)

Hostel Fees: \$15,404
Pastoral Care: \$350
Holiday homestay: \$3000
College House Uniform (includes school uniform): \$1000

Term One - Monday 27th January - Friday 11th April

Term Two - Monday 28th April - Friday 27th June

Term Three - Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September

Term Four - Monday 6th October - Friday 5th December - NCEA exam study leave from November

2026 Fees

2026 International Student Fees

Tuition: \$16,500
Homestay: \$335 per week
Administration Fee: \$1700
Pastoral Care Fee: \$400
Insurance: \$650
Uniform: \$850 - \$1000
NCEA: \$384
Incidentals: (refundable) \$1000

Short Term Fees

3 Terms: \$13500
2 Terms: \$9500
1 Term: \$5500
Up to 9 weeks: \$550 per week

College House Fees (Boarding)

Hostel Fees: \$15,404
Pastoral Care: \$350
Holiday homestay: \$3000
College House Uniform (includes school uniform): \$1000

Fees may be subject to change



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