



**Pillans
Point**
School

2021



INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS



Ako Hōpara

A photograph of a school playground featuring a large, circular climbing structure with a blue frame and a grey grid. Two children are climbing on the structure. The child in the foreground is wearing a green t-shirt with a logo and black leggings. The child behind them is wearing a red t-shirt. The playground is covered in wood chips, and a school building is visible in the background under a bright sky.

Growing
Adventurous
Learners for Life

Kia Ora! Welcome!



It is my pleasure to welcome and introduce you to our school.

Pillans Point School is a Primary (Elementary) school, catering for approximately 550 children in years 0-6. We have 21 classrooms that are well equipped, modern and provide attractive learning environments where children are encouraged to be courageous in their learning.

Our School has a very established culture within our community, where our expectations for learning and behaviour are high. Along with academic success we aim for our children to develop socially through our 'Learner Competencies'. Students are encouraged to be Courageous, Connected, Team Players, Explorers and Communicators enabling them to interact with people successfully in every day situations. These competencies have been designed and shaped to meet the needs of our students from our community. They are the competencies that we want children to develop and master as they move through our school from the age of five through to the end of year six.

We have a talented team of teaching and support staff who work together to create the best possible teaching and learning opportunities for our children. All of our learning is based on the New Zealand Curriculum and to complement this we also offer specialist music in classrooms, iPads and other modern teaching and learning tools and a commitment to sporting success through our partnership with Sport Bay of Plenty and their fundamental skills programme. We are developing a strong culture around our school houses which children will be placed in from the day they start our school. Our houses create an across school, multi levelled group of children who can work towards house success together. All families will remain in the same house.

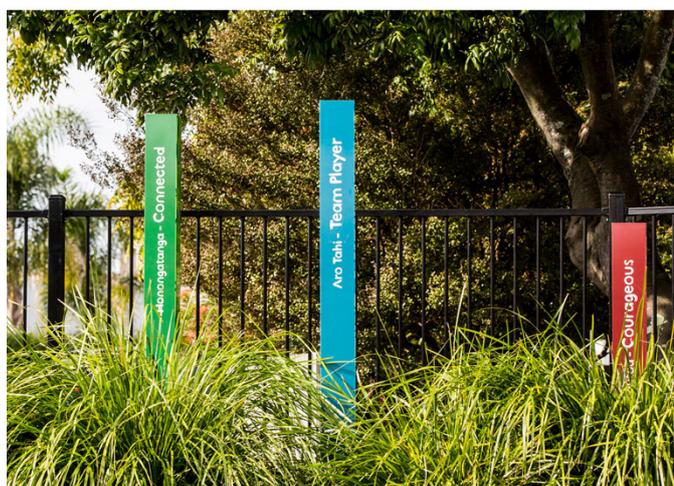
International students form an important part of our school identity and culture. We have hosted international students and their families since 2013 and have enjoyed the great relationships and culture that these children and families have brought to our school.

I hope that once you have had the chance to learn about our fantastic school, you will take the opportunity to join our school community.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Simeon'.

Matt Simeon
Principal



Our Vision

Growing Adventurous Learners for Life

At Pillans Point School we believe that learning at school should be seen as an 'Adventure' that is ongoing and never-ending. Our role as a school is to build on the learning from home to give your children the skills and competencies to go on a great adventure in life while developing a love for being a life long learner.

Our Mission

At Pillans Point School relationships are at our core. Teaching and learning is inclusive, interactive, and meets the developmental needs and stages of all children.





Our Values

"When there is a positive teacher-student relationship, students feel safe and there is a strong bond of trust within the classroom. Students are not afraid to take risks and understand that making errors are all part of the learning process. Students are more likely to feel positive about school and have a greater chance of developing a true love for learning."
John Hattie (2009)



*Ko Au
See Me. Know Me*

We see our learners as individuals who bring past experiences, their culture, and diversity into school. We are committed to inclusion for all, so that all children can participate to their full potential.



*Whaka-Akoranga
Understand Me. Teach Me*

We recognise that learning is not linear and that it is different for all learners. Our role as educators is to understand children's developmental needs first before we teach them.

Acknowledgement of our Treaty Partnership

By protecting and honouring cultural worlds, our children and their families are encouraged to participate in an inclusive world view; particularly although but not exclusively to Māori. Increased partnership within our school through a cultural lens, enhances our aim of creating a genuine and living Treaty partnership.



The New Zealand Curriculum

The New Zealand Curriculum guides what your child learns at school. It is taught in schools that teach in the English language. Schools and communities use the New Zealand Curriculum as a guide when designing a curriculum to meet local needs and interests.

The New Zealand Curriculum aims to create young people who are “confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners”. It includes five key competencies to help children do well in life - thinking; using language, symbols and text; managing self; relating to others; participating and contributing. These five competencies are developed across school life and woven into the eight key learning areas:

- English
- The arts
- Health and physical education
- Languages
- Mathematics and statistics
- Science
- Social sciences
- Technology

A CAREFULLY DESIGNED PATHWAY.



In New Zealand, you take your place on a carefully designed education pathway proven to produce graduates with the skills to compete and succeed anywhere in the world.

Early childhood education is available from the age of three. You begin formal education at the age of 5 when you enter primary school.

From here, New Zealand’s education system progresses through 13 ‘Year’ levels. Years 1 to 8 (ages 5 to 12) are

spent at primary school, although some children spend years 7 and 8 in intermediate schools.

Secondary school (also known as high school or college) is where you spend years 9 to 13 (ages 13 to 18).

After secondary school, students have the option to go on to universities, institutes of technology and polytechnics, private training establishments or wānanga (Māori-based institutions).

Primary schools build a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy and introduce a broad and balanced curriculum.

Secondary schools focus on subject-based learning, with growing opportunities to specialise as you progress in your learning. At both primary and secondary schools child-focused learning and independent thinking are encouraged.

APPROXIMATE AGE		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM	‘YEAR’ LEVEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	SCHOOL TYPE	Primary School						Intermediate School		Secondary School					
	NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS	New Zealand Curriculum, National Standards Testing										NCEA Level 1	NCEA Level 2	NCEA Level 3	
OPTIONS	CAMBRIDGE	Primary						Secondary 1			Secondary 2		Advanced		
	IB PROGRAMME	Primary Years Programme							Middle Years				Diploma Programme		

Teaching and Learning

Collaborative Learning

Pillans Point School encourages collaborative learning, meaning that there is a shift from teacher-directed learning environments to learning environments where learners are encouraged to work in groups of two or more to develop new understandings, meanings and creations.

Teaching and Learning through Play

Children are naturally motivated to play. A play-based program builds on this motivation, using play as a context for learning. In this context, children can explore, experiment, discover and solve problems in imaginative and playful ways.

At Pillans Point School we believe that our learners learn best through a combination of play and well developed concrete experiential learning experiences. Play provides authentic opportunities to explore the world, encourages creativity, communication, and innovation. Concrete experiential learning experiences provide tactile, well-sequenced, and integrated curriculum that is highly engaging and develops our Pillans Point School Learner Competencies.

Digital Technology

Pillans Point School committed to using ICT and digital technology as a tool to support learning. We want our learners to know when to use technology, how to use different tools, how to critique the wealth of information out there and most importantly, we want them to learn how to use it responsibly.





Learning Environments

Our classrooms are made up of a mixture of traditional classrooms and modern learning environments.

In our traditional classrooms there is one teacher and in our modern learning environments there is one big classroom with up to four teachers.

Classroom numbers are determined by year levels. Year 1 classes have one teacher with up to 15 learners, Year 2 and 3 classes have one teacher with up to 23 learners and Year 4, 5 and 6 classes have one teacher with up to 29 learners.



ERO Report

ERO (Education Review Office) evaluates and reports on the education and care of children and young people in early childhood services and schools in New Zealand.

To view a copy of our latest report please visit the following website;

<http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/pillans-point-school-25-01-2017/>

Our Teams



Kiwi
Year 1
5 years old



Moa
Year 5/6
9-11 years old



Fantail
Year 3/4
7-9 years old



Tui
Year 1/2
6-7 years old



Our teams are named after four New Zealand birds and learners are placed into these teams according to their chronological age.



School Houses

Just like in the Harry Potter movies, Pillans Point Learners are placed in a school house (Matakana, Mayor, Maunganui or Motiti) from the day they start school. All children from the same family attending Pillans Point School will be in the same house. All staff at school also belong to one of the school houses.

Thanks to the support of Classic Builders all learners enrolled at Pillans Point School receive their first house t-shirt for free.



Throughout each term our learners will have many opportunities to participate in house events and earn points for their house.

At the end of each term and school year, the school house shield will be presented to the winning house.

Through their involvement in these groups, our learners will have fun and learn about how to further develop the school competencies in a variety of different contexts across the New Zealand curriculum.



Our School Day

8:30AM

Classrooms open for learners

9:00-10:30AM

First block of learning

10:30-10:50AM

Morning Tea

10:50AM-12:30PM

Second block of learning

12:30-1:25PM

Lunch

1:25PM-3:00PM

Third block of learning

3:00PM

End of school day



What you will need for school each day:

- A school bag
- A lunch box with food for morning tea and lunch
- A drink bottle filled with water

In the Summer months (Term 1 & 4) you will also need:

- Swimsuit and Towel
- Your school hat



School Uniform

Our Learners wear their Pillans Point School uniform with pride both during the school day and when representing the school at sporting events.

As part of the Orientation process the International Student Manager will help you to purchase the necessary uniform for your child from our school uniform shop so that they are ready to look like everyone else from their first day of school.

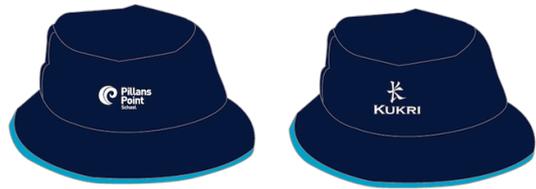
Your child will also be given their designated house t-shirt during the first week they are at school. They wear their house t-shirt every Friday instead of their navy polo shirt. There are also many other times during the year that learners will be asked to wear their house t-shirt such as days when there are sports events and house competitions.

Compulsory Uniform

All students must wear a Polo Shirt, Shorts or a Skirt and in the summer months (Terms 1 & 4), a hat.



Unisex Polo Shirt \$35 NZD



Summer Hat \$15 NZD



Shorts \$35 NZD

or



Skirt \$35 NZD

Optional Uniform



Fleece \$50 NZD



Jacket \$60 NZD



Pants \$50 NZD

Communication with Families

Communicating Learning

Communicating Learning (traditionally known as reporting) happens informally and formally throughout the school year - it is an ongoing process.

As a parent, you will receive formal school reports twice a year about how well your child is doing at school. You will also have the opportunity to discuss their progress twice a year in 'meet the teacher' sessions. During these 'meet the teacher' sessions we ensure that we have a translator present to support you and the teacher so that you get accurate information about how your child is doing at school.

If you have queries regarding your child's learning and progress, your first point of contact should always be your child/ren's teacher.

Seesaw

Seesaw is a simple way for teachers and students to record and share what's happening both in their classroom and during English lessons. Seesaw gives students a place to document their learning, be creative and learn how to use technology.

Each student gets their own Seesaw journal and will add entries to it, such as photos, videos, drawings, or notes about their learning.

When there are new Seesaw posts, families can be notified via app notification, email or SMS.

School Newsletters

School Newsletters are emailed out to families every Friday with information about things that have been happening in the school and informing families about up and coming events.

School App

Our School App enables parents to keep in regular contact with the school. The app allows families to:

- see up and coming events
- read all the newsletters
- pay for extra school events online
- let the school know if their child is going to be absent from school

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Adventure Time

Adventure Time is part of our school week, that happens on a Friday for approximately five weeks each term. Adventure Time caters to the abilities and curiosities of our students as well as enriches the curriculum opportunities we can offer our children. The programme allows the school to make full use of the strengths and interests of teachers, other staff, and members of the wider community.

Learning opportunities in other areas such as learning a second language, creating a mural for the school, training for a sports or cultural event, and pursuing personal passions and interests are encouraged during this time.



Sport

Pillans Point places a strong emphasis on physical education and physical activity. Learners participate in daily fitness activities and have regular opportunities to learn the skills needed for different sports both with their classroom teachers and through programmes such as Go4It. There are many opportunities for learners to engage in both curriculum based and extra-curricular activities.

During term time we usually have one main sports event per term. These include Splash n Dash, Triathlon, Swimming Sports, Cross Country and Athletics. Parents are welcome to attend these events with us. We ask that children wear their house tee shirts on any day they are competing in a school or team sports event.

Inter-school sporting opportunities usually occur from Year 4 up and include swimming, cross-country, athletics, gymnastics, rugby, hockey, netball, cricket and miniball.





Education Outside the Classroom

Education outside the classroom is curriculum-based teaching and learning activities that go beyond the walls of the classroom. It includes any curriculum-based activity that takes place outside the school ranging from a museum or marae visit, to a sports trip, field trip, or outdoor education camp.

Experiences outside the classroom reinforce learning by enabling students to make connections between what they have learnt in the classroom and the world beyond the classroom.

Pillans Point School offers many Education outside the classroom opportunities to learners on a regular basis. Learners have the opportunity to do things such as;

- visit the local Estuary
- walk up or around Mount Maunganui
- visit the Tauranga Art Gallery
- go on an overnight camp in Year 5 & 6
- learn to ride a bike safely
- visit the Farmer in the Paddock
- learn about Surf Safety and spend time at the beach
- visit Classic Flyers Museum and Tauranga Airport



Cultural and Performing Arts

All learners at Pillans Point School are encouraged to be involved in the arts and cultural activities, to develop their creativity and to enhance their learning and social development through participation.

The Performing Arts gives everyone a chance to participate and our school-wide Musical Production take place bi-annually. These productions are an opportunity for everyone's musical, dramatic and visual art talents to be show-cased.

Cultural Opportunities at Pillans Point School include: a Powhiri to welcome each new student and their family an annual whole school hangi, learning Kapahaka and for some, participating in the annual Kapahaka festival, learning bucket drumming, choir, participating in the Tauranga Music Festival, our school musical productions, chess, our annual speech competition, visual arts, and an art exhibition.



Academic Opportunities

Alongside our day-to-day classroom learning, Pillans Point School offers many other opportunities to our learners such as:

- Extension Maths Groups
- Young Einsteins competition
- Chess Competitions
- University of New South Wales ICAS Assessments
- E-Pro8 Technology Challenge
- Extension Writing Groups



Leadership Opportunities

Pillans Point School offers many opportunities for all learners to grow as leaders through;

- our buddy class programme
- being a member of our Student Council
- being a House Leader (Year 6)
- being a Road Patroller (Year 5/6)
- being a Librarian
- providing Learning Mentors to support other learners who may need a little extra help in some area of their learning
- Office duty at morning tea and lunch time (Year 5/6)
- Staffroom duty (Year 5/6)





The Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016

Pillans Point School is a signatory to the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016.

The Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016 supports the well-being, achievement and rights of international students.



EDUCATION (PASTORAL CARE
OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)
CODE OF PRACTICE 2016



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This is to certify: Pillans Point School

is a signatory to the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016, as established under section 238F of the Education Act 1989.

This certificate verifies that the signatory meets the quality standards of pastoral care as set out in the Code

MoE Number: 1894

Date Issued: 1 July 2016

Code Administrator:

Karen Poutasi
Chief Executive
New Zealand Qualification Authority (NZQA)

Meet our International Student Manager

Lee Simeon



Lee works as our International Student Manager.

She is a trained Primary School Teacher with 20+ years experience in the classroom.

At the age of 16 Lee spent a year in Austria as an exchange student. As a result of this experience she understands the culture shock and language barriers that both International Students and their families go through when they first arrive in New Zealand.

Lee's main role at our school is to support families and their children from the moment they choose to enrol at Pillans Point School until the time they return to their home countries or transition to Intermediate School. Lee also oversees the delivery of our ESOL programme to ensure that it caters for each student's needs and she also plans special events for students, parents and families.

Lee is very passionate about her job, She develops good relationships with both students and parents and keeps in regular contact with all families to ensure that the experience they are having is everything they wanted it to be.

In 2017 Lee received a National Leadership Award for her work in New Zealand's International Education Sector.

Lee is the wife of the School Principal, Mr Matt Simeon. They have three children, Zac, Ella and Olivia who all attend Pillans Point School.

Our International Programme

We pride ourselves in making our International Students and their families feel welcome, comfortable and part of our school from the day that they arrive. They know that we are here for them 24/7 to help them get the most of their 'Kiwi' experience. Ultimately we want their 'Kiwi' experience to be happy, positive and provide them with memories that will last a lifetime.

All International Students at our school;

- receive 4 x 30 minute small group or individual lessons per week (this is dependent on the number of students at each level of the programmes)
- will have a 'buddy' on their first day at school and are then encouraged to develop 'kiwi' friends
- will share their learning via the online platform 'Seesaw' so that parents and grandparents can be a part of each student's learning experiences while in NZ
- are encouraged to give everything a go
- are a special part of our school community
- are encouraged to share their culture with their friends and classmates
- have the opportunity to participate in the online ICAS tests (English, Maths, Spelling and Writing)
- have the opportunities to celebrate days that are special in their own culture with 'Kiwi' friends

We support our International Families by;

- being available 24/7 should they need to contact us.
- providing a 'Meet and Greet' and Orientation session/s prior to their child/ren starting.
- organising family events such as Fish and Chip nights, BBQ's and other social occasions
- giving them a chance to share their culture with students and teachers at our school
- organising translators where necessary to support at events like Parent/Teacher Conferences
- having a termly 'Morning Tea' or 'Lunch' to catch up and talk about how things are going
- inviting them to all school events
- keeping in regular contact with them by using instant messaging such as KakaoTalk, WeChat or Line, email and posting on our International Student Facebook page.

Cambridge English Programme

Kids Box & Power Up

In 2019 we introduced the Cambridge English Programmes "Kids Box" and "Power Up" to form the basis of our ESOL Programme. Cambridge English provides a structured, sequential programme that caters for students at their individual levels and ensures that students have a weekly focus on the four skills of learning English – listening, speaking, reading and writing.

The language syllabus of these programmes has been carefully selected and graded to suit the age and level of the pupils. It also prepares students for the world renowned Cambridge English – Young Learners Tests.

On arrival at PPS students are given a placement test to determine which level of the Kids Box or Power Up Programme they will fit into for their ESOL Programme.

More information about this programme can be found on the website:

<https://www.cambridge.org/bs/cambridgeenglish/catalog/primary/kids-box>



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Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Sport

Extra Curricular sports competitions are offered each term and they take place after school or during the weekend.

There is usually an additional cost to participate in these sports. Costs depend on the local governing body of the sport and are often associated with the cost of venues.

Examples of Pillans Point School sports teams that play in competitions outside of school hours include netball, mini ball, basketball and hockey, in the Winter Terms (Terms 2 & 3) and volleyball, cricket, kiwi tag and rippa rugby in the Summer Terms (Terms 1 & 4).

There are many other sporting opportunities within the wider Tauranga Community on offer for students to get involved in after school and during the weekends. For example; Gymnastics, Tennis, Taekwando, Swimming, Golf, Football/Soccer, Rugby, Surf Lifesaving

Other Opportunities

There are so many after school opportunities for learners to get involved in; Learning a Musical Instrument, Speech and Drama lessons, English Language Academies, Art Workshops.

If there is something your child is currently learning that you'd like them to continue during their time studying at Pillans Point School or if there is something new that they are interested in, the International Student Manager will assist you in finding out more and getting your child involved.



Home Time - Before School Care, After School Care and Holiday Programmes

HomeTime (a locally owned business) offers Before and After School Care Programmes along with School holiday programmes onsite at our school.

Enrolments and enquiries should be made directly with HomeTime.

More information can be found on their website: <https://www.hometime.co.nz/>





Living in Tauranga

Tauranga is New Zealand's fifth largest city and home to an estimated 125,000 people. Our city sits right on the water's edge and is well-known for its blue skies, warm climate, sparkling harbour and relaxed lifestyle.

Why choose the Tauranga Region as your place to Study?

1. EDUCATION OPTIONS

Whether you want to gain an internationally respected degree or vocational qualification, engage in postgraduate research or send your young children to school, Tauranga has it all! Tauranga has an internationally recognised University, extensive vocational study options and a highly regarded primary and secondary school sector. Students wanting to learn English also have a variety of flexible programmes to choose from but you'll find that Tauranga is so friendly, that every day is a learning experience! And because our academic institutions enjoy a high level of integration, it's easy for you to pathway from one institution to another.

2. FASTEST GROWING

Tauranga is the 5th largest city in New Zealand and the fastest growing, making Tauranga an exciting place to live. With New Zealand's largest and most efficient container port based in Tauranga, the region is facing rapid economic growth. This is great for students studying at tertiary level who have a need for part time and graduate employment.

3. CENTRAL TO EVERYWHERE

Tauranga is extremely well positioned. Over 45% of New Zealand's population live within 200km of Tauranga and Auckland, New Zealand's largest city is only 2 ½ hours away by car, 30 minutes by plane! Tauranga's busy airport has links to all major New Zealand cities.

4. FANTASTIC WEATHER

Tauranga has a sub-tropical climate and boasts 2,400 hours of sunshine every year, well above the national average. A mild winter and a warm pacific ocean all add to an attractive lifestyle and give opportunity for the beaches and harbour to be used year round as playgrounds for surfing, fishing and sailing.

5. QUALITY OF LIFE

Tauranga has stunning scenery, with its beautiful beaches and harbour. Its warm climate, wide range of restaurants and other amenities, makes Tauranga an excellent place to study, work and live. Tauranga is also very welcoming. People of all cultures and religions are welcomed and celebrated in our city. Tauranga prides itself on being safe, respectful and inclusive.

6. ART AND CULTURE

Tauranga has a vibrant and steadily growing art scene. Our Gallery exhibits the best of local and national talent.

7. CULTURAL HERITAGE

The coastal Bay of Plenty is steeped in cultural and historical significance. Maori culture is evident throughout the region with sacred spots such as Mauao (Mount Maunganui), the Papamoa Hills and Maketu. In 1769, Captain James Cook named the region the 'Bay of Plenty'. Captain Cook was referring to the region's welcoming people and abundant resources.

8. AFFORDABLE

While quality education can be found in cities all throughout New Zealand, statistics show that living costs in other major New Zealand cities are more expensive. Tauranga is affordable and your dollar will go further here. This means that you can do more for less!

9. AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCE

In Tauranga, you'll find yourself immersed among many New Zealand students. At local schools there is often only one international student per class! This gives you plenty of opportunity to practice your English, immerse yourself and get to know the local culture and make long lasting friendships with your kiwi classmates.

10. BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

A number of innovative, high-value and export focussed businesses are thriving in the Tauranga region, making Tauranga a vibrant place to do business. Education Tauranga's industry links provide opportunities to work with this supportive business community and gain fresh ideas and outlooks.

For more information about living and studying in Tauranga please visit:

<https://www.educationtauranga.co.nz>





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