

'NUA News

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Horowhenua College in Levin
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Warm Greetings from Horowhenua College

We have enjoyed a fantastic year with our overseas students. Students have come from Korea, China, Japan, Fiji, Germany, Finland, Bolivia, Norway, Brazil and Italy. During the year Mrs Brenda Burns, Principal and Mrs Robyn Keeling, Director of International Education thoroughly enjoyed their visit to many agencies and schools in Asia. Mrs Keeling also took Horowhenua College students on a school exchange to Indonesia.

It is not uncommon for students to extend their stay at Horowhenua College. It has been wonderful to see students improve their English skills during the year, witness their personal growth and to see our international students on stage at prize giving receiving awards.

The international and exchange students who were not involved in NCEA examinations at the end of the year enjoyed a two-week programme on the theme of 'Lord of the Rings' which was run by each of the Faculties. This programme took the students to LOTR film sites, the opportunity to study geographic settings in New Zealand and looking at alternative sites in their own country for film footage, cooking a three course hobbit meal, visit to Wetacave (Wellington), visit to the animal trainers (Waikanae), visit to Merik Smesik (potter for LOTR) and Eddie Douglas (basket maker for LOTR), explore creativity in the Arts and more. Feedback from the students was very positive. This end of year programme is unique and will be a feature of Horowhenua College.



Special Character

- Horowhenua College is a co-education school situated in the Horowhenua district
- Levin is the main centre of the Horowhenua district, nestled between the Tararua Ranges to the east and Lake Horowhenua and the Tasman Sea to the west. Ten minute access to the ranges and 15 minute access to the beach.
- Our school of 680 local students is in a small friendly community of approximately 19,000 people and does not usually experience the problems or distractions associated with the cities.
- Close access to 2 cities: Palmerston North 30 minutes, Wellington one hour
- For more information, please refer to the International section of our website at www.horowhenua.school.nz

Flexibility

- A student can enrol **at any time**, for whatever period of time that suits
- Students can study subjects at more than one class level, at the same time
- Class numbers are small, usually with fewer than 25 students
- Students age can range from 12 years to 20 years
- There is no entry test. All that is required is that a student has a good character and a willingness to learn. Our school motto is "success for all students". Our excellent teachers will ensure success.
- We enrol students regardless of their English skills because our ESOL is welcoming all year long

Success

- Feedback from our Agents is that we are a very caring school and that our host families are described as kind, friendly, interested and supportive of the students
- Seeing International students gaining University Entrance which makes them eligible for tertiary study in NZ or their own country or the USA or Australia.

We begin 2011 with our two day Orientation programme and BBQ for international students and their host families on the farm with lake for ski biscuiting (Lord of the Rings site). We wish you all the compliments of the season and all the very best for 2011.

Robyn Keeling