Northcote College is an environment where students have a love of learning, think critically, strive to excel in all fields of endeavour, respect themselves and others for their differences and contribute positively in all walks of life.
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AUCKLAND AND THE NORTH SHORE

Studying at Northcote College means students are in the heart of New Zealand’s largest and most vibrant city. With a population of 1.5 million, Auckland is recognised as an education destination. Established in 1877, Northcote College is one of the city’s oldest schools. It has a proud history of excellence and is a highly regarded state co-educational secondary school. Students feel valued, supported and encouraged to achieve their individual goals. International students have the chance to achieve academically and in leadership roles.

The school is located on the beautiful North Shore, an historical part of Auckland. Known as the ‘lifestyle city’, the North Shore has boutique shops, heritage areas and sandy beaches combined with award winning cafes and excellent sporting facilities. Two national university campuses are located here.

AN INTERNATIONAL CHOICE

Northcote College attracts international students from a wide range of countries. Each year the school is enriched by these students who come to take advantage of the learning opportunities the school offers. Northcote College has earned a reputation as a quality provider of international student education. Students are welcomed and encouraged to integrate into all aspects of school and community life.

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AUCKLAND

Population: 1.5 million
Ranked in the top 10 liveable cities in the world
Climate:
Summer 22-25°C Winter 10-15°C
Autumn 16-20°C Spring 18-20°C

NEW ZEALAND

Population: 4.5 million
Ranked number 1 for social progress
One of the highest ranked countries for living conditions
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“There is good support for international students at Northcote College. I had an amazing experience and made a lot of friends. I enjoyed living with my host family. This was a good way to learn more about New Zealand culture and improve my English. The family were so nice and always willing to help me.”
Northcote College offers high quality learning opportunities in an academic environment where students can excel. The school rates among the top performing schools consistently achieving results well above the average in the national examinations. Well qualified, experienced teachers work hard to ensure students succeed. An enrichment programme is in place for students with exceptional academic ability.

The school follows the national curriculum with a wide range of subject choices which include specialist English classes.

The Government’s Education Review Office stated:

“Relationships between teachers and students are friendly and mutually respectful. Teaching and learning provisions continue to be underpinned by strong, well organised pastoral care services that include many student-led support initiatives. The school’s motto of ‘giving service to others’ is actively promoted by the principal, staff and student leaders. This results in a very positive school culture that supports learning and achievement.”
OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

• 2013 Winners Spanish Debating Competition
• 2012 New Zealand Scholarship Top Subject Scholarship Award winner in Photography
• 2012 Top Score in the Year 11 ICAS Writing examination
• Students achieve consistently in the top 5% of New Zealand’s elite Scholarship examination
• Students at the top level in International Mathematics Competitions.
A large, beautiful campus provides the basis of a well resourced school. The range of specialist teaching areas include modern Science laboratories, technology classrooms, computer rooms, specialist subject classrooms, a comprehensive library, an audiovisual centre and performance areas.

Sporting facilities include a heated swimming pool, a gymnasium, tennis courts, basketball courts, a sports pavilion and four large sports fields.

Students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities. Participation in a wide range of seasonal sporting codes is organised by a sports coordinator. Teams compete at all levels up to national competitions. An elite sports academy offers support and training programmes for students who are achieving at the top of their sports. The drama, art and the music departments have enviable reputations for national successes.

Recent successes include:
2014 English teacher is awarded a Woolf Fisher Fellowship
2014 History teacher awarded a study grant to the United States
2014 Student selected for the Youth Environmental Leadership Forum
2013 Chemistry teacher publishes an NCEA Chemistry textbook
2013 Student representative in the Youth Parliament
2012 History teacher publishes an NCEA History textbook
Students participate in the annual Model United Nations Assembly

Other opportunities to be involved in the life of the school include such groups as debating, cultural groups, business teams, the environment programme and the annual talent quest.
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“Hello my name is Felipe
I am from the north of Brazil. I’m in New Zealand for one year with the aim to learn a new language and a new culture. My learning has improved a lot since I came. My English is much better and I learnt about the many qualities of this culture. Northcote College is a great school. You have all the support you need and everyone will be friendly and engaging with you.”
Northcote College international students are successful academically and also enjoy the experience of living and studying in another country. The safety and welfare of students is our priority.

The friendly, experienced and dedicated international office is committed to supporting every student’s needs. In addition, the school’s specialist support services including deans, form teachers, health professionals, the guidance team and bilingual teachers work together to ensure the welfare of each student.

The comprehensive orientation programmes we offer ensure students adjust to their new lifestyle and new school environment.

Northcote College administers its own homestay programme where families are carefully selected and monitored. Students living in the supportive environment of a homestay find that it is an enjoyable experience which provides opportunities to learn about the culture and lifestyle and to make new friends. Students are met at the airport and introduced to their homestay families.
"I chose Northcote College as my school for my time in New Zealand and it was a really good choice. Northcote College is a very big school. There are many buildings, fields and even a pool. There are many very interesting subjects. International students fast get the feeling that they are welcome because the school has an international office which gives them the help they need."

Paula
CODE OF PRACTICE

Northcote College has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students. Copies of the Code are available from the NZQA website at www.nzqa.govt.nz.

IMMIGRATION

Full details of immigration requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available from Immigration New Zealand, and can be viewed on their website at www.immigration.govt.nz.

ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH SERVICES

Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you may be liable for the full costs of that treatment. Full details on entitlements to publicly funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health, and can be viewed on their website at www.moh.govt.nz.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents, and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website at www.acc.co.nz.

MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

International students (including group students) must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance while in New Zealand.

FEES PROTECTION

All fees paid for courses at Northcote College are held in Trust pending the delivery of a course.
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“Thanks to the teachers and the international office, studying at Northcote College has been a good experience for me. I enjoy the subjects. The teachers’ kindness, professionalism and thoughtfulness helped me to learn. The teachers focus on how to understand. There are large sports grounds and many sports to choose from.”