

Tahatai Coast School



Living in New Zealand 2022.



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Together we inspire each other to be the best we can be.



Kia Ora, Welcome!

Living in New Zealand

New Zealand is world-famous for its friendly people, spectacular landscape and relaxed lifestyle, New Zealand is an unbeatable place to live and study.

This website will give you very good information about moving to, living, studying, working and investing in New Zealand.

<https://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/living-in-nz/housing>

Where could you live?

New Zealand's relaxed pace of life gives you the time to enjoy everything our vibrant modern cities have to offer. Enjoy live music, theatre, film, dance, free festivals or international sports fixtures, or hang out with your new friends at a cafe, restaurant or bar.

Most of our cities and towns are relatively small and uncrowded, making your daily commute easier and faster than back home. Wherever you live, you won't be far from beaches, parks, walking trails and cycle tracks.

What would daily life be like?

The size of the UK or Japan but with a population of only 4.6 million people, New Zealand gives you room to breathe and the space to be yourself.

New Zealand consistently leads world quality of life studies, and we have a great work-life balance. Kiwis believe in balancing a good day's work or study with time after work and on the weekends to catch up with family and friends, enjoy hobbies and explore nature.

How safe is New Zealand?

New Zealand is one of the safest and friendliest places you can choose for your studies. In 2016, we were named the world's fourth most peaceful country by the Global Peace Index, and the world's least corrupt country by Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index.

Your education provider will have signed a code of pastoral care aimed at ensuring you have the care and support you need to have a successful study experience in New Zealand.

Accommodation

The cost of accommodation will vary depending on how you want to live. The national median rent for a three bedroom house was NZ\$500 - 600 per week.

With a homestay you live with a New Zealand family in their home, usually in a fully furnished room of your own. They'll provide you with meals and help you to settle in to day-to-day life in New Zealand. A homestay is a great way to get to know some friendly New Zealanders, develop your English skills and get a close-up look at New Zealand's way of life and culture. The weekly cost for this is approximately \$250 per week.



Cost of living

As part of your student visa application, you must provide evidence that you can cover your living expenses while studying in New Zealand.

If you will be studying in New Zealand for more than one year, you'll need to prove that you have at least \$15,000 to support yourself for the first year. If you're studying for less than a year, you must have at least \$1250 for each month of study to contribute to your living expenses.

Living costs will depend on your lifestyle and which part of the country you live in. Some costs vary by region. For example, you may need to travel more in the main centres, and transport costs may be more expensive than in your home country.

As an example of how much to budget for, Victoria University recommends that students allow between \$18,000-\$27,000 each year, the University of Auckland recommends \$20,000-\$25,000, the University of Otago recommends \$15,000-\$17,000 and Massey University recommends \$15,000-\$18,000.

Food

The University of Otago's estimated weekly food costs for a basic healthy diet for an adult man in 2016 were: Auckland \$64, Wellington \$64, Christchurch \$63, and Dunedin \$65. Prices vary depending on where you choose to shop.

Phone and internet

Choose from monthly account plans or pre-paid plans for mobile phones. A pre-paid plan that includes calling, texting and data starts at about \$19. Free Wi-Fi is available in central Auckland, Wellington, Rotorua and Dunedin.

<https://www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/live-work/cost-of-living>

What qualifications will I get if I study in New Zealand?

This website will give you very good information about the types of qualifications you can gain by studying in New Zealand and important information that relates to being an international student in New Zealand.

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/studying-in-new-zealand/>

Our City

Tauranga is a harbourside city in the Bay of Plenty region on New Zealand's North Island. It hosts historic buildings like the Elms Mission Station, an 1847 Georgian-style home. A bridge over the harbour connects Tauranga to Mount Maunganui, a beach town with hot saltwater pools and an extinct namesake volcano with winding walking paths. Offshore is the active volcano White Island, accessible by helicopter or boat.



Tauranga city is the most populous city of the Bay of Plenty region of the North Island of New Zealand. The city lies in the north-western corner of the Bay of Plenty, on the south-eastern edge of Tauranga harbour. Tauranga city expands over an area of 168 square kilometres and encompasses the suburbs of Bethlehem, Greerton, Matua, Maungatapu, Mount Maunganui, Otumoetai, Papamoa, Tauranga South and Welcome Bay.



The Tauranga region also includes the urban centres of Waihi, Katikati, Omokoroa, Te Puna, Te Puke and Maketu.

The area is one of New Zealand's top holiday destinations for New

Zealanders and international travellers alike. Boasting the sunniest region on the North Island, it is a great year round destination.

The Tauranga region is renowned for its horticulture, with large orchards spanning across the area. Over eighty per cent of New Zealand's kiwifruit exports are grown in the Bay of Plenty. The agricultural industry also thrives, along with aquaculture, marine, specialised manufacturing, supply chain and logistics.



Our Area

Papamoa is the largest suburb in Tauranga City. It features 16km of beautiful white sand beach and is located in the Bay of Plenty region - on the northeastern coast of the North Island of New Zealand.

Papamoa is currently one of the fastest growing areas in New Zealand. New, modern homes and facilities are being rapidly developed. Our roads are new and ensure it is easy to access our surrounding local places of interest.

Papamoa is a very safe and friendly area with modern facilities such as shopping centres, library, restaurants, cars and cafes. A well resourced sports and recreation centre offers a vast range of activities to get involved in such as: athletics, tennis, rugby, soccer and martial arts.



Our School

Tahatai Coast School caters for students aged 5 - 11 years old and has a roll of approximately 700 students. Our classrooms are modern learning environments and we can be flexible in the way these are used. An astroturf court, a sand pit, and play equipment are at the centre of the school. A large grassed field is used for sports while two adventure playgrounds challenge our students. Our spacious hall and stage offer an excellent platform for performance. The school library is very well stocked and offers an extensive variety of reading material. Tahatai Coast School has a compulsory uniform. From Tahatai Coast School it is a very quick walk to Papamoa Beach (5 minutes) or drive to Mount Maunganui (10 minutes) or Tauranga CBD (15 minutes).

Students will be placed in a classroom with students of a similar age. They will receive English lessons with the frequency of these depending on their ability and needs. Our school offers many extra-curricular activities such as singing, music, performing arts and sports all year round.

