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Welcome to New Zealand Western Springs College

- A top state secondary school in New Zealand.
- Outstanding award-winning Principal.
- Extensive curriculum providing excellent choice from a wide range of courses.
- High level of pastoral care commended by the Education Review Office.
- Centrally situated in beautiful green surroundings, only 6 kilometres from the CBD.
- An extensive range of extracurricular opportunities. Including a wide choice of sports and the best performing arts centre in Auckland.
- Medium-sized school—1100 students (55 international students) means high level of individual attention



Josefina Aguiluz—Chile—17 years



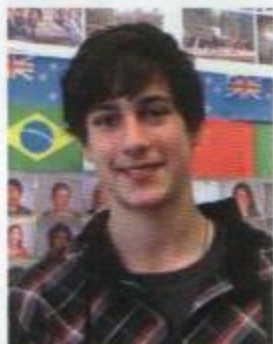
Western Springs College has a great diversity of people who all respect each other. You can choose your subjects; and after study still have time with friends. New Zealand people are very friendly, the lifestyle is relaxed, not so competitive. I love History and Biology, Soft Materials and Food Technology. I want to study medicine. This is a chance to relax and enjoy my life while I learn English and experience the culture.

Yen-Yu Chen—Taiwan—17 years



At Western Springs College the people are so outgoing. I really enjoy it here. And I love the New Zealand scenery—it is very beautiful. My favourite subject is Graphics. I want to study design or architecture in New Zealand when I finish school, and my studies at Western Springs College are helping me to prepare for this.

Léo Cressant—France—14 years



The staff and students at Western Springs College are so friendly. The work here is easier, and the school day finishes earlier. New Zealand has very beautiful countryside. My favourite subject is Physical Education. In the future I hope to study something to do with sports.

Na Rae Kim—Korea—18 years.



In Korea my school finishes at 10pm, so I really like it that school here finishes much earlier. I am enjoying the sea views here in New Zealand. And I like the people very much. My favourite subjects are Calculus and Chemistry. I hope to study Engineering at University, and my studies here are preparing me well for that.

Hanae Kamei—Japan—18 years



At Western Springs College the teachers are very kind, and the students friendly. In New Zealand life is more relaxed, less busy. I enjoy the nature. My favourite subject is Design. I want to study Art or Graphic Design and my studies here are very much help for me. This subject is not available for study in my Japanese high school.

Philipp Liske—Germany—17 years



The teachers here are so cool—they like the students. All is so easy, and there are more interesting subjects. I find the New Zealand people really nice. I just enjoy the time here. I like Physical Education and Drama. I cannot study Drama in Germany. I want to enjoy my young time—maybe study seriously at 25. Here my English becomes much better—I can really improve my drama skills.

Yechan Kim—South Korea—16 years



The teachers here really help international students. I have heaps of friends—and there is no uniform! It is very peaceful in New Zealand. My favourite subjects are Music and Science. I would like to be an Aeroplane Engineer and be a Musician as a hobby. Studying at Western Springs College is especially helpful for my music.

Zhe Wu—China—17 years



I like being able to talk about your work in class, which is not allowed in China. New Zealand people are friendly, helpful and very caring. I really like ESOL, Mathematics, Health and Art. I hope to study Early Childhood Education in New Zealand. Coming to Western Springs College really helps with my English.

Mariana Oliveira—Brazil—16 years



Joanne is amazing! She always helps me. And I like the classes here. New Zealand is so clean. There is no violence, so I can take the bus and go out. My favourite subject is Physical Education—I love sports and I like the teacher. I want to study Physical Education at University, and at Western Springs College I can study skills and sports not available at my school in Brazil.

Timo Lackmann—Germany—16 years



The teachers and pupils are like friends, which I really enjoy. The breaks are longer, so you can play sport or talk with friends. Living in New Zealand feels like a holiday—the beaches are great! I like Media and Hard Material Technology. I plan to study Engineering at University. Western Springs College is a great experience for meeting people and making new friends.

Hanna Maixner—Austria—16 years



I enjoy the long breaks at school, and the classes start later than in Austria, so you can sleep later! I like being in New Zealand—I enjoy the warmer climate, the plants, the people and the language. My favourite subjects are Biology and Graphics. I have too many plans for the future—I don't know yet what I will choose.

Luisa Weissner—Germany—16 years



You can be more relaxed with teachers here. The breaks are better and the canteen food is great. New Zealand people are very friendly and helpful, especially if they know you are not from here. I like Dance and Food Technology (which is not available in Germany). I plan to travel before University. Here I can really improve my English and I've decided also to study French.

Ana Eliza Costa—Brazil—16 years



At Western Springs College there is no uniform—in Brazil this is very strict. And lots of food at the canteen. In New Zealand it is safe to use buses, so I feel more independent. I love the scenery and activities, especially the beach. I enjoy French, English and Physical Education. In the future I may work with exchange students. Joanne is my example! Here I learn English and get to know myself better.

Hannes Bothfeld—Germany—17 years



The relationship between teachers and students is very relaxed. People are open-minded and it's easy to make friends. New Zealanders are very nice, really friendly and quick to talk to you. I enjoy Drama and Media Studies (which is not available in Germany). In the future I plan to go to Drama School. Western Springs really supports Drama, which I think will be good for my career.

Gabriel Soares—16 years—Brazil



This is a top school. The location is easy and the teachers are good and kind. New Zealand is beautiful and very secure. I have a good homestay. I really like Biology. In the future I want to study Agriculture because my family has a farm.

Camila Nogueira—Brazil—16 years



Here I can choose subjects that interest me: I learned professional dancing; I was trained to be a confident drama performer. We meet different people in each class. I feel so secure in New Zealand. I feel be more independent. I plan to study Medicine but since studying different subjects here, maybe I will change my mind. I really look forward to being an international student leader.



Year 12 P.E. students at Mt Ruapehu.



COURSE INFORMATION

Western Springs College offers a modern curriculum with popular courses in subjects such as:

Accounting, Art Design, Art History, Art Painting, Art Photography, Biology, Chemistry, Classical Studies, Dance, Drama, Economics, English, ESOL, French, Geography, Graphics/Design, Health Education, History, Japanese, Maths, Media Studies, Music, Performing Arts Technology, Physical Education, Physics, Science, Sports Academy, Technology - Hard Materials, Technology - Soft Materials (fabric), Technology - Food, Te Reo Maori.

Some classes require that the students have previous study experience in the relevant areas.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Western Springs College has been a top performing state secondary school in New Zealand every year since 2005.

National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) 2008
WSC /National Comparisons:

	WSC	NZ
Literacy	92.0	77.0
Numeracy	98.5	85.0
NCEA Level 1	87.0	68.0
NCEA Level 2	83.5	72.0
NCEA Level 3	70.0	58.0
University Entrance	73.5	49.5