



WAIKATO DIOCESAN
School for Girls

Welcome to the Dio Difference



Waikato Diocesan School for Girls is a state-integrated Anglican school with a roll of around 650 students. With well-established traditions of excellence and an enviable record of academic, sporting and cultural achievements, Dio is widely recognised as one of the highest performing girls' schools in New Zealand.

Introduction from Mary Curran and Special character overview

We welcome around 34 international students each year from a range of countries. Students are accepted at all levels, and are well prepared for tertiary study. The students' learning is supplemented by a specialised English Language programme and subject support.

Pastoral care is an important part of school life and our students' well-being is constantly being monitored. We have ensured that throughout Covid, our support of our International students and their families has been exceptional. The International

Department provides a personalised service including admission and enrolment assistance, accommodation, orientation, language and academic support.

At Waikato Diocesan School we have a strong sense of community. Through this involvement, students develop the moral foundations for good citizenship. We encourage students to have high expectations of themselves, to achieve great success, and thrive in a supportive, positive school environment.



Educating young women

There are many advantages to young women being educated in girls' schools. There are no expectations to fulfill traditional gender stereotypes in the subjects that they study, the activities they participate in or the careers they pursue.

Girls in single sex schools perform better academically than their counterparts in co-educational schools, after holding constant measures of selection, background, peers and school factors (Cabezas, 2010).

Girls' schools create a culture of strong academic achievement and leadership. Dio students are free to pursue academic and extra-curricular excellence in any area they choose – without the competition and social pressure from boys.



A home away from home

Dio families who choose the boarding house for their daughters do so for the caring boarding experience, the all-round education, the special character, and the family atmosphere. Students live with other students from their age group. All meals are included in the fees and each house is centrally heated, carpeted and furnished. There are large lounge areas throughout the boarding houses where the girls can socialise.

Professional, nurturing boarding staff members provide the students with a safe and positive place in which to live and grow. Homework is supervised, subject specialists provide additional tuition if needed and some boarding staff also teach in the day school. The boarding environment encourages supportive friendships, mentors and 'sisters' among the students.

Waikato Diocesan School for Girls' boarding promotes a safe and caring environment in which students can grow into confident, responsible young adults.

The boarding house closes for two to three weekends each term and for end-of term holidays. This is called an "Exeat". Therefore, International Students are required to have an exeat homestay family who care for them during the time they are not in the boarding house. The International Department will arrange a suitable homestay family to ensure your daughter will be happy and well cared for.



Academic Achievement

At Dio, we see school as a place to seek and build knowledge, explore new ideas and work to achieve the highest possible standards.

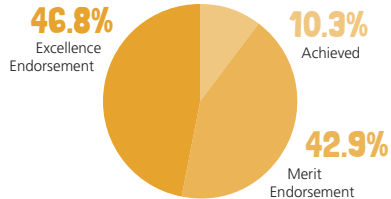
Dio students perform exceptional when compared with national averages across all year levels. The number of Dio students gaining NCEA and University Entrance are significantly greater than the national average. We achieve this success through great teaching and learning and an excellent academic culture. While such national benchmarking is important our primary goal is to challenge each student to achieve at the highest level of which she is capable.

At each level, students are mentored through course selection, goal setting, learning needs, time management, and study skills.

Field trips, visiting speakers, national and international competitions, access to technology and e-learning, and excellent teaching resources and facilities all enhance the learning experience of our students. Every opportunity is taken to give students real-world experiences and hands-on tasks as part of their learning and students are encouraged to extend themselves to reach their full potential, in an environment of healthy challenges.

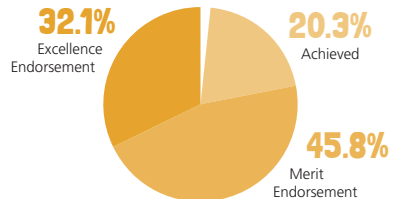
NCEA Level 1

100% of our 2020 Year 11 students gained this certificate



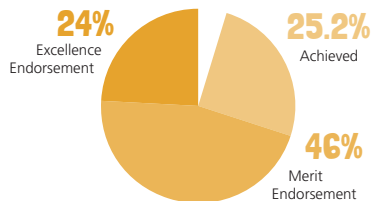
NCEA Level 2

98.5% of our 2020 Year 12 students gained this certificate



NCEA Level 3

95.2% of our 2020 Year 13 students achieved this qualification



English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

In EAP, students learn how to use English language for study in all school subjects.

EAP is available to students for whom English is a second language and who need English language support to enable them to gain credits for achievement of NCEA qualifications. Students are also supported to achieve University Entrance (UE) literacy, which is required for entry to a New Zealand university. The overall aim of the course is to enhance

students' abilities to cope independently with the language and literacy demands of their NCEA work, leading to successful academic performance. Students may receive intensive English language support in small groups through timetabled EAP courses. Support can also be provided as and when required (i.e., when students request it or a need is identified by subject teachers), either within subject classes or through withdrawal of EAP students from a class, individually or in a small group.



“Dio has been a pleasant and memorable time for me, especially in the learning environment in our community. Choosing to be a Dio girl has been one of the best choices for my life..... It’s easy to make friends among the year group and international department.”

– Sarah He, Y10

“My mum recommended Dio at first and I decided to come to Dio after hearing lots of positive feedback from many people. I truly love studying at Dio – The teachers are always willing to help and support, The students are friendly too! Dio provides many sports, cultural and leadership opportunities and I enjoy getting to know lots of new people through these activities.”

– Helen Park, Y13

“I like how the International students unite. I love the common room. It makes it easy to get to know each other and become friends. I value girl’s education and the opportunities my teachers give me in the classroom. They are kind and helpful.”

– Qi Meixan, Y13



We welcome your application

Families or agents can submit the enrollment application.

Create and submit the application.

This will need to include:

- Proof of students identity (photocopy/scan of passport)
- A translated copy of the student's most recent school report
- A written statement (in English) from the student stating her interests, achievements and career plans
- A complete Enrollment Form downloaded from the school website: www.waikatodiocesan.school.nz/international/

To find out more about the many wonderful opportunities available at Dio, check out –

www.waikatodiocesan.school.nz

You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram: **Waikato Diocesan School for Girls**

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STEP 1

If your application is accepted, we will forward to you a Conditional Offer of Place.

STEP 2

Pay the Administration fee as per the invoice to secure the place.

STEP 3

Invoice paid in full by the specified date. (Usually in October before study commences).

STEP 4

The Offer of Place becomes unconditional with this payment and a receipt is issued.

STEP 5

Apply for Student Visa

Full details of visa and permit requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying etc. are available through the New Zealand Immigration Service, and can be viewed on their website:

<http://www.immigration.govt.nz>