



# Rangiora High School



**“A place to study, learn, develop  
and experience New Zealand.”**



“Committed to ensuring all students reach their full potential.”



## The School's Strengths

Rangiora High School was established in 1884 and is one of the oldest schools in New Zealand. It has over 125 years' tradition of excellence in both academic achievement and sporting success. It is set in extensive grounds which cover 49 hectares (120 acres) of land with excellent modern classroom and sporting facilities.

- Highly qualified staff with a strong commitment to student achievement and welfare.
- Extensive academic and sporting programmes.
- A school farm within the campus.
- A large 'city style school' in a safe rural environment.
- A friendly environment for learning, with support in both the school and the home.
- A commitment to ensuring all students reach their full potential.

Rangiora High School is a co-educational, government school with a roll of 1800 students. Students enrol from 12 - 19 years of age.

All students wear uniform. There is a senior and junior uniform.

### Rangiora High School latest ERO Report

[www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/rangiora-high-school-29-07-2016/](http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/rangiora-high-school-29-07-2016/)

## The Academic Programme

Rangiora High School has a reputation for academic excellence and achieves well in national exams and local competitions.

- A wide range of academic subjects to choose from. Year 9 and 10 - 7 subjects and 2 options. Year 11, 12 and 13 - 6 subjects. English is compulsory to Year 12.
- A broad range of both academic and vocational subjects.
- All courses are NZQA approved.



# Student Support

Rangiora High School prides itself in its student care.

- There are qualified staff to assist with academic subjects.
- Counsellors to help with personal needs.
- Careers advisors for future studies.
- Assistance with student visas, banking and insurance.
- Met at the airport and delivered safely to homestays.
- An orientation programme to make sure students understand their new school.
- Regular reports to parents, guardians and agents.

## Accommodation

- All homestays are carefully chosen and assessed by the school.
- Students can choose between farm stays or living in the town.
- Students all have their own room, 3 meals a day and laundry facilities.
- Students are placed in local families.
- No two students from the same language background are in the same family.



# English Language Support

- Intensive English language classes for beginner students.
- Small class sizes.
- From 4 - 16 hours per week.
- Beginner through to advanced levels.
- University Entrance Level 2 classes.
- NCEA qualifications at Level 1 and 2.



# End of Year Programme

Rangiora High School offers a four week End of Year Programme for international students who are not sitting NCEA. The programme is a mix of onsite school based activities and experiencing local attractions. Some of the activities include surf life saving, surf education, surfing, swimming, visiting the zoo or wildlife park, Adrenaline Forest High Ropes, rock climbing, archery and a farewell BBQ.



# Extra Activities Available

All students are encouraged to balance their academic education with extra curricular activities. There is a wide range of sporting, cultural, artistic and musical activities.

There are three gymnasiums, a local swimming pool, tennis courts, squash courts and sports' fields.

Students can choose: music lessons, orchestra, choir, drama, Maori culture groups, environment club as well as many sports such as: soccer, basketball, volleyball, tennis, kayaking, canoe polo, rugby, squash, netball, table tennis, badminton, cricket, athletics, softball and touch rugby.





## Horse Riding

Rangiora is a popular town for riding. Students can choose to live in the countryside with a family who have their own horses and riding at home. The school arranges professional riding lessons within the school timetable as well as Equine Studies as a subject at school.

### Opportunities to learn:

- Professional riding lessons - learn to ride or improve on your riding skills in dressage, eventing and jumping. You can take a lesson every week with a professional riding tutor.
- Horse grooming and care.
- Dressage, eventing and show jumping - students with or without previous riding experience have opportunities to join local pony and horse events.
- Horse Polo - learn Polo and enter tournaments.
- Horse trekking - during your stay you can join horse treks to see the wonderful scenery of New Zealand. You can have opportunities to go on day treks or longer treks with local riding schools.
- Equine Studies - a school subject with a focus on the horse industry. There are opportunities in the classes to ride and to attend two equine camps per year, as well as gaining NCEA credits at Level 2.
- Riding at home - you can live with a family with horses and exercise the horses after school or in the weekends.

## School Farm

Rangiora High School has its own farm on site, so students can take a variety of subjects which involve agriculture or horticulture. These classes are a good opportunity to gain skills and experience in the science of farming and animal care.

### Opportunities to learn:

- Agriculture - animal reproduction and health, soils, plants and the environment. Level 1.
- Agriculture and Animal Husbandry - students study the applied biology of livestock and management of the environment. Levels 2 and 3.
- Animal Husbandry - practical skills in sheep and cattle farming. Level 1.
- Horticulture Science - plant reproduction, propagation and growing environment. Level 1.
- Equine Studies - key knowledge and skills necessary for working with horses. Industry visits and practical work. Level 2.
- Rural Studies - a practical course covering: fencing, stock handling, tractor use, pasture production and livestock management. Levels 2 and 3.





# Adventure Education

Students can experience a wide range of outdoor activities and trips while at Rangiora High School. This programme combines the outdoor opportunities with academic subjects. All activities are supervised by trained instructors.

Activities and trips change each term and depend on the weather. There is one trip away in terms 1, 2 and 3. There is an End of Year Programme in Term 4 with day activities.

### Term 1 - Kaikoura/Nelson/Abel Tasman

See the dolphins, sea kayaking, trekking in the National Park, rafting, waterfalls and hot pools.

### Term 2 - Dunedin/Mt Cook/Queenstown

Jet boating, mountains, lakes, gondola, luge, chocolate factory, seals and penguins.

### Term 3 - West Coast Trip

Glaciers, snow, canopy walks, gold panning, pancake rocks and river kayaking.





## Christchurch

The largest city in the South Island with a population of over 400,000. It has two universities, a polytechnic and many other tertiary training schools. It is often called the Garden City, because of its beautiful gardens and parks. It has an International Airport with flights to Japan, China, Singapore, United States, Hong Kong and Australia.

The climate is dry with temperatures averaging 25°C in the summer and 8°C in the winter. It is an excellent place for students to live and study. The education system is based on the British system and it is known for its friendly people, beautiful scenery and adventure activities.



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## Rangiora

Rangiora is the largest town in North Canterbury with a population of 16,000. Just 30 minutes drive to Christchurch city, it has a wide range of cafes, restaurants, banks, shops, gyms, pools, cinema, parks and a regular bus service into the city. Rangiora is close to the seaside as well as rivers, mountains and ski fields. The students have the benefit of living in a small safe town with easy access to a much bigger city.

