



**NORTHCROSS  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**



## **PREDEPARTURE INFORMATION**

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## WELCOME TO NORTHCROSS

We are delighted to welcome you to Northcross Intermediate School.

Studying in New Zealand is an exciting opportunity, and we understand that travelling to a new country can also feel challenging. Our International Team is here to support you before you arrive and throughout your time at school.

Northcross is a welcoming and multicultural school where students are encouraged to participate, make friends, and grow with confidence. You will experience a balance of academic learning, practical activities, and social opportunities.

# BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

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Before travelling to New Zealand, please make sure you are fully prepared.

## YOU SHOULD BRING:

- A valid passport (at least 6 months validity)
- A current student visa
- Medical and travel insurance documents
- School contact details
- Homestay or caregiver information
- A personal learning device (laptop or Chromebook)

Prepare suitable clothing for Auckland's changeable climate. Layered clothing is recommended.

We strongly recommend arriving a few days before school starts so you can rest and adjust.



# ARRIVAL IN NZ

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When you arrive in New Zealand, you will go through several steps at the airport with your parent or caregiver.

## **AFTER LANDING, YOU WILL:**

- Go through Immigration, where your passport and visa will be checked
- Collect your luggage from the baggage area
- Pass through Customs

If you are staying in a homestay, your family may help you settle in before your first day of school.

If a student is travelling without a parent, airline staff will assist and ensure the student is safely handed over to the approved caregiver.





# SCHOOL LIFE

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Your first days at Northcross will focus on helping you settle into school life.

You will take part in an orientation programme where you will:

- Meet teachers and classmates
- Receive your timetable and stationery
- Learn about school routines and expectations
- Become familiar with the school environment

Students are placed in a homeroom class, which is their main class for the year. Each class is supported by a teacher and includes approximately 30 students.

Students participate in English, Mathematics, Science, Technology, Arts and Physical Education.



# LEARNING SUPPORT

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Northcross provides a range of support to help international students succeed.

Students may receive English language support based on their level. The focus is on speaking, listening, reading and writing so students can participate confidently in class.

## **SUPPORT MAY INCLUDE:**

- Small-group English lessons
- Additional classroom support
- Teacher guidance and feedback
- Regular monitoring of progress

Our goal is to ensure that all students feel supported, confident and able to achieve their best.



# INTERNATIONAL TEAM

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Our International Team is here to support you before your arrival and throughout your time at Northcross.

## WE CAN ASSIST WITH:

### ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Learning, timetable and classroom questions

### FAMILY COMMUNICATION

Communication with parents and caregivers

### HOMESTAY SUPPORT

Accommodation arrangements and concerns

### GENERAL WELLBEING

Help settling in and asking for support





# HOMESTAY LIFE

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Living with a homestay family is an important part of your experience in New Zealand.

## **HOMESTAY PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO:**

- Improve your English
- Learn about New Zealand culture
- Experience daily family life

## **WE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO:**

- Be respectful and polite
- Participate in family activities
- Communicate openly with their host family
- Ask for help when needed

Every family is different. Being flexible and open-minded will help you adjust more easily.



# DAILY LIFE & TRANSPORT

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Students may travel to school using public transport or a school bus.

On the North Shore, buses are the main form of transport. Students will need an AT HOP card, which can be used to pay for bus travel. The AT Mobile App can help you plan your journey.

Public transport may be different from your home country, and buses may be less frequent outside peak hours.

Pocket money is a personal decision. As a general guide, students may need approximately \$10–\$30 per week for personal expenses such as snacks, transport and activities.





## ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Northcross offers a wide range of activities to help students enjoy school life and develop new skills.

### STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN:

- Sports teams and competitions
- Music and performing arts
- Cultural activities and events
- Clubs and interest groups

Taking part is a great way to make friends, build confidence, improve communication skills and enjoy your time at school.

**WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ALL STUDENTS TO GET INVOLVED.**



## EXPECTATIONS & BEHAVIOUR

At Northcross, we expect all students to behave respectfully and responsibly.

### **STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO:**

- Treat others with respect and kindness
- Be on time for school and classes
- Wear the correct school uniform
- Follow school rules at all times

Mobile phones are not allowed during school hours and must be handed in at the start of the day.

These expectations help create a safe and positive environment for everyone.

## FINAL CHECKLIST

Before you leave home,  
please make sure you have:

- ☐ Passport & student visa
- ☐ Medical & travel insurance
- ☐ Personal learning device
- ☐ Homestay contact details
- ☐ School contact information
- ☐ Suitable clothing for the season

If you experience any problems  
during your journey, please  
contact the school.

We look forward to welcoming  
you to Northcross Intermediate  
School.





# SCHOOL MAP

Use this map to find important places around Northcross.

