

We welcome your application

Families or agents can submit the enrollment application.

Create and submit the application.
This will need to include:

- Proof of student 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

To enroll, complete the online form on our school website:
www.waikatodiocesan.school.nz/international/ by clicking the red "ENROL NOW" button.

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

Your application will be reviewed, and if accepted we will organise an interview.

STEP 2

If accepted; you will be forwarded a conditional offer of place.

STEP 3

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

STEP 4

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

STEP 5

The offer of place becomes unconditional with this payment and a receipt is issued.

STEP 6

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:
www.immigration.govt.nz

ESOL support for international students

All International students are tested on arrival to determine their level of proficiency in English and are placed in classes based on their abilities and aspirations. Students will all study English in a mainstream environment, as well as being offered additional support to ensure they are able to attain the goals they set for themselves.

Students will be supported to improve their proficiency in English through targeted ESOL classes, as required, and these classes will enhance students' abilities to cope independently with the language and literacy demands of their NCEA work. This results in successful academic performance across all areas of the curriculum. All International students will be offered small group support,

both within school and after school, as needed, and requests for additional support can be made by both the students and their subject teachers.

EAP (English for Academic Purposes) assessments are 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 through EAP. Students will learn how to use English language for study in all school subject areas, and for effective communication with their peers and their teachers.



"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



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.



WAIKATO DIOCESAN
School for Girls

Introduction from Principal Sonja Maree and special character overview

We welcome up to 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. Their progress is tracked by a dean who has oversight of their academic progress and overall wellbeing.

Pastoral care is an important part of school life and our students' well-being is constantly being monitored. The students are supported by an International Department consisting of a director, dean and homestay coordinator. The level of care that we offer

our students is exceptional. Boarding and homestay accommodation options are available to our students.

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

Waikato Diocesan School for Girls offers a nurturing and enriching educational experience for girls in Years 9-13, welcoming international students to choose between two accommodation options: boarding in our comfortable school hostels or experiencing New Zealand family life with a carefully selected host homestay family.

Boarding at Dio provides a close-knit, supportive community within the school itself. Boarders live in age-group-based houses, enjoying all-inclusive meals, centrally heated and furnished rooms, and spacious lounge areas for socialising. Professional, nurturing boarding staff create a safe and positive home away from home, fostering strong friendships and a sense of belonging.

Our second option, homestay, offers international students the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in New Zealand culture by living with a local family. Homestay students are provided with their own furnished room, all meals, and the chance to experience daily life within a Kiwi family, gaining valuable cultural insights and building lasting relationships.

For international students, both boarding and homestay offer unique benefits. Boarding fosters a strong sense of community within the school, while homestay provides a personalised family



experience and deeper cultural immersion. It's important to note that the boarding house closes for two to three weekends each term (exeats) and end-of-term holidays. Therefore, international students choosing to board are required to have an exeat homestay family to care for them during these times. The International Department will arrange a suitable homestay family to ensure each student's happiness and well-being during exeats.

Waikato Diocesan School for Girls is committed to providing a safe and caring environment where all students can grow into confident, responsible young adults.

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 exceptionally well 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 leaving and students are encouraged to extend themselves to reach their full potential, in an environment of healthy challenges.

While our results may vary from year to year, the statistics highlighted, showcases our achievement rates of our students gaining NCEA in Level 2 and 3.

- **One hundred per cent of students gain Literacy across Level 2 and 3.**
- **One hundred per cent of students in level 2 and 3 gain Numeracy.**

Please note: Waikato Diocesan School for Girls are currently not completing NCEA Level 1. We offer a Waikato Diocesan School for Girls Certificate of Achievement based on their Grade Point Average results. We feel this programme better prepares our students for NCEA Level 2.

**NUMERACY
& LITERACY**

90%

Over 90% of Year 10 students gain NCEA Numeracy & Literacy co-requisites

**NCEA
LEVEL 2**

100%

100% of our Year 12 students gain this certificate

**NCEA
LEVEL 3**

95.3%

95.3% of our Year 13 students gain this certificate

