



TE AROHA COLLEGE

International Prospectus.

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Te Aroha College is a wonderful rural college set in the beautiful town of Te Aroha. The college has been established for 55 years and built up a fine tradition of academic, sporting and cultural excellence.

We cultivate strong relationships with our students and community, fostering collaboration and high-quality learning. Our dedicated teaching team is committed to excellence, values, meaningful connections, and prioritises student success. As a small school, we offer more opportunities for close interactions, allowing friendships to grow through our buddy system.

Te Aroha College provides exceptional support for English learners, with small class sizes that foster a strong academic environment. Our welcoming community offers excellent homestay support for international students, ensuring a safe and nurturing experience.

The school also offers a wide range of sports, including volleyball, basketball, football, badminton, and pickleball, along with PE sessions, music lessons, and opportunities in The Arts, such as drama and kapa haka.

International Students play an important part in exposing our students to the world around them, learning about new countries and cultures and creating friendships that last a lifetime. Through our highly respected International Student programme, visiting students get to experience the New Zealand way of life.

Neil Harray

Te Aroha College Principal



Kia Ora, welcome to Te Aroha College, a small rural College nestled under the beautiful Te Aroha Mountain. We welcome International students from all around the world. Some students come for only a short time to learn, while others stay for a year long experience. During their time we are focussed on providing our International learners a Kiwi experience with Kiwi buddies to guide you during your time at our school. We look forward to being part of your International Journey.

Megan Diprose

Te Aroha College International Director



"Te Aroha teachers and students are so nice. International teachers are especially kind...The host family is kind and gave me a lot of experiences. I'm living a very happy life."

- KOHANA, AGED 15



CO-EDUCATIONAL



12-19
AGE RANGE



400
TOTAL STUDENTS



10-12
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS



ESTABLISHED
OVER 55 YEARS



MANY SPORTING
OPPORTUNITIES

Te Aroha New Zealand.

Te Aroha is a rural town in New Zealand's Waikato region, nestled at the base of Mount Te Aroha, the highest peak in the Kaimai Range. The mountain's name, derived from Te Aroha-a-uta (meaning "love flowing inland"), reflects a deep longing for a homeland, with various Māori oral traditions explaining its origins.



POPULATION:
4,760



LOCATED UNDER
MT TE AROHA

100

100 KM FROM
ROTORUA

140

140 KM FROM
AUCKLAND

Short Term Group Stays.

We offer international groups the opportunity to bring their students to experience life in Te Aroha. Working closely with your group's agent, we create a tailored programme to suit your students' needs and interests. Each student is paired with a Kiwi Buddy, giving them the chance to participate in classroom learning and daily school life alongside a local student.

ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE:

- Pōwhiri (Traditional Māori Welcome)
- Outdoor Education Sessions
- ESOL Support
- Cooking Classes
- Flax Weaving
- Maths & Financial Literacy with Kiwi Students
- Wetland Walks
- Town Scavenger Hunt
- New Zealand Art Classes
- In-Class Time with Buddies

There may also be opportunities to visit local primary schools and explore the wider Te Aroha area for a broader cultural experience.

HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION

Homestay is available for all students joining us for short-term, long-term, or group stays. It offers a safe and welcoming environment where students can experience everyday life with a New Zealand family, improve their English, and build meaningful connections in the community.

Living with a local family allows students to immerse themselves in Kiwi culture while enjoying the comfort and care of a home away from home. All homestay families are carefully selected and supported to ensure a positive experience. We work closely with both students and families to ensure a great match and provide ongoing support throughout the stay.



"Te Aroha is a good town. We can play sports that are not in Japan. Te Aroha has a lot of nature and the people are kind so I am comfortable living here. I am glad to come to Te Aroha College. Students often talk to me so I can make friends easily. They are friendly. Teachers are kind and teach me enthusiastically."

- KONO

Opportunities at Te Aroha.

SPORTS & CULTURE

Our school has a strong tradition in sports and culture, excelling in Volleyball and Basketball, with national representatives. We field teams in Rugby, Football, Netball, Hockey, Cricket, and more, while also supporting individual sports like Mountain Biking, E-sport, and Powerlifting.

Students can participate in Showquest, school productions, talent events, International Evening, Kapa haka, Māori Performing Arts, and various Music and Arts activities, including learning instruments.

TE AROHA STUDENT GOALS:

- Build Positive, Respectful Relationships.
- Build Excellence through Motivation.
- Build Resilience.

CAMPS & OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES

Te Aroha College offers a rich outdoor programme, allowing students to explore the environment while building leadership and lifelong memories. Opportunities exist at all year levels, with senior students taking on leadership roles in Years 12 and 13.

ESOL

Our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes for international students help learners improve their English skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. The programme is designed to support students at all levels and create a positive environment for learning and integration. Through collaborative activities, games, and structured lessons, students gain the tools they need to thrive at school and beyond.



Activity & Trip Options.

In addition to our Outdoor Education and End of Year Programmes, we offer a wonderful variety of overnight and day activities available for students.

Some we organise ourselves and some are offered through our trusted local tour operators who specialise in holiday tours and trips for international students.

From exploring the geothermal wonders of Rotorua and the glowworm-lit caves of Waitomo, to the thrill of white water rafting and kayaking adventures, there's something for everyone. Leadership camps offer a chance to build confidence and teamwork skills in a supportive setting, while each experience encourages personal growth and connection with others.



"I recommend studying in Te Aroha! People in Te Aroha are very kind and friendly. Furthermore you can play many sports such as soccer, basketball, volleyball, badminton, swimming, pickleball, squash, tennis, and so on. People of all generations enjoy playing sports, so you can be friends!"

- TOMONARI, AGED 16

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