



**BETHLEHEM
COLLEGE**

**EXCELLENCE
through CHRIST**

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TAURANGA, BAY OF PLENTY, NEW ZEALAND

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Bethlehem College is a unique school, with a special character.

We are a co-educational, state-integrated (1/2 private & 1/2 public), Christian school, incorporating 3 schools in 1. Primary, Intermediate and Secondary. We enrol students from Years 1 – 13 (or 5 – 18 years of age). Bethlehem College has a roll of 1900+ students, including 85+ international students typically from countries including Brazil, China, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Vietnam, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Chile.

We encourage students to strive for excellence in all things. We have clear, high expectations for the academic progress of each of our students, alongside a commitment to service, leadership, cultural and sporting endeavours.

LOCATION

Bethlehem College is situated in the beautiful coastal city of Tauranga, approximately 2.5 hours south of Auckland. Tauranga has a mild, pleasant climate and is a top holiday and tourist destination, with the attraction of sun, surf and sand. Tauranga has a vibrant, multi-cultural community, with a fast growing population, now the 5th largest city in NZ.



SUPPORT

The most recent Education Review Report published for Bethlehem College stated, 'The College has sound and well-established processes for the provision of pastoral care of international students. There is a strong emphasis on providing a supportive family-like environment for international students and ensuring that they are well integrated into the life of the College. Those international students who do not have English as their first language receive effective support from specialist teachers.'

SPECIAL CHARACTER

Bethlehem College has four brand pillars, based on the many parts that combine to form the 'complete education' on offer. Students have opportunities to excel in all four areas.

○ CHALLENGING THE INTELLECTUAL

- Provide an advanced English literacy programme.
- Strong academic accountability and support.
- Variety of subject choices.
- Pathways to University and/or Tertiary studies.
- 2024 NCEA Results: Level 2 - 90%, Level 3 - 85%, University Entrance - 71%

△ DEVELOPING THE CULTURAL

- Well renowned music programme, with many opportunities in vocals and music.
- Private lessons/tuition available.

□ EXERCISING THE PHYSICAL

- Many sporting codes available, but most popular are: badminton, basketball, football, hockey, netball, rugby and volleyball.

◇ SHAPING THE MORAL

- Uphold traditional values with opportunities to serve in mission trips, both locally and overseas.

FACILITIES

Bethlehem Campus is situated on 140 acres of land, on the outskirts of the city. The Campus includes the College, a Kindergarten and a Tertiary Institute. From the moment you enter the school gates, there is a sense of peace and spaciousness, as you are surrounded by the beautifully landscaped grounds, multiple outdoor playing areas, and purpose built facilities. These include:

- Our Chapel (historic building),
- Specialist Classrooms (science, technology, computers, art, cooking),
- Indoor Sports Centre including a gymnasium, weights & exercise room, changing rooms, etc.,
- Sport Fields (cricket, football, hockey, rugby, tennis),
- Performing Arts Centre including a theatre, dedicated rehearsal and practice rooms, recording studio,
- And much more.

ACCOMMODATION

International students are placed with carefully selected, friendly, experienced host families. Homestays are chosen to meet the needs and interests of each individual student, providing a supportive environment to practice English and learn cultural diversity. Each family is visited, interviewed and monitored by our staff, and also vetted by the NZ Police.

TERM 4 ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Bethlehem College offers a special programme in November, for those senior students who are not sitting the NZ national exams. We offer a great range of activities (based on student interest) such as; Black Water Rafting, Cathedral Cove, Glass Blowing, High Ropes, Hobbiton, Jet boating, Luge, Mountain Biking, Tongariro Crossing, Waitomo Caves, White Water Rafting, Zip Lining, and day trips to Auckland, Rotorua or Taupo.

We also offer ongoing English tutoring and service opportunities.

