



*Our place*



Proud of who we are, what we know and  
what we can achieve.

# Tēnā koutou!

## *A warm welcome to you.*

Pinehurst is one of New Zealand's leading independent schools. We offer children care, guidance and exceptional opportunities, in and out of the classroom, from the age of 5 to the final days a young person has in school before heading to university or the world of work.

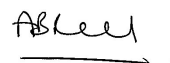
Our school is in Albany, on Auckland's North Shore. Our grounds are large, green and fringed with trees; but our school is small enough to ensure that nobody gets lost. You will find a calm, settled atmosphere in the classroom and around the school.

There are approximately 1000 students in total, and we think that this is the perfect number: everybody knows who everyone is, and we are large enough to offer a wide range of opportunities inside and outside the classroom. We also have clear expectations of students' conduct, which are nearly always exceeded by our wonderful young people.

When we were established in 1991, the founding Board created the "Pinehurst Triangle", a way of describing the importance of the relationship between the child, the parent and the school. The Pinehurst Triangle matters to us: when parents join our community, they find they are asked to express their views more than they expect. We really do listen and we think of our school as a place that belongs to us all.

We welcome all visitors, whether you have been part of our community for years or are looking for a new school for your child. Please have a look around our website, [pinehurst.school.nz](http://pinehurst.school.nz), and contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Ngā mihi



Alex Reed  
Executive Principal



Our community is an inclusive one: we know that it takes all of us, working closely together, to support every child to be successful.



Nothing matters more than the relationship between a teacher and a young person. It's the foundation of learning, and supports the happiness of the whole community.

## Our Community

The Pinehurst community cares for each other: ours is a family. As in all families, there is a diversity of views and opinions, and we encourage those to be expressed within the context of our mutual respect for each other. That said, there are core values which inform all we do.

Pinehurst's mission includes providing each student with an excellent education in a safe, supportive environment that promotes self-discipline, leadership, motivation and excellence in learning. This is something that we all believe in, and that we expect our whole community to support.

We want students to develop skills to become independent and self-sufficient adults who will succeed and contribute responsibly in the global community. Ours is a community led by values.

## Pastoral Care

Older students are actively encouraged to support younger students, a very special feature of our school. Our Progressive Ongoing Development System (PODs) are for students from Year 9 to 13, led by senior students who are trained to work with the younger children in the group. We pair our PODs with Homeroom and Primary classes as well, making connections between all ages in the school. We have an excellent peer tutoring scheme which involves many of our students, and our strong service leadership programme is always being further developed.

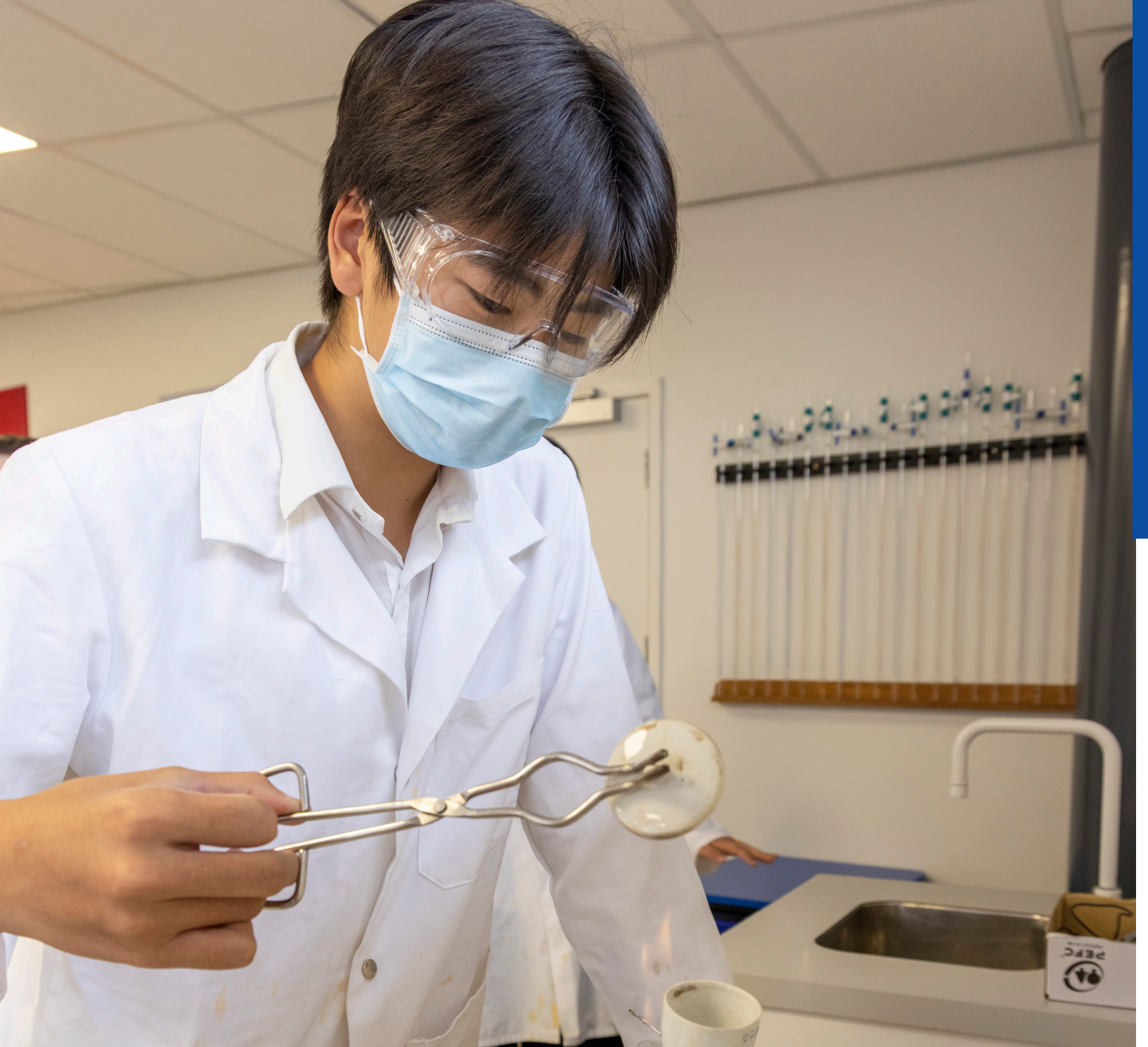
We have clear expectations of students' conduct, which are often exceeded. Our expectations are supported by our class teachers in the Primary School, our Homeroom teachers in Year 7 and 8, and our POD teachers in Year 9 to 13.

Every one of our young people and parents know who to turn to if they need support. Our Syndicate Leaders, Deans and Senior Leaders are always available.

We know that childhood is a period of many changes: when you join our community, you join a school where we work hard to make sure that every transition is supported and is as smooth as possible. We listen and we work with parents and students, using our experience, to ensure that each transition stage is seamless.

We have a School Counsellor who works with our students and parents when they need support. She also runs programmes to help our young people develop into more resilient children and young adults. We offer programmes aimed at supporting parents as well: we support the whole community.





100% pass rate at  
A Level

We want our school to prepare our young people to enjoy life as well as to succeed, and that means we want to give every student the chance to take part in many activities, and to excel wherever they can.



## Cambridge Curriculum

We teach Cambridge from Year 1-13. We were the first school in New Zealand to do so, and have teachers who know how to make the assessment system work for every single child. That means that we have a secure, internationally-recognised, stable and rigorous assessment framework. It is supported internally, nationally and internationally by other teachers; and it is welcomed by every one of the world's best universities.

At Pinehurst School we make sure that Cambridge helps every single student achieve beyond their expectations.

Our class sizes are generally up to 23 in the Primary school, between 15 and 25 in Years 7-9, and averaging around 15 in Year 10-13. In Year 12-13, it's not unusual to have classes of fewer than 10 students. Small classes lead to individual attention, and the time to devise approaches that address every student's learning.

## Individual Focus

The Cambridge curriculum provides a wide range of academic and vocational choices, allowing each student to select and embrace courses that best match their individual talents.

The Cambridge International Programme starts in the Primary School and gives Pinehurst the framework to develop students' Mathematics, English and Science skills, complementing the New Zealand National Curriculum.

From IGCSE level (Year 10), the subject options, beyond the compulsory English and Mathematics classes, provide enough choices to cater for all fields of interests: Accounting, Art and Design, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computer Science, Design Technology, Drama, Economics, Environmental Management, Geography, Global Perspectives, History, Mandarin, Music, Physical Education, Physics and Spanish.

In Year 12 and Year 13, our AS and A Level programme includes all of the IGCSE subjects, and adds Psychology and Digital Media to the wide range of options.

## Pinehurst Sports

We have an extensive sports programme, run by dedicated sports staff and expert teachers, from Year 1 to Year 13. We usually run more than 15 basketball and netball teams throughout the school, and have well-organised programmes in other sports such as hockey, football, water polo, equestrian, touch, tennis, athletics and cross-country, badminton, table tennis and orienteering. We have teams in lacrosse, cricket, volleyball and gym sports as well. Our golf team is one of the best in the country, regularly winning the Auckland Championships. Our programme is constantly developing and our approach is to encourage all our young people to get involved. Our students enjoy playing a host of sports where they take part in regular competitions or zone competitions.

Pinehurst runs the North Shore's largest netball competition, Kidzplay, entering numerous teams every year. We have two gymnasiums, large attractive playing fields, netball courts, and tennis courts. We also utilise the world class Millennium Centre, located within a ten minute drive of the school, and the Northern Arena Swimming Centre.

## Pinehurst Camps

Pinehurst runs camps from Year 3-13, with onsite camp experiences from Year 0-2. Our camps challenge a young person on many levels, with a range of activities such as horse riding, archery, kayaking, flying fox, wall and rock climbing, overnight survivor activities, mud runs, water slides, tramping, and high ropes. It also teaches problem solving skills, by taking children away from home and out of personal comfort zones.

Our Year 9 'Out There' Camp, for example, is designed to build on and enhance essential life skills such as 'managing self', resilience and independence as well as working together in a team. The camp is split into two sections: half the week is spent on land at Ocean's Beach in Whangarei Heads and the other half of the week is spent on water, sailing either North or South through the Hauraki Gulf.



Our students strive for individual excellence not only in academic subjects but also sports, the arts and life skills.





## Theatre & Music

We have an impressive range of creative opportunities: we run annual productions in College, and regular shows in Primary, fusing music, drama and dance into a huge show. There are many other opportunities to perform, and we are proud of our growing musical programme. A third of our students have individual musical instrument tuition, and we have an orchestra, as well as bands, and choirs open to both Primary and College musicians.

Our new Pinehurst Theatre will showcase our students' musical and dramatic talents. It will be a technically-sophisticated, modern auditorium with superb facilities in place.

We are proud of what we do, and we want to do even more creative and performance work that is led by our students. It's the Pinehurst way: we want to work with our young people and our parents to turn something we love into something that's even better.



## Primary: Year 1-6

Our Primary School is a nurturing, cheerful and caring place. We want what every parent wants: for our children to be safe, feel happy and secure, and develop into curious, resilient young people who can read, write, think and reflect at outstanding levels.

Our children are taught in smaller classes than you will find in other schools: our usual maximum class size is 23 from Year 3, and we never go above 25 in any year. We think this is important for many reasons, but the main one is simply that we know how

important it is for us to get to know every child in the class well. We see it is our job to nurture your child when they are with us, supporting them alongside their parents, giving them everything that they need to be happy and confident. Small classes mean that we can give our children the attention they need and they deserve.

Our teachers are exceptionally well-qualified too: they are experienced, caring and committed to developing a strong relationship with the parents of the children in their classes.

We follow the Cambridge curriculum in English, Maths and Science from Year 1, making sure that all of our children achieve excellent levels of numeracy and literacy. These are the skills they are going to need to continue to excel in the future. We have a specialist Cambridge Science teacher from Year 4 as well, encouraging children's thinking skills about the world in which we live.

Music, Physical Education, Mandarin and Spanish are all subjects taught from Year 0-6 as separate lessons by specialist teachers.

We are proud of our Extension programmes throughout the Primary which includes STEM, Robotics and Lego Dacta as well as extension and acceleration in Maths and English. These lessons help children develop the skills they need to solve problems and develop ideas when they are presented with a new situation.

For children who need extra support, we work with parents to ensure that they have everything they need for the future. A daily literacy support programme is also offered in the Primary. We provide one to one and group support for students who need help in Maths and English as well as study skills and work habits.

We believe students need to be nurtured, encouraged and taught the processes that will help them to develop responsibility for their own learning and behaviour. With this, students develop self-confidence and self-esteem, by understanding their own strengths and needs.

A place for children to flourish not only academically, but emotionally. Where they are equipped for life to make meaningful contributions to the world in which they will live.



## College: Year 7 - 8

At Pinehurst, students join our College at the beginning of Year 7. They join a community of positive, supportive young people as they begin their pathways into adulthood.

In Year 7 and 8, students are looked after by Homeroom teachers, and have most of their lessons in the Junior College building, a comfortable home for those two crucial years. Their Homeroom teachers specialise in working with Year 7 and 8 children, and we have Deans who also have a special responsibility for their care. We work closely with parents to make sure that the children are happy and confident.

From the start of Year 7, Pinehurst students are taught by subject specialists: they have separate English, Maths, Science, Social Studies, Spanish, Chinese, Digital Technology,

Art, Drama and Music lessons, all taught by experts in those areas, many of whom teach their subjects all the way to Year 13. All these subjects are part of the Cambridge curriculum.

The Pinehurst Student Leadership programme is an integral part of Year 7 and 8. There is a clear expectation that all our students will lead themselves and others in a responsible and ethical manner. This is supported by our Global Citizenship Programme where students learn about their identity, themselves and others, teamwork and problem-solving skills and working through the various stages of their Service Award.

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) plays a key role in developing these attributes. There are many opportunities for our students to be challenged, both in a local and a global setting.



Childhood is a series of transitions. We have this in our minds when we think about how we can look after your child.





## College: Year 9 - 13

In Year 9 to 13, students join PODs, staying in these classes for five years. Our younger students are looked after by our older students, and our POD teachers help develop a family atmosphere.

In Year 9, our students take similar subjects to those they took in Year 7 and 8, preparing for their senior years. We make sure that we are developing the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in their examinations and in their futures beyond school.

In Year 10 and 11, students take their IGCSE subjects: we ask students to take eight separate subjects to keep as broad a range as possible, because we know that it's usually too early to decide what they want to do in their future. Our students achieve excellent results in their IGCSE exams at the end of Year 11, and then specialise in their AS and A Levels in Year 12 and 13, qualifications that can help young people to gain entry to universities anywhere in the world.

Our small class sizes and excellent resources mean that we can nearly always provide a choice of subjects, meeting the needs of every young person.

Even though there is a lot of study to do in the College, our philosophy remains the same: looking after and caring for every student matters more than anything else. Looking after students includes making sure that they are having fun!

One of the self-development opportunities Pinehurst College runs for its older students is The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Awards. The Bronze Award is a compulsory component of Year 10 at Pinehurst. We currently run two tramps for Year 10's – on Waiheke Island and the Pinnacles in the Coromandel. For those students who wish to pursue the Silver and Gold Awards, we run 3-day hikes, again on Waiheke Island and the Waitakere Ranges. And finally, a 5-day Gold Adventurous journey, to Mt. Taranaki set in the Egmont National Park.



Pinehurst students consistently produce exceptionally good results in their final exams, well over the world average each year:

47% achieving A\* or A

70% achieving A\*,A,or B

100% achieving a pass

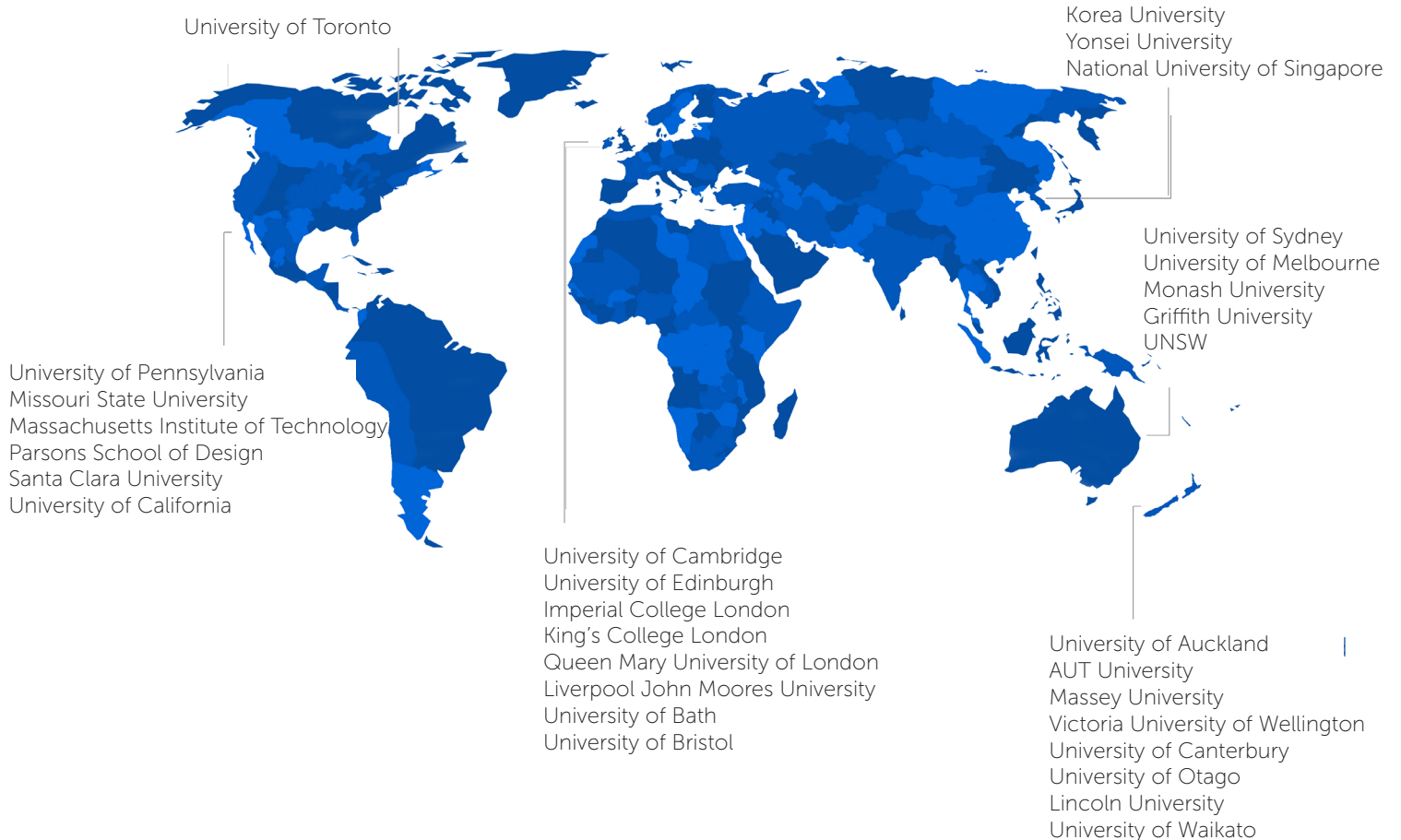


## Universities & Destinations

We have an exceptional Careers Counsellor who works with students from Year 7 to develop an awareness of the world beyond school. She runs individual counselling sessions with all our young people from Year 11 onwards, and supports applications to universities all over the world.

We want to make sure that the transition to university is every bit as smooth as the transition into our school so we run many different programmes to help students get ready for university life. We also frequently host universities in our school, both to talk to our students about university life and to offer extra educational experiences.

Below is a snapshot of some of our graduates' university destinations.



Every year, some of our students achieve  
“Top in New Zealand” and “Top in the  
World” awards at the Cambridge awards  
ceremony.





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