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EDGEWATER COLLEGE | PROSPECTUS

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Welcome to Edgewater College



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A dynamic and exciting school that serves its community exceptionally well.

We are a college that makes a difference for all learners.

Our students:

- Strive for personal excellence in all areas of school life
- Achieve meaningful qualifications
- Make a difference in the world

To achieve these goals we offer:

- A wide range of subjects and pathways that meet students' needs and interests
- A safe, supportive and happy learning environment
- A staff of well-qualified, innovative and dedicated teachers
- Differentiated classes and programmes, including gifted and talented opportunities to support students to excel in areas of strength
- Excellent ESOL programmes for students for whom English is a second language
- Leadership opportunities across years 9 to 13
- Excellent communication and collaboration with parents and caregivers to support all students to excel

We look forward to the opportunity of inspiring meaningful learning and achievement for your child in 2019 and beyond.

Ms Louise Addison MEd (Hons), BA, BSc, DipTchg
Principal



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A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN

Edgewater College is serious about the wellbeing of its students. We pride ourselves on being large enough to offer a wide range of opportunities but small enough to see each student as an individual.

Open and honest two-way communication between parents and the school is vital. Education is about building skills and enthusiasm for learning, and parents' support and interest in their child's development is an essential part of this process. Parents are encouraged to contact us when they recognise a learning need or have a concern about their child's education or wellbeing at school.

In order to give students the best possible start we hold an interview with all Year 9 students and their parents or caregivers during term 1 to develop an Independent Learning Plan for each student.

OUR PASTORAL CARE PROGRAMME INCLUDES:

- A committed, professional guidance network
- A Peer Support Programme to help Year 9 students settle into their new school
- A structured and thorough attendance system
- A school-wide discipline programme
- A strong, well-resourced Careers Department offering access to up-to-date information on employment and tertiary education, opportunities to attend courses and open days, and our regular careers events
- A Health Centre offering health information and support, free dental checks, physiotherapy and counselling services



Curriculum

JUNIOR PROGRAMME

Year 9 is all about settling into high school and building the skills and interests to be successful as a senior student.

The Year 9 programme is made up of seven core areas – English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education and Health, Technology and Arts (Music and Visual Art). Students also have a choice of French, Japanese or Te Reo Maori.

INNOVATION PROGRAMME

Year 9 students have the opportunity to be part of our Edge Innovation programme. Instead of the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies students study Future Studies, Global Issues, Problem Solving, Community Action and Creative Design.

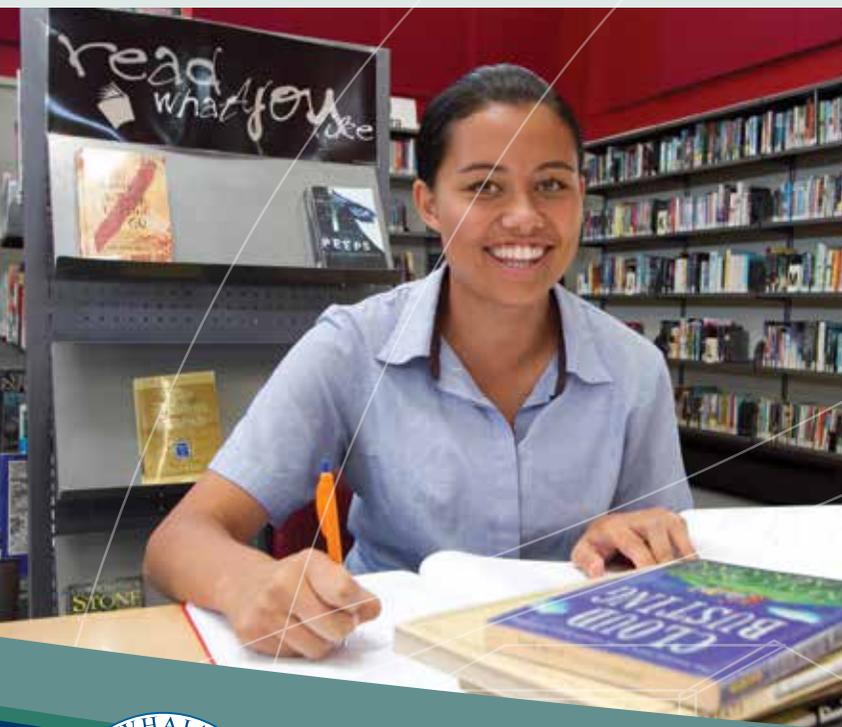
This will be an 'opt in' programme starting from Term 1. Please indicate your child's interest in being considered for the programme on their enrolment form. Further information is provided in the Edge Innovation Programme brochure included in this pack and available on our website.

In Year 10, students continue with the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Physical Education, and select two options from the range of languages, art, music, business studies and technology courses.

Since not all students learn at the same rate, to ensure diverse needs are met we:

- Use streaming within the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies
- Develop an Independent Learning Plan at Year 9, tailored to each student's learning needs
- Run a homework centre in the Library after school
- Offer the opportunity to gain NCEA Level 1 credits while in Year 10

*Accounting • Alternative English • Applied Art
Applied Mathematics • Applied Technology
Art Design • Art Painting • Biology
Business Administration & Computing
Business Studies • Calculus • Chemistry
Chinese • Classical Studies • Computing
Early Childhood Education • Economics
English • Esol • Food Technology • French
Geography • Graphics • Health Education
History • Hospitality • Information Technology
Japanese • Language Skills
Materials Technology • Media Studies • Music
Outdoor Education • Performance Music
Photography • Physical Education
Physical Education & Sport • Physics • Science
Social Studies • Statistics • Te Reo Maori
Text & Information Management
Textile Technology • Travel & Tourism
Visual Art*



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SENIOR PROGRAMME

In the senior school (Years 11, 12 and 13) students are increasingly looking towards life beyond school. Students select from a range of courses leading to an academic tertiary qualification, a vocational qualification or employment.

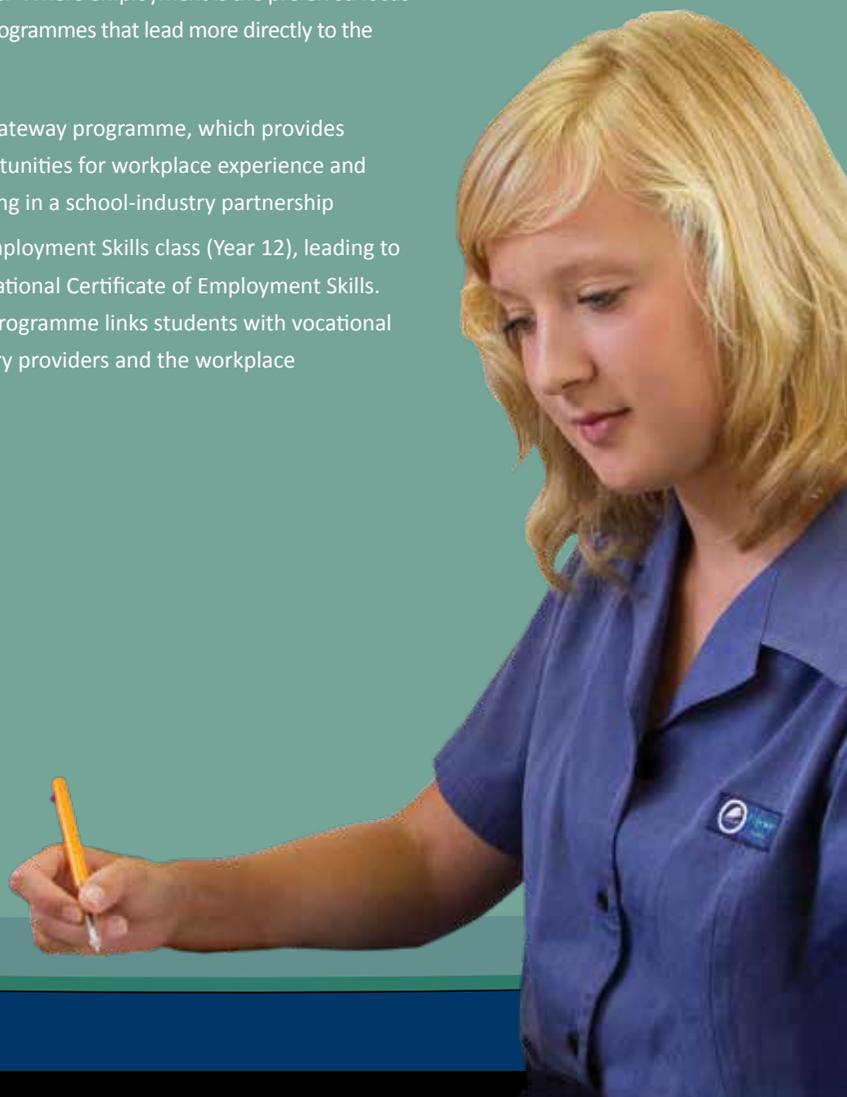
Students are encouraged to participate fully in national external examinations and local, national and international challenges and competitions.

As in the junior school, we recognise that senior students have differing learning needs and abilities. To meet these varying needs we offer:

- Accelerate courses in English and Science
- Alternative courses in English, Technology, Social Sciences, Music, Mathematics and Physical Education
- Holiday courses, 'catch-up' courses and extra opportunities to earn NCEA credits
- A homework centre after school, with teachers available to advise and support

Not all students wish to pursue an academic programme. Where employment is the preferred focus we offer programmes that lead more directly to the workplace:

- The Gateway programme, which provides opportunities for workplace experience and learning in a school-industry partnership
- An Employment Skills class (Year 12), leading to the National Certificate of Employment Skills. This programme links students with vocational tertiary providers and the workplace

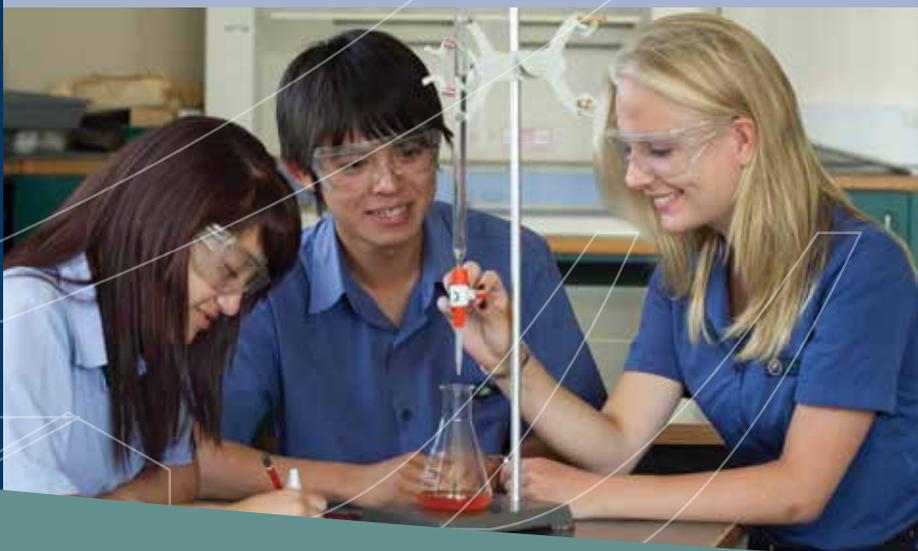


Learning *Environment*



We have a well-maintained site with ongoing upgrades to meet the needs of the 21st century learner. In addition to modern classrooms and science laboratories, we have:

- A modern library offering an extensive range of books and learning resources, and a suite of networked computers
- Two well-equipped gymnasiums and weights training area
- A Music Suite, including dedicated computer suite and a full range of brass, woodwind, stringed and keyboard instruments
- A state-of-the-art digital recording studio
- A modern technology block purpose-built to reflect the demands of the Technology curriculum
- Three classrooms set aside for the teaching of English to students for whom English is a second language
- A Student Support Centre where students can meet with pastoral staff – deans, counsellors and our nurses
- Attractive landscaped grounds, all-weather sports fields and Astroturf courts catering for a wide range of sporting codes



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LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

We offer an extensive range of musical, cultural, drama, sporting, outdoor education and community service activities designed to involve, motivate and challenge all students.

Edgewater College students have achieved regional and national honours in a wide variety of sports and cultural activities. Many others have made a wonderful contribution through the school and community interest groups.

Senior students have opportunities to develop leadership skills through leadership programmes and service on school councils and committees.

Our success may be credited to the strong commitment of the teaching staff, community coaches, and the enthusiasm and dedication of the students themselves. We are proud of our many successes but equally proud of the high level of participation, both from students and from the staff.

*Art Exhibitions • Chess
Kawahaka • Niuean Group
Indian Group • Samoan Group
Tongan Group • Japanese Group
Interschool Debating • Speechcraft
Diplomacy: (MUNA) • Theatresports
School Productions • French Club
Hospitality Club • Icebreakers
Interact • Librarians • Martial Arts
Jazz Band • Choirs • Rock Bands
Chamber Music Group
Instrumental Ensembles*

*Poetry Through Canvas
Psychology Club • Robotics
Sound & Lighting • Students Against
Driving Drunk (SADD)
Student Councils • World Vision 40
Hour Famine Fundraising
Work for Charities and Community
Projects • Young Enterprise
Education for Enterprise Projects
48-hour Film Festival*





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