

# Woodford House

## Celebrating 125 years of Excellence

Located in the Hawke's Bay region, on the East Coast of the North Island, New Zealand, Havelock North is a lovely prosperous suburb with warm and moderate climate. This is where you will find Woodford House, a leading school for girls, and a home to excellence.

Woodford House was established in 1894 by Miss Mabel Annie Hodge who was a gifted and innovative teacher from Woodford House School in Surrey, England. Woodford House in New Zealand has a long standing reputation for educating intellectual, competent and well-rounded young women. We deliver the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) curriculum which is widely recognised and accepted by the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, Germany, Thailand and many other countries. We are dedicated to innovation, global citizenship, and a future focused education.

Our campus is situated on 18 hectares of stunning park-like surrounds. We offer the girls a safe, secluded environment for studying and enjoying a privileged lifestyle with a 25-meter swimming pool, two gymnasiums, and numerous beautiful walkways through the woods and gardens. The school is only 1.4km away from the town centre, which has a range of cafés and shops, so the students can go for a stroll downtown after school.

Woodford House is a culturally diverse community and is home to about 330 girls. Approximately 180 girls are boarders, including around 15-20 international students. The students are from 12 to 18 years old, studying from Year 7 to Year 13. They come from many different countries, including Germany, Japan, China, Thailand, Futuna Island, Vietnam, and South Korea, with a range of interesting educational backgrounds.

Woodford House is proud to offer small class sizes and personalised learning. Class sizes range from 5 - 20 students. Our students work hard and play hard. They achieve highly in academia, sports, music, arts and technology at national and international levels. Woodford House has about 70 staff members who are well regarded and dedicated educators devoted to our students. They embrace new ways of supporting students in their learning to be the best they can possibly be. Everything we do is focused around ongoing learning and personal excellence.

Boarding at Woodford House is a special and sought-after experience for students. It is a place where our girls are deeply cared for and where they gain a strong sense of belonging. We have five boarding houses that are equipped with single and double bedrooms, common rooms for the girls to socialise in, study nooks, bathrooms and kitchens. The bedrooms each contain a bed, wardrobe, study desk and chair. The girls are encouraged to decorate their rooms with photos to make them homely. When girls are in Year 13 they experience apartment living; this style of living helps to prepare the girls for a life beyond Woodford House.

Boarding students receive breakfast, morning tea, lunch, dinner, afternoon tea and supper each day. The food is prepared by professional in-house chefs and is not only delicious, but also aligned with the Ministry of Health guidelines. All Woodford House boarding girls are cared for 24 hours a day, seven days a week by a dedicated House Supervisor.

### TESTIMONIALS

Year 13 Deputy Prefect Manaé Feleu (2016): "It has been a really enriching experience. I have learnt a lot about myself and others. Woodford House has helped me grow as an individual and become more independent."

Mrs Yin Ho Kwok, mother of Michelle Lee, Year 12 student (2016): "Michelle is so happy at Woodford House. She is trying many different sports that she never thought she would like before. The staff and the teachers are very supportive and caring of her. Michelle has also made a lot of good friends with people from different cultures. She considers Woodford House as her home in New Zealand. I am very grateful that we have made the right decision to let Michelle to study at Woodford House."

Mrs Rose Li, mother of Tracy Zeng, Year 11 student (2017): "We fell in love with Woodford House at first sight. The girls have passion and integrity, and the School is full of harmony and freedom. My daughter enjoys her friendships and her classes. Woodford House has helped her be the girl she wants to be."

Mrs Pia Wembacher, mother of Helene Wembacher, Year 11 student (2018): "We are grateful that Woodford House and the staff make Helene feel safe and welcome, and at the same time give her enough space to grow, develop new skills and take on new challenges. She is happy and will benefit from this stay more than we probably expected. We can't wait to come and see New Zealand for ourselves. It seems to be a magical place."



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