

8 Reasons to Choose Orewa College



OREWA
COLLEGE

Get World Ready

Kia ora, nau mai, welcome to Orewa College

Established in 1956, Orewa College has a proud tradition of delivering a supportive and inclusive learning environment that challenges students to achieve in academics, sport, performing arts and leadership.

We warmly welcome parents and caregivers to be active participants in our school community, because when whānau are involved, students thrive.

Wiri Warriner
Tumuaki | Principal



Kia tika kia pono kia eke ki te nohonga rangatira
Towards enriched, responsible citizenship

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1. Academic Excellence

Our students are supported to take ownership of their learning. They set meaningful goals, reflect on their progress, and grow into confident, capable learners.

Teachers work alongside students to maximise potential through guidance, feedback and personalised support.

- 80% NCEA Level 2 achieved in 2025
- 85% NCEA Level 3 achieved in 2025
- 14 faculty areas across 265 courses



2. Strong Values

Respect for ourselves. Respect for others. Respect for the environment. These values shape our relationships and guide school life at every level.

Woven into everything we do and supported by restorative practice, our values create a school where students feel safe, included and respected, and where staff and students are kaitiaki of their environment together.

3.

A Vibrant Cultural Community

Culture is at the heart of Orewa College.

We celebrate and nurture Māori and Pasifika identity through meaningful programmes, performance and leadership pathways.

- Rumaki Reo Māori immersion for Years 7&8 – 80% of learning in te reo Māori
- Te reo Māori offered Years 7–13
- Te Ao Haka – NCEA subject
- Kapa Haka Rōpū – 100+ students
- Pasifika group – 80+ students
- Polyfest performances on the Tongan and Diversity Stages
- Māori & Pacific Awards Evening



4.

Sport for Everyone

Sport is a cornerstone of college life. There is something for every student, from competitive pathways to just giving something new a go.

- Almost 50% student participation in 2025
- 133 representative honours
- 15 teams to AIMS Games in 2025
- 26+ sports codes for Years 9–13
- Purpose-built courts, fields and gym

Our alumni include rugby league icon Shaun Johnson, rugby players Cameron Christie and Tom Jordan, volleyball representative Marni Ursen, surf lifesaving and netball star Anika Pihema, and mountain biking champion Levi Gear.

5.

Performing Arts

From the classroom to the national stage.

From jazz to hip hop, Shakespeare to Bollywood, our students compete and perform at local, regional and national level, with groups available in Years 7–13.

- Junior and senior jazz, symphonic and concert bands
- Jazz dance, open dance and hip hop performance groups
- Theatre sports, junior and senior drama
- Recent successes at Rock Quest, Tauranga Jazz Festival, Showquest, Velocity and Polyfest
- Performing Arts Awards Evening, October



6.

A Thriving Middle School

Our Years 7 & 8 programme offers a high-energy, nurturing introduction to college life. Students build strong foundations in core subjects while developing curiosity, creativity and confidence through engaging, challenging learning experiences.

Beyond the classroom, Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) experiences, Year 8 camp and inter-school Zone Days strengthen friendships and help students discover new interests, talents and opportunities, setting them up for a successful journey through college.

7.

Beyond the Classroom

Learning doesn't stop at the classroom door.

Orewa College offers a rich range of co-curricular opportunities that help students discover their passions, build resilience and develop as young leaders. These include Duke of Edinburgh Award, Enviro Group, Media Squad, Chess Club & Spirit of Adventure.

2026 overseas experiences: New York City Art & Culture Trip, Nepal Expedition with the Himalayan Trust, and a Japan Language & Culture Tour.



8.

House Life & Belonging

Every student at Orewa College belongs from day one. Each student is part of one of five Houses: Batten, Blake, McLaren, Nepia or Sheppard. House life creates connection across year levels, celebrates every learner's strengths, and unlocks leadership potential.

From waka races, eSports and a mud run, to art challenges, quizzes and House Party, there is always something to get involved in, and always a community cheering you on.

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