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Howick College is a dynamic, innovative co-educational secondary school established in 1974 and situated in an attractive suburb of east Auckland. The roll is currently 1850 students. The school has modern facilities and extensive ICT use. It has a very broad curriculum and extensive co-curricular programme. Forty different sporting codes are offered to students as are a variety of cultural activities which allow students to follow their own interests. Traditional academic subjects are fundamental to education at the school, but there are a large number of special interest subjects such as Outdoor Education, Dance and Hospitality (top school in New Zealand for Hospitality training at high school level).

Fifteen years of experience of international students and a large team of staff to look after student's welfare ensure that quality services are provided to the students. The school has a

highly rated ESOL department with cutting edge Computer Assisted language learning in a dedicated Self-access centre. Home-stay accommodation is carefully selected and monitored by the Home-stay Manager. We value our international students and provide excellent pastoral care and student support.

Howick College is a decile 10 (top socio-economic area) government school. It is a sought after school with a large number of out-of-zone applications every year. In 2010 we accepted 125 out of zone applications. The students of the school have consistently gained very good results in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement, the national qualification which lays the foundation for successful tertiary studies. In Level 3 of the internationally recognised NCEA qualification, Howick College performed significantly higher than the national average pass rate. The pass rate for the Scholarship examinations was also well above the national average.

A large percentage of year 13 students go on to University and our retention rate of senior students in 2009 was one of the highest in Auckland.

Howick College also has a high success rate in many areas of academic pursuit. For example in 2010 in the Science Fairs in the Manukau region Howick College students collected 11 awards including four special, prestigious awards. This is thought to be a record number of wins over the many years this competition has been going. We also have the top ranked Junior Premier Debator in Auckland in 2010. Our students have gained international success in many areas of life and our international students have returned to many countries and gone on to successful university and business careers.

In 2009 the reported list of Howick College graduates that year (they will graduate in ceremonies in 2010) from New Zealand Universities alone was 177 students. Of this list of graduates 20 gained post-graduate diplomas or qualifications, 11 gained Masters qualifications and 3 gained Doctorates. Of all these students 149 went to Auckland University which is ranked in the top 50 universities in the world. This is a pattern that has been repeated for many years. Howick College students are always in the top three High Schools for success in their students' first year at university because the school believes in teaching their senior students to take responsibility for their own learning and to be self-motivated rather than relying on other people to organise and control their learning.

Howick College is also known for its sporting achievements and has attracted some high quality sports people to our staff. Our principal Mr Ropati was a former member of the NZ Warriors the national league team and has played for some famous Australian league clubs as well as 4 games for the NZ Kiwis. Our Director of Sport, Mr Hull, was in the Northland Rugby team for six years and played professional rugby in South Africa for seven years. He has a Sports Management Degree. Mrs Grimmer who is involved with Athletics, Multisport, Cross Country and Cycling is the current NZ Secondary Schools selector and Manager. She has also represented NZ in athletics in the past. We also have staff in Auckland and Counties Manukau Rugby and Rugby league teams. Past students have also gone on to represent New Zealand in many sports. At the moment we have one ex-student in the Blues Rugby super 14 team and the Auckland Provincial Championship team, another is in the New Zealand Silver Ferns Netball team and yet another two are current members of the New Zealand Men's Ice Hockey team.

Over the past 8 years Howick students have won numerous awards in the Auckland, Manukau and North Island Secondary School championships and a number of students have been in Auckland Representative teams. We have also won 29 medals in the New Zealand Secondary school championships, 33 in the New Zealand Championships; have had 79 students chosen to be New Zealand Representatives or for New Zealand Development Squads and we have also had a World Champion in Aerobics. These awards have been spread over the more than forty sports codes we have had recently ranging from golf, table tennis, swimming, softball, tennis, gymnastics and basketball to athletics, soccer, table tennis, ten pin bowling and even Underwater Hockey. We believe it is very important for students to participate in activities they enjoy and have attempted to provide a wide range of sports, clubs and groups such as dance groups, bands, orchestras, debating and short term competitions, organised in tutor groups, so that students can meet other students in a friendly atmosphere. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for many activities such as the International Food Festival so they learn leadership skills.

Howick College welcomes students from all over the world and provides positive, rewarding programmes with an emphasis on student-centred activities to help develop a life-long love of learning.

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