North West College 2026

23 October 2025

Key Information

Following our Parent Meeting on 16 October 2025, please see the information below.

School Leaders

Mrs Randles, **Principal** - Lincoln Road

Ms Oliver, **Deputy Principal** - Universal Drive



CIE

Our new Cambridge school registration allows us to provide a robust curriculum, ensuring our students are prepared for success in the world beyond school.

Curriculum

Why Cambridge?

● The Cambridge system has established a sound international reputation of quality, reliability and academic challenge.

● Cambridge qualifications prepare students for their next steps in education, work and life, with learning skills that will enable them to keep pace with an ever changing world.

● Cambridge develops key skills in investigation, evaluation and problem-solving, which are important for both tertiary study and the workplace.

● External examinations provide students with the academic rigor necessary to succeed at university and in life. Exams require students to apply, analyse, and synthesise knowledge under pressure—skills that are critical for success in higher education.

● North West College puts a high priority on academic excellence.

University Entrance (UE)

● Numeracy standard: A minimum of grade D in IGCSE Mathematics NB: any mathematics taken at AS level will also satisfy the numeracy requirement)

● Literacy standard: A minimum grade of E in any AS English courses offered

● General Subject standard: A minimum of 120 points on the NZ CAIE Tariff* table from the best 6 subject units, including a minimum grade of D in at least 3 subjects (at AS or A Level)

NB. Some specific university courses may require a higher rank grade to enter

NZ CAIE Taffif

UCAS Points	A*	A	B	C	D	E
AS Level	N/A	60	50	40	30	20
A Level	140	120	100	80	60	40

Cambridge International Education (CIE)

Years 7 - 8

Year-level differentiation
ENG, MAT, SCI, EMP
Creative Arts by term
Sport (alt Wednesdays)

Years 9 - 11

4 x Academic subjects
2 x Creative subjects (options)
Sport: club/community

Years 12 - 13

Y12: 4 AS, incl. min 1 x Creative Art
Y13: 4 AS and/or A2 Levels, incl. min 1 x CA

CIE Lower Secondary

A blend of the CIE Lower Secondary curriculum and NZC

IGCSE

External exams (+components)
Nov Yr 11
(poss Yr 10)

AS + A2 Levels

External exams / Portfolio
end of Y12 and Y13

Lincoln Road

Details follow of subjects, teachers and timetables across year levels and school campus sites for 2026.

Year Level Structure

2026: Years 7- 8

- Four classes (2 x Y7, 2 x Y8) – maximum of 80 students
- Academic Subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, Empowered Futures
- Creative Arts: Range of subjects offered by term for student choice
- Sport: Alternate Wednesday afternoons by year level
- Teachers:
    - English - Mrs Wanliss
    - Mathematics - Mrs Sheldon
    - Science - Mr Hart Crombie
    - Empowered Futures - Mrs Chaney
    - Art - Mrs Rooney

NB. Current students may be moved across Tutor Groups and/or House to start 2026.

Timetable Structure

Y7/8		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tutor	8:45-9:00	Tutor	Tutor	Tutor	Tutor	Tutor
P1 - 55	9:00-9:55	1	1	1	1	1
P2 - 55	9:55-10:50	2	2	2	2	2
Break - 20	10:50-11:10					
P3 - 55	11:10-12:05	3	3	3	3	3
P4 - 55	12:05-1:00	4	4	4	4	4
Lunch - 40	1:00-1:40					
P5 - 110	1:40-3:30	5	5	Sport	6	6

Universal Drive

Year Level Structure

2026: Years 9 - 10

- Four classes (2 x Y9, 2 x Y10) – maximum of 80 students

- Y9 Compulsory Subjects: English, Science, Mathematics, Global Perspectives, Visual Art

- Y9 Option (Choose one each Semester A and B): Digital Fluency, Spanish, CA opt 3

- Y10 Compulsory Subjects: English Language & Literature, Mathematics, Co-ordinated Science, Global Perspectives

- Y10 Option A (full year): ICT (Info & Comms Tech), Environmental Management, Spanish

- Y10 Option B (full year): Design&Tech (Graphics), Art&Design, Spanish

- Y9-10 An additional project-based Creative Arts programme is in development

- Note: Option subjects chosen in Y10 will likely continue through into Y11 with a two-year programme of learning, culminating in an exam at the end of Y11. Some compulsory subjects may require an exam in both Y10 and Y11.

- Teachers:

  - English - Ms O'Connor
  - Mathematics - Ms Rhodes
  - Science - Ms Lee
  - Social Sciences - Mr Solomone
  - ICT - Mr Hardie
  - Visual Art - Mrs Sandler
  - Spanish - TBA

NB. Current students may be moved across Tutor Groups and/or House to start 2026.

Timetable Structure

Yr 9 - 10 (2026)		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tutor - 25	8:45-9:10	Tutor	Tutor	Tutor	Tutor	Tutor
P1 - 60	9:10-10:10	1	6	5	4	3
P2 - 60	10:10-11:10	2	1	6	5	4
Break - 20	11:10-11:30					
P3 - 60	11:30-12:30	3	2	1	6	5
Break - 45	12:30-1:15					
P4 - 60	1:15-2:15	4	3	2	1	6
P5 - 60	2:15-3:15	5	4	3	2	1

Preparation for 2026

The parent costs are outlined below. Exact values will be provided soon after we accept the final quotes.

Plans and Costs

Digital Devices

- Years 7-8 will continue to use NWC-supplied iPads for digital work on-site

- Years 9-10: We are an Apple school and students will require an Apple laptop. We are in negotiation with suppliers to offer the best deal possible for any parents who choose to take advantage of purchasing a MacBook ahead of 2026. Basic specifications and information of school-managed services for the laptops will be posted on our NWC website soon.
  Any students who do not have their own MacBook will have access to NWC-supplied MacBook Airs for teaching and learning purposes whilst on-site.

Future Costs

- Personal MacBook and/or access to a digital device and internet at home

- Specialist software licences as required

- Consumables:
  - Write-on text books
  - Stationery
  - Course material costs, where the student creates a product to keep

- Exam entry fees per subject

- School bus subsidised fee

Outdoor Space

- Years 7-8: Will continue to be given opportunity to head to Te Pai Park at lunchtimes

- Years 9-10: We are in the process of acquiring consent to create a private outdoor space behind our building that students will be able to access during breaks. Additionally, we are in conversations with The Trust Arena for regular use of their field and indoor courts.

Sport: Years 9-13

- North West College is part of School Sport New Zealand which will allow students to participate in team or individual sport through extracurricular programmes.