

Study Group Information 2026



**Mt Maunganui, Tauranga
New Zealand**



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Message from the Managing Director

Nau mai, haere mai, and welcome to Bay Learning Academy (BLA).

Coming to study and play in New Zealand is exciting! We at Bay Learning Academy would like to ensure your visit here is full of success and wonderful memories. This brochure is a guide to help you understand the Academy, your chosen study tour location and the activities you can expect to enjoy with us.

As a forward-looking organization, we strive to provide a learning and fun-packed quality experience for all our guests. If you have any concerns during your stay, please feel free to approach any of our staff members. We are all here to support you.

So, strap in and enjoy the ride. We hope to see you very soon!

Jon Sadler

Managing Director



Care of our Visitors

Bay Learning Academy Ltd is bound by the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021. We are committed to providing the highest possible standard of care to all our students. To view a copy of the Code please go to:

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/Tertiary/The-Code/pastoral-care-code-of-practice-2021-english.pdf>

To view a self-assessment of our Code of Practice, please go to:

https://www.baylearning.co.nz/downloads/Self-Review_Toolkit_Tertiary_Providers.pdf



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About Bay Learning Academy



Bay Learning Academy was established in 2012. We saw a need for a school which focused strongly on **small classes**, **fun activities** and **student success** so we set about building an Academy that was firmly student focused. We are located in Mt Maunganui, close to the beach and entertainment facilities, next to the bus station and opposite the Bayfair Shopping Plaza. We are a short bus ride from downtown Tauranga. Our facilities include modern classrooms with TVs, a student common area, 5G wi-fi, bathrooms and a student kitchen.

All of our staff have lived overseas and been involved in facilitating group travel and so have first-hand knowledge of the experiences and challenges students may face.



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About Mount Maunganui and Area

The region's largest shopping centre, Bayfair Plaza is right across the road from the Academy. There is also a medical centre and an aquatic leisure centre complete with waterslides, a swimming pool and gym just a couple of minutes' walk away. The public bus stops right outside the Academy, and the beach is 8 minutes' walk from the Academy's front door. 😊



Mount Maunganui is the key attraction of Tauranga. It has a vibrant holiday feel with many cafes, bars and restaurants. The beach and amenities are among the best in the world; white sand leading down to a surf beach dotted with offshore islands. On the other side of town, there is a sheltered swimming beach which boasts of the port and recreational boating. Water-based activities include paddle-boarding, surfing and kayaking to kite surfing, wind foiling and sailing, or of course just relaxing on the beach. For the energetic, climbing Mt Maunganui is a must experience to view the amazing sights from the top, or take a stroll through the large number of shops with something to please everyone.

Tauranga is one of the sunniest spots in New Zealand with almost 2,400 sunshine hours a year. It has become a multi-cultural city with cultural events, art galleries and festivals, libraries, theatres and performing art centres. The racecourse, parks, reserves, and magnificent harbour - all contribute to the peaceful and relaxed atmosphere enjoyed by those staying in this beautiful city. It has excellent education facilities - schools, technology institutes, and a university offering pathways to opportunities and careers for the growing student population.



We are a short trip to the native forests, an hour from Rotorua; which is the centre for cultural and geothermal activities, mud-pools and geysers, and 80 minutes from Hamilton; home to museums, galleries, a world-class zoo and botanical gardens. Cosmopolitan Auckland is only a 3-hour drive away.

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Accommodation

You will either be staying at a lodge, holiday park or homestay. Where you stay depends both on the preference of the tour leader, level of supervision required and the availability of the facility.

Holiday parks offer cabins that sleep up to 6 people. They are self-catering and have shared cooking, dining room and bathroom facilities, and are generally occupied by families. They typically have a barbecue, swimming pool, laundry and a games room and outdoor sports facilities.



Lodges offer 6 to 10 bed dormitory style accommodation and shared facilities, as well as smaller rooms for independent travellers. They typically have a barbecue, swimming pool, laundry and a games room and cater for individuals.

Homestay is an arrangement where you live with a New Zealand family in their home. You will have your own bedroom, mostly shared bathroom facilities, and you are provided with breakfast and evening meals Monday to Friday. Other meals during the week may have been arranged by your tour leader, but at the weekend breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided. Homestay families include you in their weekend activities.



As in a normal family it is customary to offer help with the dishes, setting the table, or little chores around the house. It is considered polite to ask before using facilities such as using the cooker, TV etc, and to let homestay parents know if you are planning to be out late.

Your tour leader will ask you to provide as much information about yourself as possible so we can supply you with the best homestay experience.

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Group Programmes

Programmes vary according to your requirements and can vary from one to four weeks.

Youth English Study and Activities Programme (11-18 year-old)

Example

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Weekend
Morning English 9:00-12:00	Orientation Talking with Host families	Kiwi English and basic conversations Everyday words New Zealand Sport	New Zealand History Māori culture and legends	Food and Eating Grammar, vocab and games	Rotorua Trip whole day Gondola, luge, geothermal visit, cultural show and a canopy walk	Weekend with Homestay Family or Weekend activities at the Lodge
Afternoon Activities 1:00-4:00	Games in <i>Time Zone</i> , Bayfair	Beach games and sandcastle building, obstacle challenges	Walk to summit of Mauo Māori hāngi and games	Waterfall walk		
	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Weekend
Morning English 9:00-12:00	New Zealand Geography New Zealand Ecology	Education in New Zealand and School visit	New Zealand Homelife Shopping	The world of work Kiwi Leisure	NZ Arts and performance rehearsals	Departure
Afternoon Activities 1:00-4:00	Conservation planting, Sand dunes/ Forest restoration	School visit	Tauranga Town Great Adventure Race	Marshall's Farm or Waimarino Watersports	Graduation and Presentations	

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English and Afternoon Adventure Activities Programme (16 years +)







Example

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Weekend
Morning English 9:00-12:00	Orientation Talking with Host families	Kiwi English & basic conversations Everyday words	New Zealand History Māori culture & legends	Food & Eating Grammar, vocab & games	Rotorua Visit Gondola, luge, Geothermal visit Canopy walk & Cultural show	Weekend with Homestay Family or Weekend activities at the Lodge
Afternoon Activities 1:00-4:00	Games in <i>Time Zone</i> , Bayfair	Beach Games & sandcastle building, obstacle challenges	Walk to summit of Mauo Māori hāngi	Learn to Surf/Windsurf/Stand-up Paddleboard or Horse riding		
	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Weekend
Morning English 9:00-12:00	New Zealand Geography New Zealand Ecology	New Zealand Sport, Recreation & Leisure	New Zealand Homelife Shopping	The world of work and jobs	NZ Arts & performance rehearsals	Departure
Afternoon Activities 1:00-4:00 or 5:00	Conservation Planting sand dunes/Forest restoration	Whitewater Rafting (Wairoa or Kaituna)	Tauranga Town Great Adventure Race	Adrenaline Forest High Ropes Course or Waimarino Water sports	Graduation & Presentations	

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English and Special Interest

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Weekend
Morning English 9:00-12:00	Orientation Word games & Homestay	Word games & everyday words New Zealand Sport	Kiwi English & basic conversations Māori culture and legends	Special interest vocab and games New Zealand History	Rotorua Visit Gondola, luge, Geothermal visit Canopy walk & Cultural show	Weekend with Homestay Family 
Afternoon Activities 1:00-5:00 	Arts, Music & Dance Workshop or Water sports & Surfing or Rugby or Golf or Fishing or Horse riding	Arts, Music & Dance Workshop or Water sports & Surfing or Rugby or Golf or Fishing or Horse riding	Arts, Music & Dance Workshop or Water sports & Surfing or Rugby or Golf or Fishing or Horse riding	Arts, Music & Dance Workshop or Water sports & Surfing or Rugby or Golf or Fishing or Horse riding		or Weekend activities at the Lodge
	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Weekend
Morning English 9:00-12:00	New Zealand Geography New Zealand	Day visit to special interest attraction	New Zealand Homelife Food & Eating Shopping	The world of work Kiwi Leisure	Tournament Preparation or Performance rehearsals	Departure
Afternoon Activities 1:00-4:00 	Arts, Music & Dance Workshop or Water sports & Surfing or Rugby or Golf or Fishing or Horse riding		Arts, Music & Dance Workshop or Water sports & Surfing or Rugby or Golf or Fishing or Horse riding	Arts, Music & Dance Workshop or Water sports & Surfing or Rugby or Golf or Fishing or Horse riding	Graduation & Presentations 	

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English and Academic Study Tours

Example 'A' Level Cambridge Geography

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
	<i>Tauranga Homestay or Lodge</i>	<i>Tauranga Homestay or Lodge</i>	<i>Tauranga Homestay or Lodge</i>	<i>Tauranga Homestay or Lodge</i>	<i>Tauranga Homestay or Lodge</i>
		Hydrology and fluvial geography Maclarens Falls Park	Coastal Environments Mount Maunganui beach	Agricultural systems and food production Kiwifruit Orchard Visit	Forest Ecology Forest Conservation
		Examine drainage basin, rainforest, water cycle, percolation, soils and run-off and measure	Understand coastal processes. Examine and measure erosional and depositional features		
Morning	Arrival Auckland International	Examine river processes from the source to the ocean	Sustainable management options for Bay of Plenty coasts	Visit kiwifruit orchard, packhouse and research station to understand a major horticultural production process	Carbon Offsetting: Tree planting/conservation work
	Tour of Waihi Gold mine	Climb Mauao	Tauranga Port Tour	Farm visit	Bayfair Shopping
	Management of a Degraded Environment. Understand management of a working mine, mitigating environmental impact	Assess settlement patterns, flood prevention and drainage management	Trade and Environmental Management. Examine global trade of NZs largest port Understand environmental		
		Use of GIS mapping tools to determine potential and real flood risks	Flood prevention, mitigation and adaption in New Zealand	Examine the external and internal market and the production process of the dairy farm business	
Afternoon	Arrival in Tauranga				Free time
	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
	<i>Tauranga Homestay or Lodge</i>	<i>Rotorua Lodge</i>	<i>Auckland</i>	<i>Auckland</i>	
	Sustainable energy supplies	Development of international tourism	Hazardous Environments	Urban trends and issues. The globalisation of economic activity	
	Eastern Bay of Plenty	Rotorua	Buried Village, Rotorua	Auckland City	
	Investigate renewable energy supplies in New Zealand	Museum site visit and the development of an international tourism	Understand the consequences of a major tectonic event	Trip to the top of Mount Eden and Sylvia Park shopping centre	
Morning	Visit and study Rangitaiki Solar Farm	Management of a tourist destination	Management of a tourist destination	Spatial urban development patterns	
	Rangitaiki Plain	Rotorua	Matamata		
	Hazardous Environments. Understand vulnerability to tectonic processes and extreme atmospheric disturbances: volcanic activity, earthquakes,				
	Understand the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Flood prevention and mitigation management	Understand the challenges and opportunities of managing a premier tourist destination - Skyline and luge ride	Understand the challenges and opportunities of managing a premier tourist destination - Visit Hobbiton	Depart Auckland International airport	Arrive home
Afternoon					

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Group Activities Available

Activities, travel time from the school, and approximate cost

There is additional cost for most of these activities.



Hamilton Zoo &
Gardens
80 minutes
\$20 + transport

Adrenaline
Forest Ropes Course
30 minutes
\$50 + transport



Learn to surf
10 minutes
\$85

Horse riding in the
Kaimais
25 minutes
\$140 per trek +
transport



Whitewater rafting
Wairoa
25 minutes
\$160 + transport

Art Gallery & Art
Trail
10 minutes



Coastal Restoration
10 minutes

Cultural
Performance,
Rotorua*
75 minutes



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Rocktopia
Climbing Wall
10 minutes
\$45 pp

Tree Planting and
Forest walk
30 minutes
Transport



Katikatī Bird
Garden or Marshalls
Animal Farm
25 minutes
\$28pp + Transport

Educational
Visits/Field Study



Standup paddle
board, Kayak
windsurf, waterpark
15 minutes
\$50pp

Te Pōhutu Geyser,
Te Puia, Rotorua*
75 minutes



Waterfall & Bush
walks
20 minutes

Hobbiton
50 minutes
\$100pp + transport



Various Beach Sports
& Indoor sports
10 minutes

Beach Sports, Luge,
Zip Line & Gondola,
Rotorua*
65 minutes

*Rotorua Package
\$175





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Your Tour at Bay Learning Academy

Orientation

On arrival, a bus will take you from the airport to Tauranga and you will be given a brief introduction by the team, issued a bus card and met by your host family, or taken to your accommodation.

Organisation

You will have tutors and leaders from Bay Learning Academy, your organisation, homestay and other activity providers who work together to make sure you have the best experience.

Certificates

On your last day, you will give a presentation or performance to a small audience and receive a Certificate of Attendance for you to remember your epic experience!





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Student Welfare

We have access to multi-lingual speakers who can assist if you need it.

A. Eligibility for Health Services

Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. The Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website at <http://www.acc.co.nz>

B. Welfare Information

If you have a problem and are willing to discuss it with a group leader or your homestay, please do so. Sometimes you may feel that you would prefer to discuss things with a different person. We have listed some agencies and phone numbers below who may be useful to you. Most of these are free.

Police, Ambulance, Fire - 111 emergency use only.

Lifeline and Interchurch **Counselling Services**

This is a telephone counseling service

FREEPHONE throughout NZ **Phone: 0800 543 354**

Youthline

Email: youthline@youthline.co.nz

Web: www.youthline.co.nz OR

www.urge.co.nz

Crisis counselling of all kinds: anxiety, risk, personal crises, etc **Phone: 0800 376 633**

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

Free advice about anything. Referral to other agencies which can help

Phone: 07 578 1592

Email: cab.tauranga@xtra.co.nz

38 Hamilton St, Tauranga 3110



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C. Interests and Activities

New Zealand is a beautiful country, and we are very keen to welcome you here. You will not have much free time on your tour, but here is some further information about activities in the Bay and beyond.

Activities in Tauranga

For sports clubs in Tauranga, check out: <https://www.sportbop.co.nz/>

For events and what's going on try: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/whatson/events/tauranga>

There is an annual Jazz Festival in April, and Arts Festival in October. Multicultural Tauranga <http://www.trmc.co.nz/> can help with ethnic events.

Trips from Tauranga

Buses go daily from Tauranga to Auckland, Hamilton and Rotorua. This is an excellent hassle-free way to travel.

Tauranga - Auckland, buses leave every day, travel time is approximately 4 hours. Student discounts are available.

Buses to Rotorua and Hamilton depart at three times a day.



For a list of activities in Rotorua head to: www.tourism.net.nz/region/rotorua and for Hamilton try: <https://www.waikatonz.com/things-to-do/#all-thing-to-do>

For a list of attractions in the Tauranga area: www.tourism.net.nz/region/bay-of-plenty/ For practical information and advice on living in NZ head to: www.tourism.net.nz/new-zealand/top-tips.html

Here you will find information on the time difference, tipping in NZ, currency etc. that will assist you.

Travel around Tauranga

The bus terminal is opposite the school. Tauranga is well well-serviced with buses, go to <https://www.baybus.co.nz/>

