

# Create Meaningful Change

Fashion + Sustainability

# Why choose Whitecliffe

At Whitecliffe, we want our students, staff, and alumni to Create Meaningful Change in the world.

**Creativity is curious,  
innovation is brave,  
and both are needed to  
create meaningful change.**

Everyone has a vision that is uniquely theirs, a lens through which they see the world, interpret the world, and in turn, help shape the world. At Whitecliffe, we nurture that vision, and we equip you with the skills, techniques, and methods to make your vision a reality.

Studying at Whitecliffe will help you become a stand-out thinker, innovator, and collaborator. Turn your talents into a life-long career and explore what you’re capable of. Learn to think creatively, critically, take risks, and develop advanced skills. Through these skills you’ll make valuable contributions and connections in the industries and communities you choose to work and live in.

At Whitecliffe, we encourage you to be brave and think deeply, so you can join the next generation of thinkers, doers, creatives, artists, design innovators, technologists, therapists, and leaders. Cultivate your talents, build new skills, and create meaningful change - study at Whitecliffe.

Whitecliffe offers a blended delivery model which is a combination of face-to-face, on-campus, and online learning. This gives our students the opportunity to work independently and collaboratively.



## Our values

Our values are a commitment to how we will work with and treat each other.

### Integrity

We are trustworthy,  
kind, ethical and fair

### Creativity

We explore new  
possibilities to create  
meaningful change

### Courage

We are bold in our  
aspirations and actions

### Belonging

We celebrate and  
embrace diversity.  
We are better together

# Levels of learning for all pathways

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Whitecliffe offers programmes from level 4 certificates to level 9 Masters qualifications. You can start at the level that suits your experience and qualifications, and then progress to higher level programmes.

# Fashion + Jewellery pathways

### Fashion

Fashion fosters creative minds to become responsible individuals, forming ideas and approaches to their sustainable and ethical fashion practice and research, and to apply their knowledge of sustainable, innovative, and regenerative practices to express their individual perspective and critical thinking. We encourage students to draw upon their own cultures and histories, social issues, values, and their local community to increase their awareness of wider issues within the local and global fashion industry, and to inform their contribution to this rapidly changing industry.

Our courses are designed to facilitate, implement, and redesign the value of fashion, past, present, and future, through critically reflective sustainable fashion research and practice, theory, and craft.

Students also showcase their individual collections at the prestigious annual Whitecliffe Fashion Show and participate in the Graduate Show and the Resene Colour of Fashion project which are showcased at New Zealand Fashion Week. Industry professionals regularly visit to deliver guest presentations on specialist areas within the industry, and provide invaluable feedback during individual student critique sessions, enriching our students' design practices.



### Career opportunities

#### Fashion

- Patternmaker
- Designer
- Fashion media and marketing
- Machinist
- Fashion journalist
- Quality control
- Production Assistant
- Stylist
- Buyer

### Jewellery

The Jewellery Programmes include a certificate as well as a comprehensive degree course. The Certificate introduces the student to foundational manufacturing techniques and design principles. This certificate allows the student to test their interest and aptitude for the jewellery area which on completion allows them to choose between a manufacturing jewellery pathway or to continue with the degree to develop a deeper understanding of jewellery. The certificate also facilitates those students without NCEA level 3 to gain a qualification that allows them to participate in the degree.

The Degree offers a much more expansive understanding of the jewellery industry. Student's on completion are positioned to select from a number of potential jewellery career pathways such as manufacturing, studio design and make, film, exhibition, galleries etc.

NEW ZEALAND  
**FASHION  
WEEK**

As an official sponsor and partner of NZ Fashion Week, Whitecliffe students and graduates enjoy exclusive opportunities to participate, network, and gain experience in the country's only international fashion event.



#### Jewellery

- Workroom assistant
- Concept and trend forecaster
- Sustainability consultant
- Garment technician
- Product developer
- Digital media assistant
- Textile design
- Self-employment/ freelance practice
- Goldsmith
- CAD
- Freelance practitioner
- Jewellery designer
- Bench jeweller
- Films and media

# School of Fashion + Sustainability



Leonard Hill  
Bachelor of Sustainable Fashion Design

The Whitecliffe School of Fashion and Sustainability offers programmes in fashion and jewellery from Certificate to Degree level.

Our internationally recognised Fashion and Sustainability programmes focus on the importance of being creative, yet responsive and socially conscious. You will emerge as a thoughtful, skilled, and intelligent designer with connections to industry professionals and extensive design practice.

The school also offers programmes to degree level in jewellery for those who are interested in learning about the general manufacturing process of jewellery, and for those who are looking to take the first step towards pursuing a career in the jewellery or goldsmithing industry.

# Certificate in Fashion



NZQA Level 4  
Credits 60  
Duration 18 weeks  
Start month February + July  
Location Symonds St + Manukau  
Delivery Mainly on campus

**Further study options**  
Level 7 Bachelor of Sustainable Fashion Design



## Programme outline

The Certificate in Fashion programme introduces students to the foundational principles of technical skills, textile knowledge and creative processes to design, construct and present fashion designs, evidenced through portfolios and finished garments.

Through a variety of practical projects students learn patternmaking and garment construction skills, fashion industry processes, and creative fashion design concepts. This is supported by conceptual content, knowledge, and practice. Students develop appropriate design-thinking skills, and gain a foundation of fashion knowledge, so they are equipped with learning strategies and skills for further tertiary study.

## Admission requirements

- Applicants must*
- Turn 17 within their first year of study at Whitecliffe
  - No formal qualification or portfolio is required for admission
- International applicants must*
- Turn 18 within their first year of study at Whitecliffe
  - English language level of overall IELTS score (Academic Format) of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5 or equivalent [English Proficiency Outcome Table](#)
  - Meet [Visa entry requirements](#)

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# Certificate in Apparel + Fashion Technology



NZQA Level	4
Credits	120
Duration	1 year
Start month	February
Location	Symonds St + Manukau + Wellington
Delivery	Mainly on campus + some online

\*This programme is subject to NZQA approval

**Further study options**

Level 5	Certificate in Apparel + Fashion Technology (Patternmaking)
Level 7	Bachelor of Sustainable Fashion Design



**Programme outline**

In this programme students learn and apply industrial machinery techniques and terminology necessary for fashion garment construction. Students are introduced to fabric technology, patternmaking and creative fashion design.

Students learn to use industry-specific construction methods to make a range of full garments including skirts, tops, and trousers. Students will learn industry relevant skills to start their journey into the world of sustainable and commercial fashion design.

**Admission requirements**

- Applicants must
- Turn 17 within their first year of study at Whitecliffe
  - Have completed 10 years of schooling and achieved NCEA Level 2
  - Be able to demonstrate workplace communication skills.
- International applicants must
- Turn 18 within their first year of study at Whitecliffe
  - Achieve an IELTS academic overall band score of 5.0 with no band lower than 5 or equivalent [English Proficiency Outcome Table](#)
  - Meet [Visa entry requirements](#)

# Certificate in Apparel + Fashion Technology (Patternmaking)



NZQA Level 5  
Credits 120  
Duration 1 year  
Start month February  
Location Symonds St + Manukau + Wellington  
Delivery Mainly on campus + some online

\*This programme is subject to NZQA approval

**Further study options**

Level 7 Bachelor of Sustainable Fashion Design



Left Resene Collection  
Right Bodeen Stewart (Left), Summer Joy Wilkinson (Middle), Henry Calkin (Right)

**Programme outline**

In this programme students will further develop technical skills and knowledge of the terminology and techniques used in fashion garment production.

Students will learn a broad range of technical skills, flat pattern making and computer aided pattern making, Adobe Illustrator, and textile knowledge, to design, construct and present a range of creative fashion designs.

Students will be introduced to the design development process and to sustainable practices for the commercial fashion industry.

*Resene Colour of Fashion*

Innovative design, a contemporary colour palette, and beautiful silk - three elements that come together in the Resene Colour of Fashion project. This exciting project takes students into a contemporary world of colour and design, to bring Resene's fashion colours to life, in an exciting industry-linked project, unique to Whitecliffe School of Fashion and Sustainability.

Students receive a length of silk dyed to match one of the latest Resene fashion palette colours. They have four weeks following an industry brief to design and produce a look that creates runway impact. The garments are modelled before a judging panel and each year a number are selected to be presented at New Zealand Fashion Week and at the Whitecliffe Annual Fashion Show.

**Admission requirements**

- Applicants must
- Turn 17 within their first year of study at Whitecliffe
  - Have successfully gained the New Zealand Certificate in Apparel and Fashion Technology (Level 4)
- OR
- Be able to demonstrate:
    - Equivalent industry experience
    - Effective workplace communication skills (appropriate to the workplace) and knowledge and understanding of current Health and Safety practices
    - Competent level of literacy and numeracy (appropriate to the workplace)
    - Basic computer literacy
  - Attend an entry exam to test literacy, numeracy, pattern recognition, garment construction and sewing skills if required.
- International applicants must
- Turn 18 within their first year of study at Whitecliffe
  - Have gained the New Zealand Certificate in Apparel and Fashion Technology (Level 4)
  - Achieved an IELTS overall band score of 5.5 with no band lower than 5 or equivalent
  - [English Proficiency Outcome Table](#)
  - Meet [Visa entry requirements](#)

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# Bachelor of Sustainable Fashion Design



NZQA Level 7  
Credits 360  
Duration 3 years  
Start month February  
Location Symonds Street  
Delivery Mainly on campus + some online

**Further study options**  
Post graduate Certificate or Diploma or Masters in a related area



Left Benji Rowe  
Right Milan Jeon



## Programme outline

The Bachelor of Sustainable Fashion Design is creative practitioner, community, and industry-focused, designed to meet the professional needs of the wider sustainable fashion and design industry. It is structured by three key interrelated strands of content: sustainable fashion research and practice, theoretical studies, and creative enterprise.

All technical, theoretical, and professional knowledge and skills inform and are integrated into the practice of designing and creating sustainable and innovative design solutions. Industry-focused course content and workshops include Pattern Making, Garment Construction, Research, Concept and Design Development, Surface and Material Explorations, Tailoring, Creative Enterprise, and Industry Internships.

Studio Practice is complemented by courses in Sustainable Fashion Practices, Earth-Centred Design, Natural Dyeing, Fashion History and Theory, Fashion Illustration, and Adobe Creative Suite Skills. Students research, design, and develop conceptually based collections that reflect a personal design aesthetic and incorporate regenerative, sustainable and ecological practices and processes, to produce a professional body of work, and showcase their collections at the annual Whitecliffe Fashion Show.

## Admission requirements

- Applicants must
- Have achieved NCEA Level 3 or above and 20 credits at NCEA Level 2 or above, including:
    - NCEA Level 3; 14 credits each in three approved subjects and UE Literacy (NCEA Level 2 or above
    - 10 credits with 5 credits each in reading and writing) AND
    - UE Numeracy (NCEA Level 1 or above; 10 credits).
- OR
- Have gained one of the following qualifications
    - New Zealand Certificate in Apparel and Fashion Technology qualifications (Level 4)
    - New Zealand Certificate in Art and Design (L4)
    - New Zealand Certificate in Digital Media Design (Level 4)
    - A New Zealand or overseas qualification assessed to be equivalent to the above
    - A New Zealand or overseas qualification assessed to be equivalent to any stated above.
  - Attend an interview to determine their suitability for the programme
  - Present Letter of Intent and a portfolio containing between 12 – 24 samples of creative work that reflect skills and potential to successfully complete the programme.

- International applicants must
- Turn 18 within their first year of study at Whitecliffe
  - Have gained a New Zealand or overseas qualification assessed to be equivalent to the New Zealand qualifications listed above
  - Achieve an IELTS Academic overall score of 6.0 with no band less than 5.5 or equivalent
  - Meet [English Proficiency Outcome Table](#)
  - Meet [Visa entry requirements](#)

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# Certificate in Jewellery



NZQA Level	4
Credits	60
Duration	18 weeks
Start month	February + July
Location	Symonds Street
Delivery	Mainly on campus + some online

**Further study options**  
Level 7 Bachelor of Jewellery Design and Technology



Left Estefana Correa  
Right Andrea Jane

### Programme outline

This programme is an informative and practical starting point for those who are interested in learning about the general manufacturing process of jewellery, and for those who are looking to take the first step towards pursuing a career in the jewellery or goldsmithing industry.

Students will develop theoretical knowledge about precision, accuracy, problem-solving and design. This knowledge will be applied and practised through hands-on tasks.

This programme will also equip students with foundational theory and practice if they decide to proceed with further study of jewellery and goldsmithing.

Students will study jewellery and goldsmith theory and apply this knowledge through manufacturing tasks culminating in an individual design and make project.

This programme will prepare students to enter the jewellery manufacturing industry

### Admission requirements

#### Applicants must

- Be 16 years or older
- Have a minimum of NCEA Level 1 English
- Provide a portfolio demonstrating artistic, creative, and crafts potential - this may include three-dimensional works, photographs and other work
- Attend an interview.

#### International applicants must

- Turn 18 within their first year of study at Whitecliffe
- Achieve an IELTS Academic score of 5.5 or higher, with no band score lower than 5 or equivalent
- Meet [English Proficiency Outcome Table](#)
- Meet [Visa entry requirements](#)

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# Bachelor of Jewellery Design + Technology



NZQA Level	7
Credits	360
Duration	3 years
Start month	February + July
Location	Symonds Street
Delivery	Mainly on campus + some online

**Further study options**  
Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma or Masters in a relevant area



Left Kewene Thompson, Joanna Bradbeer, Rachael Chapman, Denise Callan (Left – Right)  
Right Aimee Bradley

## Programme outline

The Bachelor of Jewellery Design + Technology is a thorough and comprehensive degree-level course designed for those who are looking to pursue a professional career in Jewellery. It is designed to support and extend the knowledge of both students with existing foundational jewellery and manufacturing knowledge as well as students at the very beginning of their journey.

This programme builds a supportive community for the student as they gain workshop experience in mastering technical hand skills and understanding design principles, developing a fluency in digital design and an understanding of business operations. It will develop students into professionals who are able to manage all phases of design from initial inspiration, analysis, development, and finishing of the final product.

Students will be equipped with skills focusing on entrepreneurship, resource, and material management.

This programme is designed to deliver an adaptive curriculum to develop creative stimulus, innovation, and originality producing a jewellery professional who is able to identify specific niches within the jewellery sector and is qualified with the specialist knowledge and skills required to enter the work force as a practising jeweller.

## Admission requirements

- Applicants must**
- Meet the NCEA Level 3 (or equivalent) entry requirements including:
    - Three subjects – at Level 3 or above, made up of 14 credits each, in three subjects (Specific subjects, or range of subjects from the approved list may be specified here)
    - Literacy – 10 credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing
    - Numeracy – 10 credits at Level 1 or above, made up of Achievement standards – specified achievement standards available through a range of subjects
- OR
- Have appropriate work experience in the wider Jewellery industry (Interview required).
  - Attend an interview
  - Complete an audition, a two-day process to assess interest and suitability, if required.
- International applicants must**
- Turn 18 within their first year of study at Whitecliffe
  - Have achieved an IELTS Academic score of 6, with no band score lower than 5.5; or equivalent [English Proficiency Outcome Table](#); or the New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic, Level 5, Ref: 1883)
  - Hold a New Zealand or overseas qualification assessed to be equivalent to any stated above
  - Submit a portfolio of their work exhibiting design skills and capabilities
  - Attend a follow up video interview if required
  - Meet [Visa entry requirements](#)

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# Our campuses

## Symonds Street

67 Symonds Street, Auckland Central

The Whitecliffe College head office and campus are based at 67 Symonds Street in the education hub of Auckland Central. This newly renovated campus provides a wide variety of high-quality art and design spaces, classrooms, and other learning facilities. This includes a library, art studios, darkrooms, screen printing facilities, a gallery, and a range of different computer suites to support specific student and programme needs. There are numerous food and entertainment options nearby, and public transport options are extensive and easily accessible.



## Manukau

Level 2, 3 Osterley Way, Manukau

The Whitecliffe Manukau campus is located at 3 Osterley Way in South Auckland. The campus currently focuses on Level 3 and 4 vocational and foundation programmes in Fashion, Arts and Design, Digital Media, Creative Arts Therapies, and Information Technology. The campus is situated above the Manukau City Public Library, and next to the main train and bus depot which makes public transport accessibility simple. Downtown Auckland is just a twenty-minute drive from the campus. Westfield Manukau City, which is less than a minute from the campus, provides many food and entertainment options.

## Wellington

110 Lambton Quay, Wellington

The Whitecliffe Wellington campus is located at 110 Lambton Quay. The city's compact size and efficient public transport system close to the centrally located campus makes it ideal for students. The campus is home to Whitecliffe's Information Technology programmes and facilities and provides a range of Fashion Technology programmes.

## Christchurch

167 Madras Street, Christchurch

The Whitecliffe campus in Christchurch is located at 167 Madras Street. The campus offers Information Technology programmes and is located close to the Innovation Precinct Zone. The Innovation Precinct Zone is a new hub for emerging businesses to help foster new ideas and growth in the Technology and Innovation sectors in New Zealand.



## Careers + employment

Our experienced Whitecliffe Careers and Employment team are passionate about helping you reach your short-term and long-term career goals.

We hold regular workshops through our Careers Lab to help prepare you for various levels of employment. Whether you're looking for part-time or casual roles while you study, workplace experience, or help with starting your career beyond Whitecliffe, these workshops will help you navigate this.

We also hold events that are designed to support your successful future beyond Whitecliffe. At these events, you will be able to meet and build valuable connections with people who are relevant to your field of study, learn how to start your own business, create your own brand, and more.

The Careers and Employment Team can support you with:

- CV and Cover Letter writing
- Interview skills
- Connecting with your industry
- Increasing your presence - On campus and Online

Whatever your future aspirations, you can book some time and talk to us, so that we can support your future!

## Flexible study options

### Online programmes

Whitecliffe offers a small number of fully online certificate and diploma programmes in Information Technology.

### Blended learning

Most of our programmes are taught through blended delivery. This may include attending face-to-face classes and studio sessions, studying online, taking part in workshops or labs, or attending seminars on campus. There will be times you can study from home using our Canvas learning platform which enables you to actively learn and participate in various online activities.

### Part-time study

A number of programmes of study have a part-time option where you can take fewer papers, and longer to complete your qualification. This may suit those who are working or have other commitments that don't allow for full-time study.

Most programmes require an interview as part of the entry requirements. For International Student English Language entry requirements refer to NZQA's website or contact Whitecliffe.

# Funding your studies



## Loans + allowances

Loans and allowances are available for those who meet the criteria. For more information go to [www.studylink.govt.nz](http://www.studylink.govt.nz)

## Fees free study support

If this is your first time studying at tertiary level, you might be eligible for fees-free study support, administered by the Tertiary Education Commission. To check if you are eligible go to [feesfree.govt.nz](http://feesfree.govt.nz)

## Scholarships

Scholarships are often available and interested students should enquire with the admissions team prior to or during enrolment. For more information go to [www.whitecliffe.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.whitecliffe.ac.nz/scholarships)

# Supporting your journey

## Māori + Pasifika learners

Whitecliffe is committed to addressing barriers to participation and success for Māori and Pasifika learners and has undertaken a number of activities to increase the understanding of and responsiveness to the needs of Māori and Pasifika learners. The activities include:

- Staff development focused on supporting Māori and Pasifika learner cohorts, culturally responsive teaching and pastoral support approaches, culturally relevant pedagogies, and the incorporation of mātauranga Māori in Whitecliffe's curriculum
- A Māori Cultural Coordinator (Pae Ārahi) to guide and support staff and students. The Pae Ārahi will advise and assist Whitecliffe in ways of meeting the needs of Māori learners. The importance of relationships is supported and sustained by the concepts of Manaakitanga, Whakamana (Mana), and Aroha.

Whitecliffe continuously monitors achievement of Māori and Pasifika students, reporting on this annually. The evidence provided forms the basis for ongoing self-assessment and improvement.

## International students

International learners are supported by Whitecliffe through orientation, scheduled lecturer-led teaching and learning sessions, study skill sessions, supervised study plans, online course and learning support resources, and relevant pastoral support and mentoring.

Lecturers are supported to conduct learning and teaching activities that meet the learning needs of international learners. Pastoral support staff provide assistance where individual international students are struggling or dealing with issues that may impede their progress to provide them with suitable skills and support to enable them to succeed.

## Counselling services

Whitecliffe provides all students at all campuses with access to three free counselling sessions through Clearhead, an online Mental Health and Wellbeing website. Clearhead has a pool of approximately 150 counsellors in various locations that can be contacted by students, depending on their need and preference. This provides students with confidential counselling from a wide range of providers many of whom have highly specialised skills.

## Pastoral support

The Pastoral Support team are committed to providing ongoing support and advice for student safety and wellbeing and is compliant with and reports annually on The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 which covers all students. The support team help students with issues related to such things as personal, family, or financial difficulties, physical health, mental health, stress, anxiety, physical disabilities, learning difficulties, and any other issues that may affect learning progression and success.

## Library + learning support

The main library is situated on the Symonds Street Campus. The physical library is expanding to reflect the needs of all disciplines and subject areas. The emphasis on books and journals has shifted to electronic data bases and other electronic resources which provide a far broader range of more accessible up-to-date resources. These include:

- Databased – EBSCO, GALE Cengage Learning, and IEEEExplore
- eLearning Platforms – O'Reilly and LinkedIn Learning
- 140+ ebooks
- eJournals

The Whitecliffe Library holds the largest and only specialised Creative Arts Therapy collection in New Zealand. The collection contains nearly 1000 items available on campus in Auckland or via remote loan (email request and courier delivery to postgraduate students). This collection is the most called upon by readers and researchers outside Whitecliffe via the national interloans scheme. There is also a satellite collection on the Christchurch campus for Postgraduate Diploma in Creative Arts Therapy students and faculty.

Library staff assist students and staff with searching electronic and printed resources. They offer research and writing support and have created online tools and guides. Individuals can make appointments to discuss study and research needs in depth.

# How to apply

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## Steps in the process

- 1 Decide on the right programme for you**
  - Decide which study path you want to follow, and which programme best suits your needs.
- 2 Complete the online application**
  - Complete the Whitecliffe student application form online [www.whitecliffe.ac.nz/apply-online](http://www.whitecliffe.ac.nz/apply-online)
- 3 Attach certified copies of required documents**
  - Attach certified copies of all documents which are relevant to your application - this includes previous tertiary/secondary school academic transcripts, passport/birth certificate copies, and English Language proficiency evidence (IELTS or equivalent, International Students).
- 4 Complete all enrolment requirements**
  - Complete any programme specific additional requirements, such as interview, portfolio or further supporting documents. Please refer to the specific programme entry requirements.
  - Submit your application online or via email:

Domestic students: [admissions@whitecliffe.ac.nz](mailto:admissions@whitecliffe.ac.nz)  
International students: [international@whitecliffe.ac.nz](mailto:international@whitecliffe.ac.nz)

- 5 Receive an enrolment contract. Pay your fees**
    - If your application is successful, you will receive your enrolment, and other forms related to your admission at Whitecliffe.
- The enrolment contract must also be signed and returned to Whitecliffe prior to students arriving to orientation.
- Pay your student fees:

*Domestic students*  
This can be organised through Studylink, or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

*International students*  
Fees are to be paid in New Zealand Dollars by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Whitecliffe will forward you a Fee Protect Student Acknowledgment Form which indicates the fees amount and public trust bank account details.

Students in Mainland China and India must apply for their Student Visa and gain approval in principle before transferring fees. Once we have received your fees, we will send you a formal "Letter of Acceptance" which acknowledges the payment and includes information about orientation and course commencement arrangements.

- 6 Receive Letter of Acceptance. Congratulation you're in**
    - If you meet the criteria for entry into the programme you will receive your formal Letter of Acceptance to study at Whitecliffe.
- International students*  
Present your acceptance letter when you apply for your Student Visa. A minimum of four weeks should be allowed before the start of the course for the issue of a Student Visa.

## Admission categories

**General Admission**  
All domestic applicants must be at least 16 years old on enrolment and turn 17 within their first year of study at Whitecliffe. Those not meeting this criterion must gain approval from the Deputy Chief Executive Academic. Applicants must also meet the specific programme admission requirements.

**Special Admission**  
Special admission may be offered for applicants who do not meet the admission criteria and are at least 20 years of age and can provide evidence of the skills, educational or work experience equivalent to that expected within the Programme's general admission requirements.

**Discretionary Admission**  
Discretionary admission may be offered to applicants who do not meet the admission criteria and are under the age of 20, if they can demonstrate capability for study at the required level. These provisions must be specified in the respective Programme Regulations. Discretionary Admission is not available for postgraduate programmes Level 8 and above.

**Qualification Equivalence**  
Admission may be granted where a New Zealand or overseas qualification is assessed to be equivalent to the qualifications stated in the entry requirements.

**Recognition of Prior Learning**  
Admission may take into consideration evidence from employment or other experience of the learner's relevant skills and knowledge assessed as being equivalent to the programme admission requirements.

Contact us

We hope you have found a programme that interests you. If you would like more information, please contact us:



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Wellington            110 Lambton Quay  
Christchurch          167 Madras Street, Sydenham

Get advice + guidance

Get in touch with our Admissions team for advice and support for enrolment at Whitecliffe. Our team can help you any information or questions you may have about Whitecliffe, our programmes, application process, and paying for fees. You can also organise a campus tour to visit the campus and meet our Admissions team in person.

Visit the campus

Whitecliffe holds Open Days throughout the year at all our campuses. You'll get a chance to visit the campus, meet with our staff and students, participate in interactive sessions, and get a taste of life as a Whitecliffe student. We also hold regular workshop sessions and campus tours throughout the year. To view our current and upcoming events, visit our [website](#)



English proficiency requirements for international students

NZQA internationally recognised english proficiency outcomes for international students

Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6 + 7	Level 8 + 9
IELTS test				
General or Academic score of 5 with no band score lower than 5	General or Academic score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5	Academic score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5	Academic score of 6 with no band score lower than 5.5	Academic score of 6.5 with no band score lower than 6
TOEFL Internet-based test (iBT)				
Score of 35 (with a writing score of 14)	Score of 46 (with a writing score of 14)	Score of 46 (with a writing score of 14)	Score of 60 (with a writing score of 18)	Score of 79 (with a writing score of 21)
Cambridge English Qualifications				
B2 First or B2 First for schools with a score of 154. No less than 154 in each skill	B2 First or B2 First for schools with a score of 162. No less than 154 in each skill	B2 First or B2 First for schools with a score of 162. No less than 154 in each skill	B2 First, or B2 First for schools, or C1 Advanced, or C2 Proficiency with a score of 169. No less than 162 in each skill	C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency with a score of 176. No less than 169 in each skill
OET				
Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C+ or 300 in all sub-tests
NZCEL				
a) Level 3 (General) or (Workplace)	a) Level 3 (Academic) b) Level 3 (Applied)	a) Level 4 (General) or (Workplace) b) Level 4 (General) or (Employment)	a) Level 4 (Academic) b) Level 4 (Academic)	a) Level 5 (Academic) or (Professional) b) Level 5
Pearson Test of English (Academic)				
PTE (Academic) score of 36 with no band score lower than 36	PTE (Academic) score of 42 with no band score lower than 36	PTE (Academic) score of 42 with no band score lower than 36	PTE (Academic) score of 50 with no band score lower than 42	PTE (Academic) score of 58 with no band score lower than 50
Language Cert				
B1 Achiever International ESOL Written (LRW) PASS with no less than 25/50 in each skill and Spoken (S) PASS	B2 Communicator International ESOL Written (LRW) PASS with no less than 25/50 in each skill and Spoken (S) PASS	B2 Communicator International ESOL Written (LRW) HIGH PASS with no less than 25/50 in each skill and Spoken (S) PASS	C1 Expert International ESOL Written (LRW) PASS with no less than 25/50 in each skill and Spoken (S) PASS	C1 Expert International ESOL Written (LRW) HIGH PASS with no less than 25/50 in each skill and Spoken (S) PASS or C2 Mastery International ESOL Written (LRW) PASS with no less than 25/50 in each skill and Spoken (S) PASS
Trinity ISE				
ISE I with no less than distinction in any band	ISE II with no less than pass in any band	ISE II with no less than merit in any band	ISE II with no less than distinction in any band	ISE III with no less than pass in any band



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want our students,  
staff and alumni to  
Create Meaningful  
Change in the world.

# Create Meaningful Change



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