

# Kaplan Aspect Auckland

Welcome to Kaplan Aspect Auckland. Founded in 1984, this well-established school is an ideal place to learn a new language and experience a new culture. The school is housed in an elegant and historic building that has been renovated to include all modern facilities.

The spectacular natural setting and outdoor lifestyle make Auckland the first choice for many international students. The city's appeal extends from the excitement of neighbouring islands and spectacular views from 'One Tree Hill' to the urban sophistication of stylish restaurants and bars.

The Auckland school is located in one of the city's most popular areas between the Domain, a beautiful public park, and the lively Newmarket district, with its chic shops, bars and cafes. It is also just a 5 minute walk from Parnell Village with its unique colonial atmosphere.



Kaplan Aspect Auckland



Kaplan Aspect Auckland  
Pearson House  
Parnell  
Auckland  
New Zealand



Kaplan Aspect in New Zealand are fully accredited by NZQA. Kaplan Aspect New Zealand is a member of English NZ.

## School Facilities

### Classrooms

There are 14 comfortable, light and well equipped classrooms. All of the classrooms are fitted with desks, chairs and a whiteboard. There are also CD and cassette players, TV/VCRs and overhead projectors available for lessons.

### Multimedia and IT centre

The school has an internet suite available for students to access the internet free of charge. All computers function with various language capabilities. In addition the students have access throughout the school to wireless internet access.

### Library

Students have access to a study room if they are looking for a quiet place for self-study. The Parnell library, which Kaplan Aspect students can use, is just 2 minutes walk from the school.

### Student computer lounge/café

There is a common room with a futsal table, TV/video and plenty of seating. The common room has vending machines for drinks and snacks as well as kitchen facilities for students to prepare and heat their own lunch. Fresh food is also available from vendors who visit the school.

### Sports facilities

There are two outdoor areas on either side of the school which are used by students for soccer and other games. The activities coordinator will help with organising sports events.

### Gym facilities

Students can join the local gym for indoor sports and fitness training.



Kaplan Aspect teacher and students



Multimedia room

## Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to reception at Kaplan Aspect Auckland at 8.45 am. Your first day will be a Monday unless there is a designated holiday on the Monday - in which case your first day will be on the Tuesday.

Your course will begin with an all-day introduction which will include:

- A welcome talk by the Principal or Director of Studies
- A Placement Test to determine your English level
- Information about your classes
- Information about the school and city
- An overview of school activities and excursions
- An introduction to the multimedia centre
- A tour of the school, including Kaplan Aspect facilities
- A short walking tour of the city and school surroundings
- Completion of forms and collection of any outstanding payments.

You will also receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level and elective courses. You will be assigned to the most appropriate class for your level of English.

Bring the following items with you on your first day:

- Your passport
- Insurance card
- Kaplan Aspect documents
- One passport-sized photo
- Pen and paper for note-taking purposes

## Local Information

### Transport - buses and trains

Weekly or monthly passes can be purchased for the local bus service which can save you time and money. A special city bus which circles the city every 15 minutes stops right outside Kaplan Aspect Auckland.

### Banks and Post Office

There are many banks in the city centre for you to choose from. Always remember to change money and cheques in banks. There is also a main post office in the city, post office boxes are red and are located on many street corners.

### Restaurants and cafés

There are many different restaurants and cafes located near to the school. There are also bakeries where students purchase delicious ready-made sandwiches.

### Department stores and supermarkets

There are supermarkets and shops located within walking distance of the school. Supermarket meals are often an economical lunch option.

### Telephone and Internet Café

You can access internet and e-mail from the School's computers which have a variety of language capabilities. There are public telephones available in the school building. Students are advised to purchase a phone card for long distance calls and to call on weekends and evenings as call rates are cheaper then.

### Church / Mosque

There are churches of all religions and faiths close to the school. The student services coordinator has a list of churches, synagogues, mosques and temples in Auckland.

### Cost of Living

Living costs for food, transport and entertainment are approximately 100-200 NZD per week. Course-related costs are approximately 8 NZD per week for stationery.

Approximate prices in NZD

Sandwich	\$4-5.00	Noodles (bowl)	\$6.00
Green Salad	\$6.00	Rice dish	\$6.00
Chicken Salad	\$8.00	Tea	\$3.00
Tuna Pasta	\$8.00	Coffee	\$3.50
Chicken Pasta	\$8.00	Hot Chocolate	\$3.50
Spaghetti	\$6.00		
Fish and Chips	\$4.00		
Cheeseburger	\$4.50		
Pizza (slice)	\$4.00		
Hot Dog	\$4.00		



Patio area at the back of the school



Interior of the school



Experience some of the New Zealand culture by joining activities programmes



Kaplan Aspect student activities

## Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample programme and activities may change. See a current activities schedule at: [www.kaplanaspect.com](http://www.kaplanaspect.com)

### Week one

Monday	Visit Underwater world aquarium
Tuesday	Badminton
Wednesday	Quiz and pizza night
Thursday	Movie night
Friday	Ice-skating
Saturday	Waiheke Island day trip

### Week two

Monday	See a Maori cultural performance
Tuesday	Indoor rock climbing
Wednesday	Visit to Auckland zoo
Thursday	Beer tasting at lion breweries
Friday	Kayaking
Saturday	Weekend trip to Coromandel

# The Team

## Kaplan Aspect Auckland



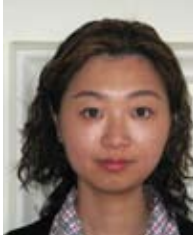
**Principal:**  
**Donnie Rome**  
 Donnie is responsible for the management of teaching and administrative staff. If you have any serious problems during your time at Kaplan Aspect Auckland, please go and talk to Donnie.



**Internship, University Placements & OPUS manager: Kate Gomm**  
 Kate will process any requests for internship placement and will liaise regularly with these students while they are working in their NZ companies. In addition Kate is responsible for the NZ UPS service and will assist students to apply to any University Polytechnic, PTE or High School in New Zealand.



**Director of Studies:**  
**Andy Whittaker**  
 Andy is responsible for the coordination of the courses and teachers at Kaplan Aspect Auckland. If you have any query about your classes or an academic issue, please go and see Andy. He is always happy to help!



**Administration Assistant:**  
**Helen Sito**  
 Helen will assist you at reception with issues such as visa extensions, course extensions etc in addition to running the weekly activities programmes. She will accompany students on a range of activities and also provide detailed information for students wishing to arrange weekend or holiday trips.

**Homestay and Welfare Coordinator:**

Our Homestay and Welfare Coordinator will assist you with any issue you have surrounding your accommodation - regarding your homestay family, or about moving into a residence or apartment. She is there to offer advice and help so be sure to talk to her first.

### Course Information

**Courses and Services**

- Vacation English
- Intensive English (including beginners)
- English for Business
- TOEIC Preparation
- IELTS Preparation (Supplementary)
- Cambridge Exam Preparation (Intensive Dedicated FCE, CAE, CPE)
- Intensive Academic Year
- Intensive Academic Semester
- University Placement
- Internship
- OPUS Paid Work and Study
- Teacher Training

**Sample Timetables**

This is an example of an A1 peak timetable. Class times are subject to change and you should only use this timetable as an example of what type of structure to expect.

<b>Monday - Friday</b>		<b>Friday</b>	
8.30am - 10am:	Class	12.30pm - 2pm:	Elective
10am - 10.15am:	Break		
10.15am - 11.45am:	Class		

<b>Monday - Tuesday</b>	
11.45am - 12.30pm:	Lunch
12.30pm - 2pm:	Elective
2pm - 2.15pm:	Break
2.15pm - 3.45pm:	Elective

## Transfer Information

### Transfer information

We request that students book their flights according to the starting date of their specific programme. Students may arrange their own transportation from the airport to school, or take advantage of Kaplan Aspect NZ's convenient Transfer Service. All students under 18 years old must book a Kaplan Aspect Transfer Service.

### Kaplan Aspect transfers

Offered on arrival and departure to and from Auckland. Students must provide the agent with exact flight details - airline, flight number, arrival date and time, place of origin. They or their agent should fax the information directly to the school. Students must provide the Kaplan Aspect NZ school with their flight details no later than two weeks before their arrival.

Our Airport Transfer agent meets our students at the airport and transports them directly to their host family, hostel or hotel. Student will be met in arrivals area of the Auckland International Airport. A Kaplan Aspect representative will be waiting there with a Kaplan Aspect NZ sign and the student's name. If the student cannot find the representative, they should find the public telephone at the information desk at the airport and telephone one of the following emergency numbers:

#### **School line, Auckland**

Normal working hours 8am – 5.30pm

Phone: + 64 9 307 6507

#### **Mobile number- 24 hours, Auckland**

Phone: 021 620119

This will connect the student with our School Representative who will assist the student.

### Independent Transfers

Taxis are available at the airport.

One-way taxi to homestay – NZD 60-100



Auckland view