

## Crimson Global Academy

<https://www.crimsonglobalacademy.school/nz/>

# of unique students – 70

Type of provider – School, private

Primary distance modality – Synchronous & Asynchronous

### Background

Crimson Global Academy is a co-educational, private secondary school (year 9-13) based in Auckland. The school is a part of a network of schools that provide online schooling to students in more than 50 countries. Crimson Education, the parent company of Crimson Global Academy, was established in 2013. The New Zealand campus was first established in 2019.

With a focus on international curriculum qualifications, the school places a heavy emphasis on preparing students for the tertiary setting (particularly international ivy league institutions). Crimson Global Academy is a registered online Cambridge International School and is also accredited by Pearson Edexcel to offer the International GCSEs and A-Levels, as well as by the College Board to offer the Advanced Placement (AP) curriculum.

### Governance

According to the *Education and Training Act 2020*, a private school is defined as a school registered under section 214, which reads:

#### 214 Registration of private schools

(1) This section applies if the managers of an existing school or proposed school wish the school to be registered as a private school under this section.

(2) The managers must apply to the Secretary, on a form provided by the Secretary for the purpose, for its provisional registration as a primary, secondary, or special private school, or as a school of 2 or all of those descriptions.

(3) The provisional and full registration of private schools, and the operation of private schools, must be done in accordance with Schedule 7. (Government of New Zealand, 2024a, p. 164)

Schedule 7 of the act provides approximately 10 pages of legislative regulation around the following areas.

- Provisional and full registration of private schools
- Criteria for registration as private school
- Suitable premises

- Additional and substituted premises to be approved
- Tuition standards
- Managers to be fit and proper persons
- Manager must have regard to statement of national education and learning priorities
- Managers must advise Secretary of school ceasing operation
- Review of private schools
- Secretary's actions in relation to private schools
- Duration of suspension
- Process for cancellation of registration
- Grants for private schools
- Record-keeping in relation to grants to private schools
- Providing accounts to Secretary
- Suspensions and expulsions from private schools

## Resourcing

As a private school, Crimson Global Academy is primarily resourced through individual tuition paid by the students and their families. The fee structure is based on the type of programming the student is enrolled in.

### Pre-IG and International GCSE

- per subject fee: \$4,850
- full-time fee: \$26,750

### International GCSE

- per subject fee: \$5,000
- full-time fee: \$27,500

### A Level

- per subject fee: \$6,400
- full-time fee: \$28,100

### Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

- fee per year: \$4,400

### US Diploma Pathway – Junior High School

- per subject fee; 1 credit (full year): \$5,200
- full-time fee; 4.5 credits: \$24,200

### US Diploma Pathway – High School Diploma

- per subject fee; 0.5 credits: \$2,600
- per subject fee; 1 credit: \$5,200

- full-time fee; 4.5 credits: \$24,200
- full-time fee for High School Diploma Honours; 6 credits: \$33,700

#### English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

- Fee per year: \$2,490

#### CGA Flex

- per subject fee; 0.5 credits: \$1,700
- per subject fee; 1 credit: \$3,400

#### Advanced Placement (AP)

- per subject fee: \$5,200

#### CGA Flex

- per subject fee; 1 credit: \$3,400

#### 1:1 Instruction (Da Vinci Program)

- 1 subject of pre-IG IGCSE/A Level/APs subjects, 50 hours: \$7,100
- 1 subject primary school, 40 hours: \$5,690
- full-time primary school 1 and 2, includes PEC: \$22,000

There is also a \$200 application fee charged on each enrolment and the external exams may have fees from the curriculum providers (depending on the program).

Finally, the government does provide grants to private schools through the private school subsidy funding pool (Ministry of Education, 2024a), which is distributed at a set rate per student. According to *Circular 2022/08 – Private School Subsidy Funding 2023* the rates for 2023 were (Ministry of Education, 2022):

Year Level	2023 Funding Rate GST Exclusive	2023 Funding Rate GST Inclusive
Year 1-6	\$880.54	\$1,012.62
Year 7-8	\$964.23	\$1,108.87
Year 9-10	\$1,234.01	\$1,419.11
Year 11-15	\$1,874.16	\$2,155.28

Crimson Global Academy did receive funds in 2023 from this subsidy.

## Programming

The programming offered by Crimson Global Academy focuses on the International GCSEs and A-Levels, as well as by the College Board to offer the Advanced Placement (AP) curriculum. Along with these international curriculums, Crimson Global Academy also provides courses in Personal, Social, Health and

Economic Education (which focuses on digital citizenship and online safety, study and examination skills, health and well-being, relationships, and university and career planning) and Global Citizenship (which focuses on social justice and equality, identity and diversity, globalisation and interdependence, peace and conflict, human rights, power and governance, and sustainable development).

Crimson Global Academy utilises a combination of synchronous and asynchronous instruction. The bulk of the instruction is conducted in this synchronous manner. Each academic course meets for three to five hours per week (usually no more than one hour per day) in a synchronous fashion using *Zoom*.

Additionally, asynchronous resources are also shared using *Canvas* as a learning management system. While an increasing amount of the assessment is undertaken using *Kami*, some *Google Docs* or writing by hand and then scanning the responses are still used in some subject areas. We also have a two-camera policy for integrity purposes. Each academic course also has between three to five hours of asynchronous instruction each week. Teachers also use *Slack* for both synchronous and asynchronous communication.

Finally, Crimson Global Academy utilises a competency-based approach to the courses that they offer.

## Activity

According to the *Education Counts* website, the school enrolment of New Zealand based students is described as so.

Level	Total
Year 09	15
Year 10	16
Year 11	18
Year 12	6
Year 13+	15
Total	70

There were a total of 6 students of Māori descent enrolled.

These 70 unique students were enrolled in the following courses.

IG = International General Certificate of Education

AS= Advanced Subsidiary (i.e., first year of the A Level)

A2 = Second year of the A Level

Course	Frequency of class meeting	Number of students
Pre IG 1 Science	4 hours/week	5
Pre IG 2 Science	4 hours/week	10

Course	Frequency of class meeting	Number of students
Pre IG 1 Mathematics	4 hours/week	5
Pre IG 2 Mathematics	4 hours/week	10
Pre IG 1 English	4 hours/week	5
Pre IG 2 English	4 hours/week	10
Pre IG 1 Global Citizenship	4 hours/week	5
Pre IG 2 Global Citizenship	4 hours/week	10
PRE IG 1 Computer Science	3 hours/week	3
Pre IG 1 Commerce	3 hours/week	2
Pre IG 2 Commerce	3 hours/week	6
Pre IG 2 Computer Science	3 hours/week	4
Form Time Pre IG 1	1 hour/week	5
Form Time Pre IG 2	1 hour/week	10
Form Time IG	1 hour/week	17
Form Time AS	1 hour/week	14
Form Time A2	1 hour/week	8
PSHE Pre IG Stage 1	1 hour/week	5
Pre IG Stage 2	1 hour/week	10
IG Chemistry	4 hours/week	10
IG Physics	4 hours/week	10
IG Biology	4 hours/week	10
IG Computer Science	4 hours/week	4
IG English Literature	4 hours/week	10
IG English Language	4 hours/week	7
IG Mathematics	4 hours/week	17
IG History	4 hours/week	8
IG Environmental Management	4 hours/week	2
IG Psychology	4 hours/week	10
IG Economics	4 hours/week	9
IG Business	4 hours/week	8
AS Chemistry	5 hours/week	10
AS Physics	5 hours/week	10
AS Biology	5 hours/week	10
AS English Literature	5 hours/week	10
AS English Language	5 hours/week	5
AS Mathematics	5 hours/week	14
AS Further Mathematics	5 hours/week	2
AS History	5 hours/week	4
AS Psychology	5 hours/week	6

Course	Frequency of class meeting	Number of students
AS Economics	5 hours/week	6
AS Business	5 hours/week	5
AS Extended Project Qualification	1 hour/week as a group, plus 10 hours/week individually	3
A2 Chemistry	5 hours/week	5
A2 Physics	5 hours/week	5
A2 Biology	5 hours/week	4
A2 English Literature	5 hours/week	7
A2 English Language	5 hours/week	1
A2 Mathematics	5 hours/week	8
A2 Further Mathematics	5 hours/week	0
A2 History	5 hours/week	3
A2 Psychology	5 hours/week	4
A2 Economics	5 hours/week	4
A2 Business	5 hours/week	3