



Westlake Girls High School

Te Kura Tuarua o ngā Taitamawāhine o Ururoto

CYGNET
PROGRAMME



Facilities:

The CYGNET programme utilises Westlake's world-class hockey turf, FIFA Level Two artificial football fields, covered netball and tennis courts and fitness centre. CYGNET Rowing makes use of the North Shore Rowing Club located at Lake Pupuke.

Year 8 Applications

Year 8 applications are invited after the Open Evening in July. Year 8 students must complete the Year 9 CYGNET application form available on the WGHS website under Sport/CYGNET Programme.

Year 9 Applications

Year 9 CYGNET students must re-apply to continue in Year 10 CYGNET. Year 9 students who represent the school in sports outside those offered in CYGNET have the opportunity to apply for the Independent Athlete Programme (IAP). This programme enjoys the benefits of being in a CYGNET class and training sessions alongside an experienced PE/Health teacher. Applications are accepted in late September, with application forms available on our school website under Sport/CYGNET Programme. Applications close on the last day of Term Three.

Selection

Following the application process, selected Year 8 and 9 students will be invited to trial to be considered for the following year's programme. As a condition of the CYGNET Programme, students must represent Westlake Girls High School in their chosen sport. Information regarding the programme and uniform is available on the school website. The CYGNET programme fees are \$250 per year. For more information, contact:

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About CYGNET

Westlake Girls High School is a leading New Zealand sporting school with a proud history of sporting participation and excellence.

Year 9 and 10 students who demonstrate a high ability and commitment to their chosen sport may apply to join the CYGNET programme. This programme aims to develop and extend the skills of promising athletes by offering sport-specific training and topics related to athlete development.

CYGNET is an innovative, cross-curricular programme aimed at developing motivated athletes. Timetabled as a curriculum subject, CYGNET students attend three periods in a six-day timetable, growing confidence both interpersonally and in their sport of choice. In addition to physical education classes, students will also cover fitness, strength conditioning, nutrition, sports science, skills training, mental skills and core health. Lessons are always positive and challenging and focus on extending the students.

Sports codes included in CYGNET are:

- Basketball
- Football
- Hockey
- Netball
- Rowing

Specialist Coaches

Code sessions in the above CYGNET sports are offered by experienced specialist coaches for one period in each week for Year 9 students and one period in each 10-day timetable for Year 10 students.





Basketball

In 2026, basketball will be introduced as a valued addition to the Year 9 Cygnet programme. Recognised as one of the most popular sports at Westlake Girls, the basketball academy will prioritise the development of students' technical skills, tactical knowledge, and collaborative team-building abilities, thereby fostering both individual proficiency and cohesive team performance.



Football

CYGNET Football strengthens skills, decision-making, tactical knowledge, balance, coordination, speed and agility in an environment that improves individual confidence and all-round ability. CYGNET Football students are expected to represent the school.



Hockey

CYGNET Hockey develops an understanding of hockey's strategic requirements, while participants improve individual performances. This programme will enhance the student's skill development in an environment that extends them as an athlete. CYGNET Hockey students are expected to represent the school.



Netball

CYGNET Netball covers passing, catching, footwork, movement of the ball, tactical awareness and mental preparation. This programme will enhance the student's skill development in an environment that extends them as an athlete. CYGNET Netball students are expected to represent the school.



Rowing

CYGNET Rowing focuses on developing core health and fitness. Year 9 students learn the basic rowing stroke and technique. Year 10 students focus on existing skills in small boats and components of strength and conditioning. CYGNET students start rowing for the school in September, with the season extending until early April.