



Rotorua English Language Academy



— Welcome to RELA



Quality

Quality is of utmost importance to RELA. We are a Category One school, a member of English New Zealand, and we are also a member of Quality English.

Location

As well as being the centre of Maori culture and having a lot of unique geothermal activity, Rotorua is truly an adventure playground. Our city is surrounded by numerous native and exotic forests, 15 lakes and a number of rivers and streams. The city boasts some of the best mountain biking in the world, outstanding rafting and kayaking and walks and tramps for all levels of fitness. For those who'd like to relax a bit more, the city has three world renowned spas to soak your aches and pains away in.

Flexibility

RELA is a school with a unique character. We know who we are as a school. We offer a very strong, supportive academic structure, but that structure is always flexible. Our flexibility, and our responsiveness to our students, are what makes our school special. We understand that every student is a unique individual. Different people need different kinds of support in order to succeed. So at RELA we listen to our students carefully, and we respond.

Work and Study

RELA is a Category 1 school. This means not only is quality assured but also students can work part-time while they are studying if they are enrolled on a course of 14 weeks or more and have a student visa.

Variety of Courses

We offer a strong academic programme with General English classes at multiple levels. We also have a strong examination focus offering preparation for IELTS, Cambridge FCE and CAE. We also offer General English add-ons including High School Preparation and English with Activities.

Relationships

RELA is short for Rotorua English Language Academy, but it's also short for relationships. Our success is built upon strong, positive relationships within our school faculty and administration, with our local community, and with our vast network of international friendships.

Free Extras

RELA has a unique and varied social activities programme. We offer all full-time students a free activity on Friday afternoons.



— Our School

Our philosophy

We are a CLT (Communicative Language Teaching) learning environment. We value **communication skills** highly and we encourage our students to **use** the language, not only to **analyse** the language.

We understand that language is fundamental to the bigger picture of social and cultural life. Culture enriches the language and language enriches the culture. We believe that students learn best when they engage in genuine social and cultural exchanges. We strive to make our classrooms **international learning environments** where our students can exchange ideas and share their interests and opinions.

We believe in holistic language learning. We strive to achieve a balance between all aspects of language: grammar and syntax, vocabulary and pronunciation, speaking and listening, reading and writing. This also involves understanding and coping with different contexts and purposes for language: from day-to-day functional language to social interaction to academic language and business language.

We are a **learner-centred** school. We put our learners first and strive to understand who they are and what they need. We understand that our students are all **individuals** from different backgrounds with different personalities, learning styles and reasons for studying English.



We warmly welcome you to our school. We want to help you to improve your English. We want to give you confidence to speak English, and to open your mind and heart, by communicating with people from all over the world.

At our school we have students of many nationalities and ages, and we are like a family. We care about our students, and we try to look after you very well. Our school has a heart – a warm feeling created by all the staff and students.

All our staff will help and support you. New Zealand is a relatively safe country and Rotorua is a small city.

Chris Leckie
Director/Principal



Rotorua
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ROTORUA NEW ZEALAND



INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT TRAVELLING TIMES

Sydney to Auckland	2.5 hours
Guangzhou to Auckland	11.5 hours
Singapore to Auckland	11 hours
Tokyo to Auckland	11 hours
Shanghai to Auckland	11.5 hours
Seoul to Auckland	12 hours
Los Angeles to Auckland	13 hours
Hawaii to Auckland	8.5 hours
Buenos Aires to Auckland	11.5 hours

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— Rotorua

Explore Rotorua, a nature lover's playground set amidst a geothermal and volcanic wonderland where modern life is infused with ancient Maori traditions.

Sail our 15 pristine lakes from a luxury yacht, or get closer to nature and kayak or paddle board across them, stopping to bathe in lakeside geothermal hot pools. If you're more adventurous send yourself down the world's highest commercially rafted waterfall.

Challenge yourself as you tackle the 145km (and growing) labyrinth of Mountain Biking trails in the Whakarewarewa Forest – voted by Red Bull as being in the top eight in the world – situated among thousands of hectares of native forest.

The cultural influence of the Te Arawa people has been pivotal in shaping Rotorua into the world-class destination it is, first hosting visitors to the Pink and White Terraces in the 1800s – a legacy they continue today with kapa haka and cultural performances.

Relax in the many thermal springs and spas, bathe in mineral enriched mud, and experience Maori massage in a geothermal wonderland dotted with crater lakes, erupting geysers and boiling mud that has been attracting visitors to Rotorua since the 1800s.

Thrill yourself at world-class adventure parks (many featuring world-first products created in Rotorua), and take part in the yearly festivals that celebrate what makes Rotorua unique.



Key Facts

Population 68,900

Temperature
Summer (Dec-Feb) Daytime 22 – 26C°
Autumn (Mar-May) Daytime 15 – 26C°
Winter (Jun- Aug) Daytime 10 – 16C°
Spring (Sep – Nov) Daytime 13 – 21C°

Main Industries Forestry and wood processing, tourism, geothermal (including energy) and agriculture



— Timetable



Bonus

Every student at RELA receives:

- **Free** Wi-Fi
- **Free** Friday afternoon activity*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30 — 10.00	First lesson*	First lesson	First lesson	First lesson	First lesson
10.00 — 10.30	Break time	Break time	Break time	Break time	Break time
10.30 — 12.00	Second lesson	Second lesson	Second lesson	Second lesson	Second lesson**
12.00 — 1.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1.00 — 3.00	Afternoon class	Afternoon class	Afternoon class	Afternoon class	Activity, free time or unguided self-study
3.15 — 4.45***	Self study			Self study	

* For new students, this first lesson on a Monday is used for Orientation and Testing. Students will join class some time between 10.30 and 11.30.

* Students enrolled full-time only (students enrolled part-time will need to pay an additional fee if they choose to join the Friday activity)

** On Fridays the morning lesson finishes at 11.45 for the Farewell Ceremony. On Friday afternoons there are no formal lessons. Students can choose to go on an activity, have self- study or have some free time.



— General English Course

Mornings

Our General English course will help you to improve your English as quickly as possible, whether you need English for your work or for your personal use. We have classes at multiple levels.

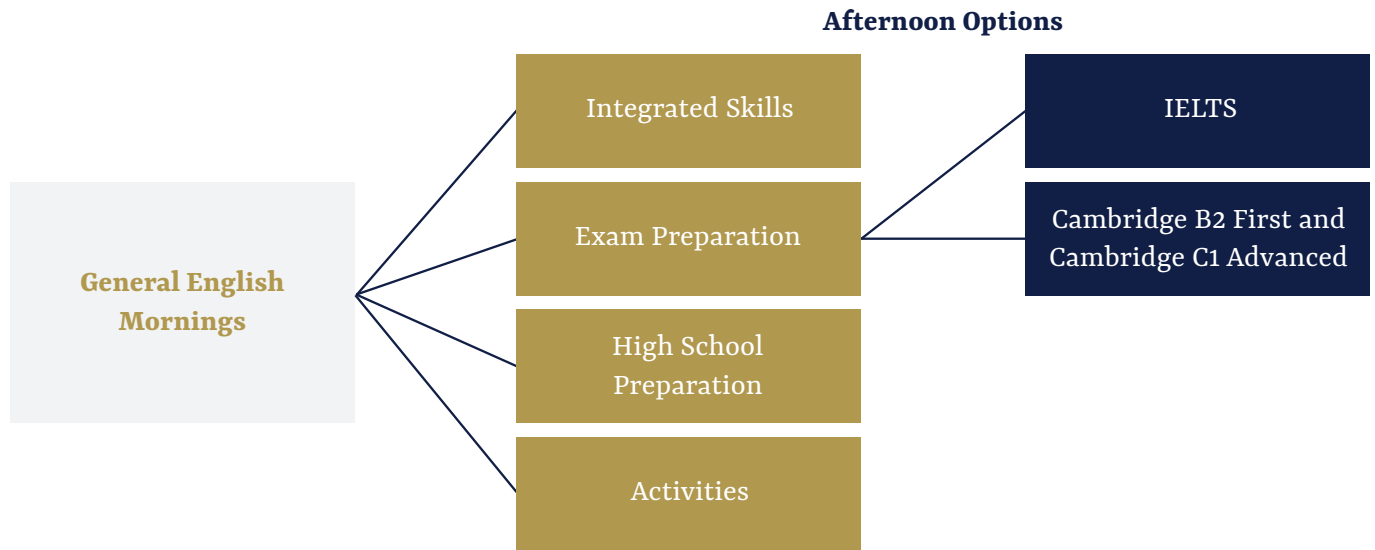
You will be in a multi-national class with other students of the same level, using the most modern course books and materials. All our regular teachers have the University of Cambridge CELTA or Trinity Cert TESOL, and bring a wide range of teaching experience to their classes. We emphasise the importance of helping students to communicate fluently and confidently in English, and will work with you to improve your grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation. The course allows you either to study just General English, or to combine this with other specialised programmes in the afternoons.



RELA General English Course Entry	CEFR Level	RELA Exam Class Entry	RELA Exit Level / Entry Level to Further NZ Study	IELTS Band	Cambridge Main Suite Exams	TOEFL iBT3	TOEIC3
Pure Beginner	Pre A1						
False Beginner	Pre A1 - A1						
Elementary	A1-A2						
Pre-Intermediate	A2-B1						
Intermediate 1	B1	IELTS 1; TOEIC		4-4.5			
Intermediate 2	B1+	TOEFL	NZ High School; Level 3 Certificate	5		50+	550+
Upper Intermediate 1	B2	Cambridge B2 First; IELTS 2		5.5			
Upper Intermediate 2	B2+		University Foundation Studies; Levels 4-5 Certificate or Diploma	5.5-6.5	Cambridge B2 First	80+	800+
Advanced 1	C1	Cambridge C1 Advanced	Levels 6-7 Certificate or Diploma	6.5-7	Cambridge B2 First High Pass		
Advanced 2	C1+		University Entry; Levels 7- 8 Certificate, Diploma or Degree	7-8	Cambridge C1 Advanced	110+	950
Advanced 3	C1+	Cambridge C2 Proficiency		8+	Cambridge C1 Advanced High Pass/ CPE		

— Afternoon Options

If you are a full-time student you can choose from the following afternoon classes:



— Integrated Skills

The integrated skills afternoon programme is designed to develop all four major skills -reading and writing, listening and speaking - and the various sub-skills that they involve. We aim to integrate (connect together) these skills so that you achieve the right balance between **understanding**

(receptive skills) and **using** (productive skills) in real contexts and for real purposes. The tasks you undertake in class will develop your vocabulary in various topic areas, increase your fluency and confidence and provide plenty of opportunities for feedback on your accuracy.



— General English with Exam Preparation

IELTS

At RELA, our IELTS preparation class runs all through the year, so you can join it **at any time**. Your teachers have a very good understanding of the requirements of the test, and will help you develop your language skills in the most important areas. Our IELTS classes are usually quite small and you will be in a very focused class.

The full time programme (23 hours per week) is:

Mornings

Monday — Friday 8.30 – 12.00

– a language development class at your level, teaching grammar, vocabulary, reading, writing, listening, speaking and pronunciation

Afternoons

Monday — Thursday 1.00 – 3.00

– an IELTS preparation class designed to teach you exam taking strategies and familiarise you with all aspects of the exam

A **part-time programme** would be IELTS training only, in the afternoons (8 hours a week) if your level is high enough to enter one of those classes; or a language development class in the mornings (15 hours) if your current English level is not yet high enough to do the IELTS training.

The reason for IELTS only being taught in the afternoons is that it is **not a teaching programme**. It is an **exam training programme**. By combining IELTS in the afternoon with a morning General English language development class, we expect to see students gain the required IELTS score more quickly than if they were doing only IELTS training. The morning classes will focus on the language skills needed to help students gain the IELTS score they need, while the afternoons will focus on exam techniques and strategies.



Testimonial

“Many thanks to you, your principal and tutoring colleagues. After 5 or 6 attempts to pass the IELTS test, a few weeks of tutoring with you worked for Lisiatie! That must validate the effectiveness of your teaching methods with those you teach. Nothing succeeds like success! I guess you see it every day”

John Malcolm

Paediatrician

Whakatāne Hospital

BONUS

For all exam classes we offer specialised self-study after school:

**Tuesdays and Thursdays
3.00 – 5.00**

RELA's self-study tutors are very well trained in supporting exam students. They can give you practice tests, find out what you most need and then support you with targeted study materials. The self-study tutors work closely with the DOS and your exam class teacher to make sure your needs are met.

There is a strong expectation that exam class students make the most of self-study!

Acceptance into an exam preparation class is subject to meeting the required minimum level for that class.

Cambridge B2 First and Cambridge C1 Advanced

RELA's Cambridge B2 First and Cambridge C1 Advanced classes will help you prepare for the Cambridge exams.

At RELA, our Cambridge exam preparation classes will take you through all the skills you will need to do well in the exam. You will be in a small and very focused class, with a teacher who understands how to help you with the key requirements of the test.

It's not all hard work, though! There is also time for fun and communicative tasks, and of course there is the unique RELA social programme to enjoy in your spare time.

We will also make all the arrangements for you to take the exam in Auckland.

B2 First and C1 Advanced classes are subject to numbers. Please contact the school for dates.



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— General English with High School Preparation

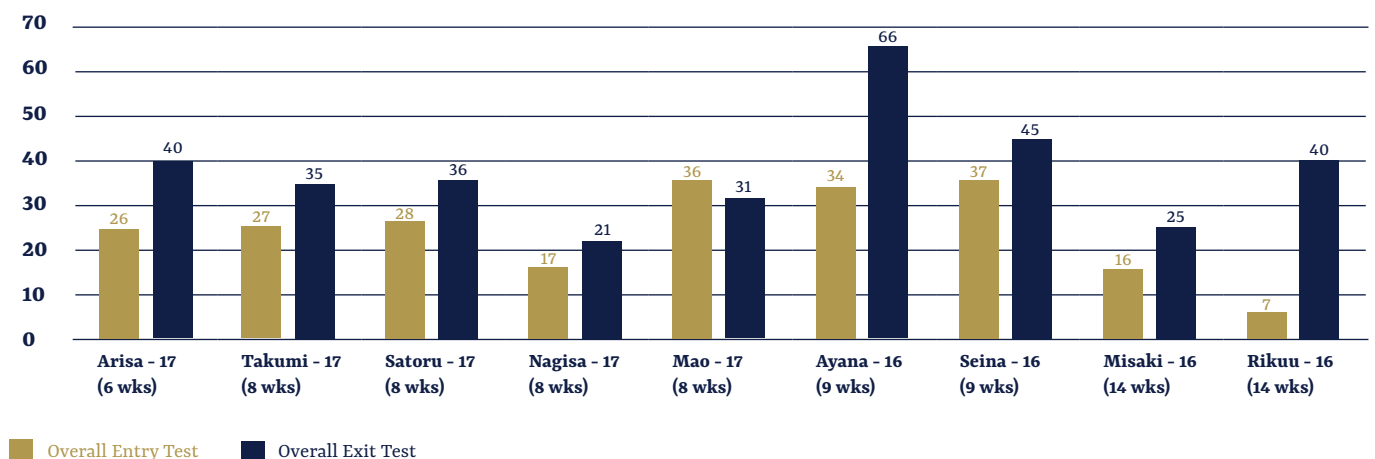
Why do General English with High School Preparation?

- We will help you to understand and adapt to life in a New Zealand high school.
- You will find it easier to cope with the language and customs of a Kiwi high school.

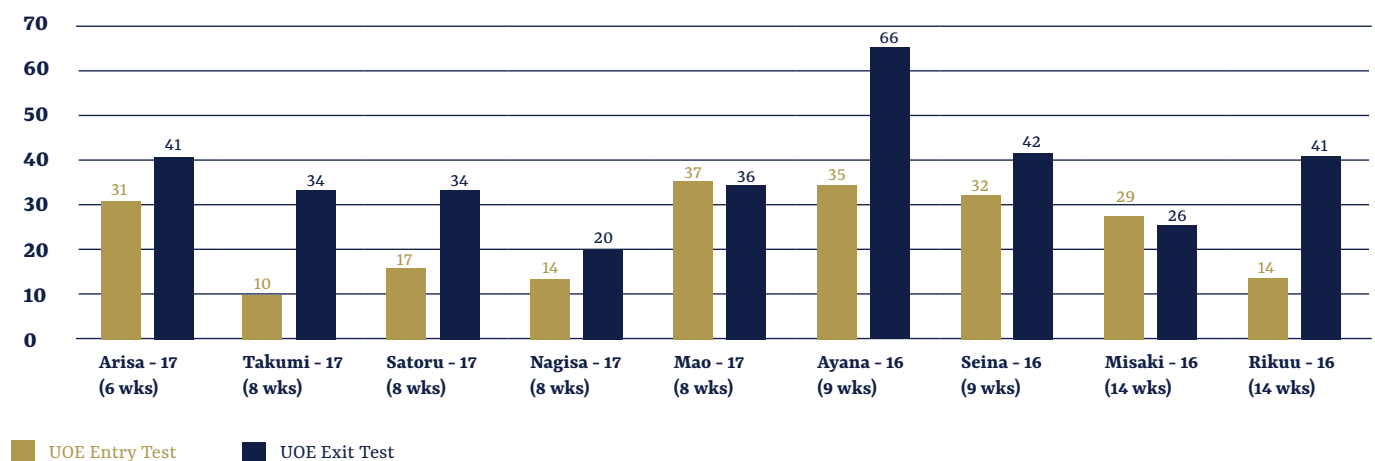
The Aims of the programme:

- To increase your level of general English, so you can cope with everyday situations both in and out of the classroom.
- To increase your vocabulary for everyday life and for some of the school subjects you will be studying.
- To support you in developing the critical thinking skills you will need at high school.
- To help you develop the practical study skills to manage your studies.
- To support you as you adjust to our culture and way of life. How do Kiwi teenagers dress, speak and behave? We can help you understand what to expect.

Overall Start and Finish Score on Oxford Online Placement Test of Students Studying RELA High School Preparation Class

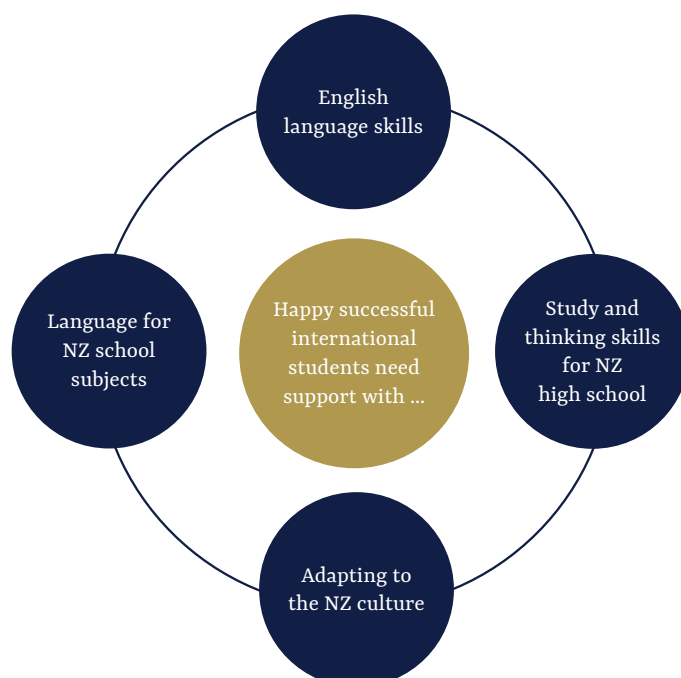
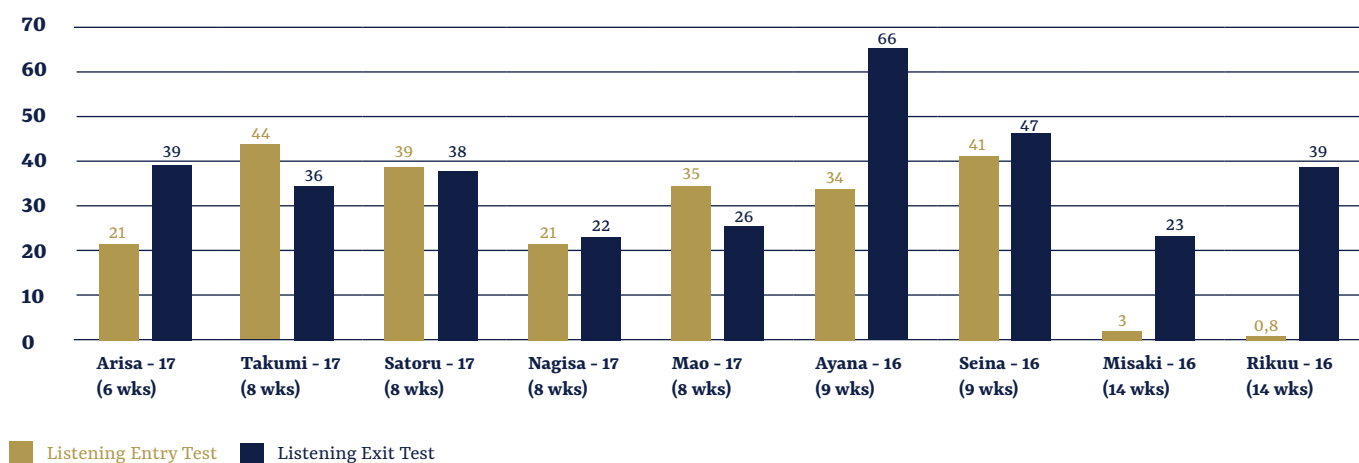


Use of English Start and Finish Score on Oxford Online Placement Test





Listening Start and Finish Score on Oxford Online Placement Test



— Job Club

Job Club is aimed at helping students enter the work force in New Zealand. Students study Full-time English at a level to suit them in the morning and afternoons. During the 12 weeks students are also given free after school help to assist them in finding a job. Students meet with a teacher after school.

The Job Club support is very flexible and changes to meet the needs of the participants at any one time.

The facts

Start Date

Any Monday

Length of Programme

12 weeks (Shorter or longer options available)

Age

18+

Job Club May Include:

- Where to look for a job – understanding job adverts
 - Online job hunting and resources
 - Opportunities for job seekers
 - Websites useful for job seekers
 - Filling in Application Forms
- Preparing a CV including references
 - Writing a covering letter
 - Cold calling
 - Using the telephone
- How to present yourself at interview – voice, dress, questions to ask and answer
- Getting an IRD number and a bank account
 - Work-related vocabulary
 - Your rights as an employee, i.e. holiday pay and tax, minimum wage



— English with Activities

Our English with Activities course is for people wanting to see more of Rotorua, try new experiences and learn English at the same time. It is an ideal holiday! You will have opportunities to experience the culture, traditions, history and geography of our region and country.

You will have classes in the morning, with our friendly teachers and then you can enjoy trying new things and seeing

some of Rotorua's great sights and thermal activity in the afternoons.

This is a very popular course, and is good for people who only have a short amount of time to spend in Rotorua.

Included in the price

- Morning tuition
 - Guide
 - Transport
- Entry to activities
- Fun!



— Accommodation

Homestay

RELA has lots of homestays who genuinely want to open their homes to international students.

A homestay is perfect for getting help with your English, learning about our New Zealand lifestyle and finding out more about Rotorua and New Zealand.

Included in the price

- Own room with a desk
- Daily breakfast and dinner and lunch at weekends and on Public Holidays (Students need to buy their own lunches on school days.)
- A chance to practise your English with the family every day



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NZQA Rating

**Rotorua English Language
Academy is a Category 1 PTE**

This means that we have been
rated by the New Zealand
Qualifications Authority (NZQA) as:

- Highly confident in educational performance
- Highly confident in capability in self-assessment



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