

Auckland Girls' Grammar School Principal, Ngaire Ashmore is urging local parents to check out "Ponsonby's hidden gem".

Ms Ashmore believes AGGS has everything to offer local students.

She explains: "This is my third year as Principal and it's been an amazing three years - a really challenging three years, because it was about looking at what was great about Auckland Girls' and then continuing to develop and build on those things.

"I'm exceptionally passionate about continuing to look at the opportunities that will drive our school and our community to do the absolute best for our girls."

We've done a lot of work over the past couple of years to build up all aspects of the school. I think we've always had a history of high academic achievement and we've continued to develop that. We've worked very hard in the classroom, and with teachers, and we often are looking at our pedagogical practices and checking that we are absolutely maximizing the opportunity for our students."

Not only do we have a passionate teaching staff, but also exceptional facilities.

"We are an eclectic school. We've got buildings that are hundreds of years old and we've got modern learning environments as well. We're one of a few schools in Auckland that still has a swimming pool – actually we have a diving well as well as a normal swimming pool. We have dance studios, we have music studios, sports facilities and we have a state of the art technology block. Our facilities help make sure the creative side of students continues to grow and develop."

In short, it's a good time for local parents to take a look, with AGGS now very much a viable option for their daughters to have a top notch education just around the corner from where they live.

"Educated at Auckland Girls' Grammar school - equipped for the world. It's about welcoming girls into an environment which is all about them – all about how we can best cater for their needs, their wants, their aspirations and those of their families."

"We've cemented a strong leadership team and we have a really safe environment and I think as a parent of a daughter myself I want her to feel safe - so that she can make mistakes, that she can grow and that she can create and have lifelong friends in her five years at secondary school."